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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
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Dear Resident / Business,

Proposed pedestrian improvements on Royal Hospital Road, Lower Sloane Street and Chelsea Bridge Road

The Council is consulting on improvements to make it easier to cross the road at the traffic light-controlled junction of Royal Hospital Road with Lower Sloane Street, Pimlico Road and Chelsea Bridge Road.

As part of these changes, we need to convert the existing zebra crossing on Lower Sloane Street by Holbein Mews to a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing and we also plan to provide a new zebra crossing on Chelsea Bridge Road near the Chelsea Barracks development.

Royal Hospital ward councillors and Cllr Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment, have listened carefully to requests from local residents and as a result, the Council has worked closely with Westminster City Council (WCC), the Chelsea Barracks developer and Transport for London (TfL) on these planned improvements.

Delivering the improvements to the main junction and the new zebra crossing on Chelsea Bridge Road were conditions attached to WCC's planning consent for the Chelsea Barracks development. Should these two elements of the proposals go ahead, they would be funded by the developer.

The junction of Royal Hospital Road and Lower Sloane Street is heavily used by pedestrians. However, there are currently no 'Green Man' pedestrian facilities across any of the four arms of the junction and we have received requests to make it easier to cross at this busy junction. The new crossings will provide safer pedestrian crossing facilities without unduly affecting other road users. We would also provide 'Pedestrian Countdown' signals at each crossing point and 'Early Release' low level traffic lights for cyclists on the Chelsea Bridge Road and Lower Sloane Street arms.

Extensive traffic modelling by the Council and TfL determined that the existing zebra crossing on Lower Sloane Street by Holbein Mews would need to be changed to a signalised pedestrian crossing, to allow it to be co-ordinated with the traffic signals at the

main junction. Co-ordinating the crossing with the junction would reduce delays for traffic travelling north and south along Lower Sloane Street. We propose to install 'Pedestrian Countdown' timers for pedestrians using the new signalised pedestrian crossing.

The proposals are shown on the enclosed plans and described below:

Pedestrian Crossing on Lower Sloane Street by Sloane Gardens and Holbein Mews

- Upgrade the existing zebra crossing to a signal-controlled 'Green Man' pedestrian crossing with countdown timers

Royal Hospital Road / Lower Sloane Street / Pimlico Road / Chelsea Bridge Road - Traffic Light Controlled Junction

- Addition of 'Green Man' signal-controlled pedestrian crossings with Pedestrian Countdown timers on all arms of the junction
- Low level cycle traffic signals, which would give cyclists a head start proceeding through the junction from the Lower Sloane Street and Chelsea Bridge Road arms
- Retain the Advance Stop Lines (ASLs) for cyclists on all arms
- Install a mandatory lead-in cycle lane on the approach to the Lower Sloane Street ASL
- Convert existing advisory cycle lead-in lanes to mandatory lead-in lanes on the Pimlico Road and Royal Hospital Road approaches
- These changes require the loss of 11 metres of (off-peak only) loading space on the Lower Sloane Street approach to the junction

New zebra crossing on Chelsea Bridge Road

- New zebra crossing to be installed on Chelsea Bridge Road just south of Chelsea Barracks development access road

Further details and some background to these proposals, can be found on our website at <https://consult.rbkc.gov.uk/communities/lower-sloane-st>

This is a chance for you to have your say on these proposals. If you would like to make any comments, please visit the online questionnaire on our website or email traffic@rbkc.gov.uk by **25 July 2021**.

Council officers will consider all comments received in consultation with Ward Councillors and the Lead Member for Planning, Place and Environment before any final decisions are made.

If you have any queries, require a paper copy of the background information on the website or require assistance in other languages, please contact Allan Evans at the above email address or on 07816 991 973 or Ian Davies on 07929 823 070.

Yours faithfully,

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