

THE KNIGHTSBRIDGE ASSOCIATION

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UPDATE

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This is a brief note to bring members up-to-date on some of the main topics the Committees have been dealing with during the year.

1. **VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM:** The Press has given wide publicity to the V & A proposal to insert a futuristic building in the courtyard between the elegant turn of the century buildings in Exhibition road. The Museum has announced that it will be working with the architect over the next 6 to 9 months in developing the design for submission to Kensington & Chelsea for planning permission, meanwhile they will be applying for Lottery funds.

ACTION: *Those who are interested should visit the exhibition of short listed designs on view in the Henry Cole wing of the V & A until the 28th July. Visitors are invited to write their comments on the forms provided.*

2. **HARRODS' HOTEL:** Work is not now due to begin until **Spring 1997**. It will include demolition of Trevor House, 100 Brompton Road and the conversion of the Trevor Square Depository. The Committee is currently in touch with the contractors to ensure that servicing and delivery of materials and construction will be organised and managed to minimise the effect on residents.

3. **MONTPELIER SQUARE and TREVOR SQUARE TRAFFIC BARRIERS (Experimental Scheme):**

It was reported at last year's AGM that the barriers should be in place by spring 1996. This estimated date by the Council was over-optimistic. After pressure from the Committee, the Council is carrying out further work with their consultants to improve the design of the barriers. It is unlikely that they will be in place before **Spring 1997**.

4. **PRUDENTIAL SCHEME (Lancelot Place / Knightsbridge / Knightsbridge Green / Brompton Road).**

The Prudential is completely revising the scheme for which planning permission was granted in 1993. Plans are expected to be submitted in early Autumn and a presentation will be arranged for members. It is understood that the new scheme will include more residential accommodation, less office and shopping space, but also included will be something called a "Part Hotel".

5. **IMPERIAL COLLEGE, Princes Gardens:**

Architects have been commissioned to draw up detailed designs for the proposed two new Halls of Residence and Sports Hall in Princes Gardens. **Plans for these projects should be available in late Summer and a presentation will be arranged for members.**

6. WEST CARRIAGE DRIVE (North / South road across the Serpentine):

At the end of last year the Royal Park's Agency (RPA) produced a five-phase scheme to reduce West Carriage Drive to a single lane each way with road humps, a cycle lane and much needed pedestrian crossings. We have pointed out to the RPA that, as we anticipated, the implementation of Phase One has resulted in a considerable worsening of traffic congestion, and that the pedestrian crossing is inadequate and badly designed. (We also continue to press for the re-opening of South Carriage Drive on Sundays).

ACTION: *If you feel strongly about the effect these works have had on traffic congestion, you should write to:*

Mr David Welch,

Chief Executive, Royal Parks' Agency, Old Police House,
Hyde Park, London W2 2UH

with copies to

The Rt. Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP,

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

and

Councillor Robert Moreland

Chairman, Planning & Environment,

Westminster City Council,

Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP

7. RECYCLING:

Westminster has introduced a trial doorstep collection on alternate Saturdays in Rutland Gate only, for paper and plastic bottles. If deemed satisfactory, the Council will extend the service throughout the area. (Kensington & Chelsea have a doorstep collection running parallel with their normal household collections).

ACTION: *We should appreciate comments from Rutland Gate residents on how the scheme is working.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE OR
ANY OTHER LOCAL MATTERS**

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