Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, Camden Council undertook a public consultation in February 2018 to ask for your views on making changes to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, around two junctions in the Holborn Area. These were:

1. The junction of Vernon Place and Southampton Row – banning all left turning traffic (except cycles) from turning from Vernon Place to Southampton Row, and closing the southern ends of Bloomsbury Square to all vehicles (except cycles).
2. The junction of High Holborn and Kingsway – installing a diagonal pedestrian crossing point and replacing a general traffic lane between Procter Street and High Holborn with wider footways.

Following a public meeting on 13th of June 2018 and after considering to views received as part of the consultation and through spoken deputations; a decision was made to proceed with the changes by the Cabinet member for Improving Camden’s Environment. The decision can be found at the link below.

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/holbornjunctions/>

Our contractors will start work on Saturday 13th of October 2018, implementing the banned left turn from Vernon Place to Southampton Row, and closing the southern accesses of Bloomsbury Square (point 1 above).  The left turn from Vernon Place to Southampton Row and the left turn from Bloomsbury Way into Bloomsbury Square will be banned from Saturday 13th and the closure of the movement from Bloomsbury Square into Bloomsbury Way will follow within a couple of weeks.

Construction of the diagonal crossing (and associated footway works) outside of Holborn Underground Station (point 2) are expected to commence in January 2019.

Kind regards

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