

Marchmont Street

Proposed pedestrian and environmental improvements



About the consultation

Marchmont Street is an important local neighbourhood centre in Camden. It also forms part of a key pedestrian route between King's Cross and St Pancras International stations and the Bloomsbury area.

Marchmont Street is used by large numbers of residents, commuters and visitors as a result of its transport, employment, education and tourism links. It will also be a busy area during the Olympics and Paralympic Games in 2012, with a significant increase in the number of visitors expected in Bloomsbury.

We have developed proposals for improving the streetscape following workshops with the local community to understand the views of residents, businesses and visitors.



This is your opportunity to let us know what you think of the proposals.

Please read this leaflet carefully, and complete the enclosed questionnaire, returning it to us by **5 November 2010** using the FREEPOST envelope provided.

All responses will be taken into account in a report presented to the Cabinet Member for Environment for a decision in December 2010.

If you would like further information please call Martin Blick or Christine Mackee in the Public Realm and Transport team on **020 7974 5280** or **0207 974 2947** or email **martin.blick@camden.gov.uk** or **Christine.mackee@camden.gov.uk**.

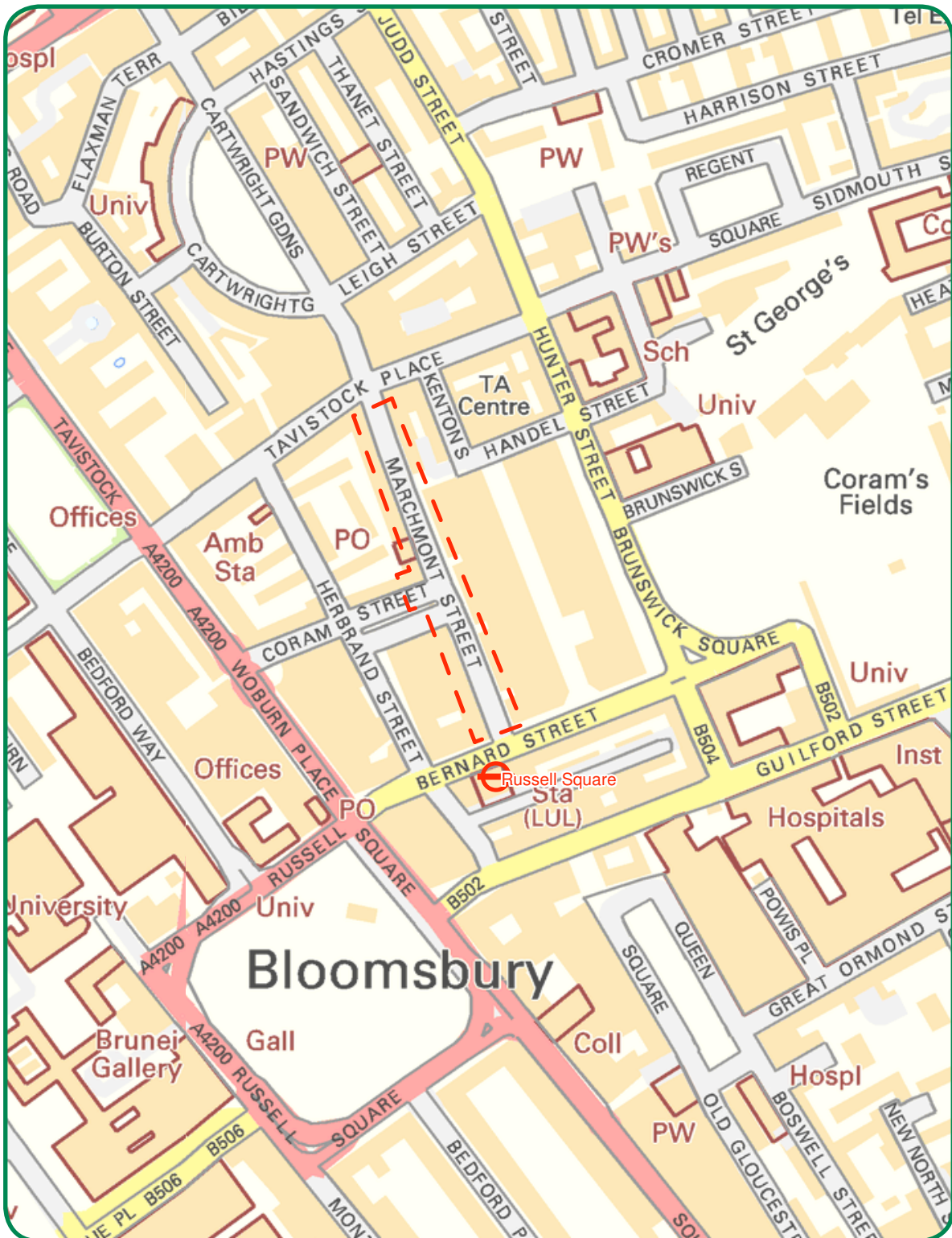
Details of this consultation are also available online at **camden.gov.uk/consultation**

Current issues and concerns

High numbers of pedestrians pass through Marchmont Street each day and in some sections the footway is narrow and congested. Some parts of Marchmont Street are also visually uninviting for pedestrians and links to the surrounding area - including Brunswick Centre and Russell Square station - require improvement.

In some parts the road carriageway is unnecessarily wide, creating an unattractive and more vehicle dominated environment.

What's more, one-way streets in the area can sometimes make it difficult for cyclists to travel in the area.



Our proposals

In October 2009 we consulted on a scheme for the Marchmont Street/Tavistock Place junction, to improve the junction for cyclists and pedestrians. The scheme is being progressed and construction is planned to start in early 2011. Both schemes are planned to be undertaken at the same time to minimise disruption to traffic and local residents.

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- Make footways wider and remove unnecessary street clutter where appropriate to create more space for pedestrians.
- As traffic speeds and volumes are relatively low, and to allow us to widen the footway between Tavistock Place and Bernard Street, it is proposed to remove the southbound cycle lane and integrate cyclists with other traffic.
- To allow cyclists better access around the area, we propose to provide facilities for cyclists travelling northbound from Bernard Street to Coram Street. This would especially benefit cyclists departing from the cycle hire docking station near Bernard Street.
- Build out the footway outside 49 Marchmont Street to provide an improved step-free access across Marchmont Street. This would not result in a loss in parking.
- Provide new cycle parking facilities on Marchmont Street where appropriate.
- Upgrade street lighting along Marchmont Street.

There are two options for the footways and loading by the junction with Coram Street

Option 1 - Widen the footway outside the Brunswick Centre, no loading allowed.

Option 2 - New footway area outside the Marquis Cornwallis pub for pedestrians and loading.

These proposals are highlighted overleaf.

The proposals for both Marchmont Street and Coram Street have been assessed and there are no significant impacts on traffic.

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