

WESTMINSTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN



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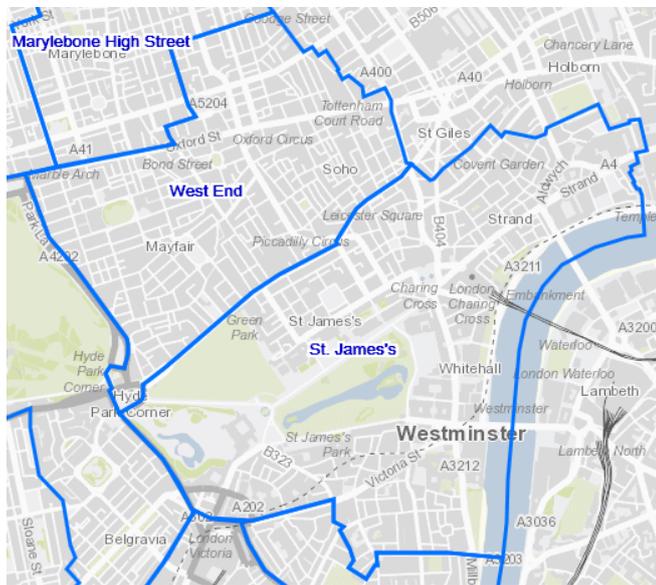
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Westminster Cycling Campaign is the local, volunteer group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our group is open to any LCC member who lives, works, studies or cycles in the City of Westminster. We aim to encourage people to cycle, improve conditions for cycling and raise the profile of cycling in Westminster. The majority of our 320 members are Westminster residents. When we write to our local councillors, we are writing to Westminster's councillors. All members are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they wish. You're welcome to just come to our meetings to listen to what's happening.

Our two articles are an appeal to people who live, work or study in St James's Ward or West End Ward.



Can you speak up for safe space for cycling at Aldwych?

Please take a minute to help if you live, work or study in St James's Ward – see map.

During the next few months we are expecting proposals from Westminster City Council to change the north side of Aldwych gyratory system into a four-lane, two-way road, and remove all motor traffic from its south side (Strand) except for a few local

connections. This could create a pleasant space to walk and cycle.

Will the Council's proposals allow cyclists to ride east-west through the south side of Aldwych? How can they enter and exit this space when riding eastbound?

We don't know and we would like you to ask these questions for us. The plan we've seen shows no cycle route through the south side of Aldwych, and no way for eastbound cyclists to enter at the west end and exit and the east end.

Could you please email your local councillors now to ask, and cc us at Westminster@LCC.org.uk? –

Councillor Louise Hyams (Conservative):

lhyams@westminster.gov.uk

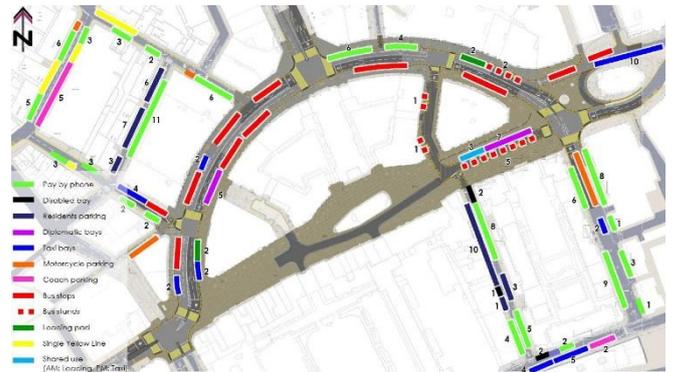
Councillor Tim Mitchell (Conservative):

tmitchell@westminster.gov.uk

Councillor Mark Shearer (Conservative):

mshearer@westminster.gov.uk

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Can you speak up about losing one of the few cycle routes across Oxford Street?

Please take a minute to help if you live, work or study in West End Ward – see map.

During the next few months we are expecting proposals from Westminster City Council to reopen Great Chapel Street. Before it closed for Crossrail construction work, Great Chapel Street was part of an important northbound cycle route from Carlisle Street across Oxford Street to Newman Street.

Will the Council's proposals allow northbound cycling throughout Great Chapel Street, from Carlisle Street to Newman Street?

We don't know and we would like you to ask this question for us. We've heard that the Council may change part of Great Chapel Street to be one-way

southbound, blocking the northbound cycle route. But the road is wide enough to allow two-way cycling. The north end of Dean Street would be pedestrianised.

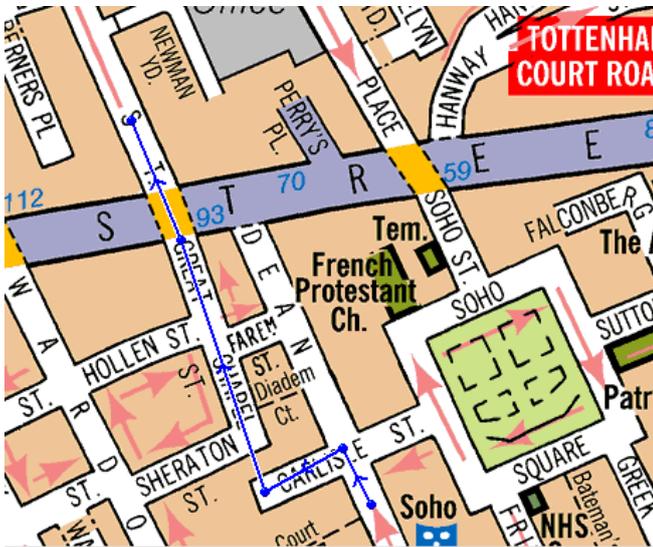
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Councillor Timothy Barnes (Conservative):
tbarnes@westminster.gov.uk

Councillor Jonathan Glanz (Conservative):
jglanz@westminster.gov.uk

Councillor Pancho Lewis (Labour):
plewis@westminster.gov.uk

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Meetings and events

We have six meetings each year. We learn more by discussing opinions and proposals together, so please join us to have your say on the issues that affect you. We organise events such as cycle rides and Dr Bike events with cycle mechanics, maps and leaflets. Please see the LCC website's events list, which we use to record and advertise our events. Details may change after this newsletter goes to print, so please visit the website or call 020 7828 1500 to check.
<http://westminstercyclists.org.uk/showevents.htm>



Westminster Cycling Campaign New Year Meal

Monday 7 January 2019 6:30pm - 8:30pm
We will meet for a New Year Meal on Monday 7 January 2019 at 6:30pm at Spaghetti House, 74 Duke Street, Mayfair, London, W1K 6JZ. If you expect to come, please notify Rupert Gardner (rupertgardner@aol.com) by 28 December 2018 so that he can book a suitably sized table.



Westminster Cycling Campaign meeting

Monday 4 February 2019 7pm - 9pm
Join us to find out about the latest cycling issues in Westminster, raise issues that affect you, and have your say. Location: The Carpenters Arms, 12 Seymour Place, Marylebone, London, W1H 7NE – in the quiet upstairs room. Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and snacks such as crisps and peanuts will be available. Members can also bring their own food. Do you want to attend our meetings but there's something about the venue or time that doesn't suit you? Please get in touch.



The Wandle Trail

Saturday 9 February 2019 12:30pm - 4:30pm
The green slice through south London, passing through several country estates. About 20 km. Meet at Wandsworth Town station at 13:00. 12:37 train from Waterloo. Return by train from Carshalton or Waddon.

Consultations

We work with authorities including Westminster City Council, Transport for London, the Royal Parks and the Canal & River Trust. Please see Cyclescape, which we use to invite comments, debate opinions and record our consultation responses.
<https://westminster.cyclescape.org/>

Current consultations include:

- [Oxford Street District Place Strategy and Delivery Plan](#) – deadline 16 December 2018. See <https://westminster.cyclescape.org/threads/4339>
- [Westminster City Plan 2019-2040](#) – deadline 21 December 2018. This is the Council's main policy document for new development, covering topics such as the amount of cycle parking that a new building must provide, and whether new housing could be built without off-street car parking.
- [TfL's proposed changes to junctions along Edgware Road](#) – deadline 23 December 2018. Unambitious crossing improvements at 5 junctions.
- [Westminster Local Implementation Plan 3 \(LIP3\) Delivery Plan 2019/20 to 2021/22](#) – deadline TBC, possibly 18 January 2019. A draft of the Council's application for TfL funding to implement transport improvements. Includes a bid for a 'Liveable Neighbourhood' in the Harrow Road area.

Other news articles and discussions

Please see our Twitter account to keep up to date with the latest local news and discussions. You don't need your own account to view it.
https://twitter.com/Westminster_LCC