



Sloane Square

# Welcome

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The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea is keen to enhance the borough's neighbourhoods to create even more amazing spaces. The Council is consulting on proposals to widen the pavements around Sloane Square, with funding provided by Cadogan.

We are seeking to address the current challenges of Sloane Square through a series of targeted enhancements to improve the pedestrian experience whilst ensuring minimal disruption to local businesses and residents.

This public exhibition is an opportunity to:

- | Find out more about the proposals
- | Let us know your thoughts (ahead of the application being formally submitted to the Council for consideration)

# Sloane Square Today

Thousands of people pass through Sloane Square every day. Whether as a gateway to the public transport network, a destination for dining and shopping, or a thoroughfare, Sloane Square plays a vital role in the daily life of Chelsea.

## Areas for improvement

While much of Sloane Square functions well, certain areas experience uncomfortably high numbers of people moving through at once. This often necessitates the use of informal crossing points, which can impede vehicle movements, create navigation challenges, and make pavements feel too crowded at peak times.

### CROWDED PAVEMENTS

During rush hour the pavements get congested with commuters and businesses vying for space.



### LACK OF WAYFINDING AND ORIENTATION

Minimal signage makes it challenging for pedestrians to find their way and orientate themselves around the square.



### EXPANSIVE CARRIAGEWAY

The current carriageway is inefficient with vehicles taking up more space than required.



### BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF STREET FURNITURE REQUIRED

Street furniture is awkwardly located with pedestrians having to manoeuvre themselves around the square.



**KEY**

- 1 Taxi Bay
- 2 Wide carriageway
- 3 Bus stand
- 4 Bus stop
- 5 Yorkstone paving

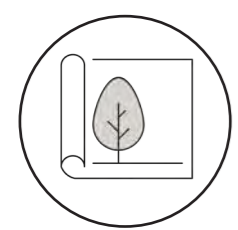


Current layout of Sloane Square

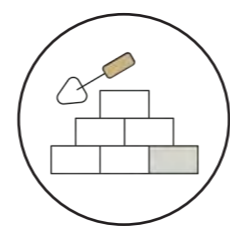
# Our proposals

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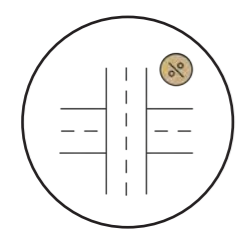
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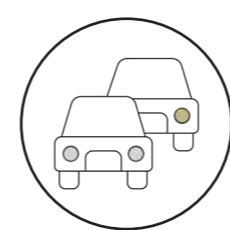
Widen pavements



Reuse reclaimed Yorkstone from Sloane Street



Realign pedestrian crossings



Ensure traffic flow is not impacted



Reduce street clutter

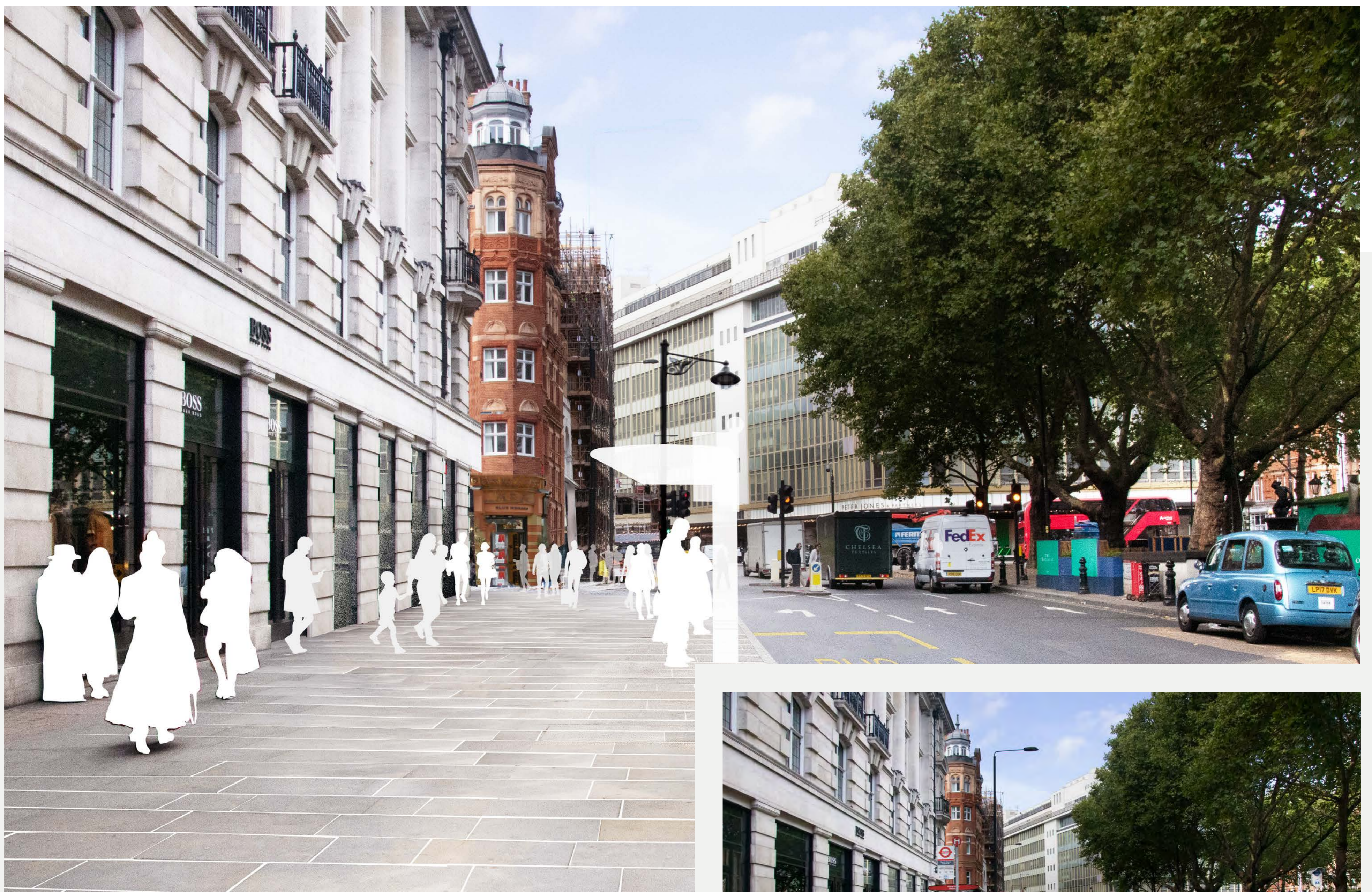


Indicative layout of Sloane Square

# The view towards King's Road

The existing view towards King's Road reveals crowded pavements cluttered with street furniture. At peak times, queues of bus passengers further block the pavement, creating congestion.

There is wasted carriageway space where buses swing onto Lower Sloane Street. Alongside widening pavements, our proposals will install new lighting to reflect the heritage setting, reposition the bus stop to provide more space for pedestrians and waiting passengers. Crucially there will be no change in the number of lanes or vehicle movements.



Proposed view

Existing view

# The view towards Sloane Gardens

The existing view towards Sloane Gardens has narrow pavements with existing street furniture creating a pinch point for pedestrians, contributing to a crowded, uncoordinated feel.

Our proposals will widen the pavement with the pedestrian experience improved by removing the bollards and repositioning the phone boxes. We will introduce new lighting to reflect the heritage setting. There will be no change in the number of lanes or vehicle movements.



Proposed view



Existing view

# The view towards Cliveden Place

The existing view towards Cliveden Place has narrow pavements and is dominated by a vast carriageway.

Our proposals will widen the pavements reusing reclaimed Yorkstone from Sloane Street. Taxi bays and the pedestrian crossings will be resurfaced with granite setts. The pedestrian crossing width will be reduced helping to improve pedestrian safety. New lighting will be introduced to reflect the heritage setting. There will be no change in the number of lanes or vehicle movements.



Proposed view

Existing view

# The view from Holbein Place

The existing view from Holbein Place has narrow and cluttered pavements with street furniture currently blocking the line of sight. The current lighting is basic and does not reflect the heritage setting of Sloane Square.

Our proposals will widen the pavements helping to slow vehicle movements into Holbein Place to improve pedestrian safety without needing to reduce the number of lanes. The pedestrian experience will be improved by removing bollards and repositioning the phone box. These minor improvements will offer a clear line of sight to Cadogan Hall, and the introduction of new lighting will reflect the heritage setting.



Proposed view

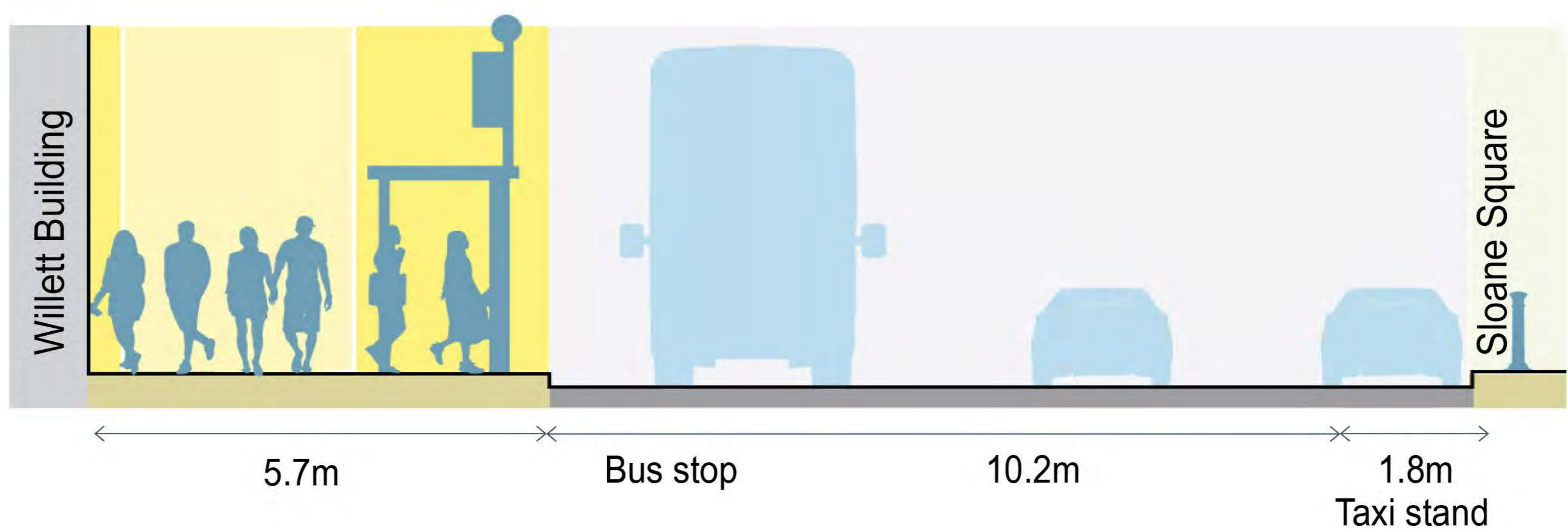
Existing view

# Keeping Sloane Square moving

The proposals will increase pedestrian space without affecting vehicular capacity.

Pedestrians navigate narrow pavements alongside an expansive carriageway dominated by vehicles. Our proposals will widen the pavements while ensuring the existing traffic lanes flow smoothly, without any adverse impact.

Existing section through Sloane Square



Proposed section through Sloane Square





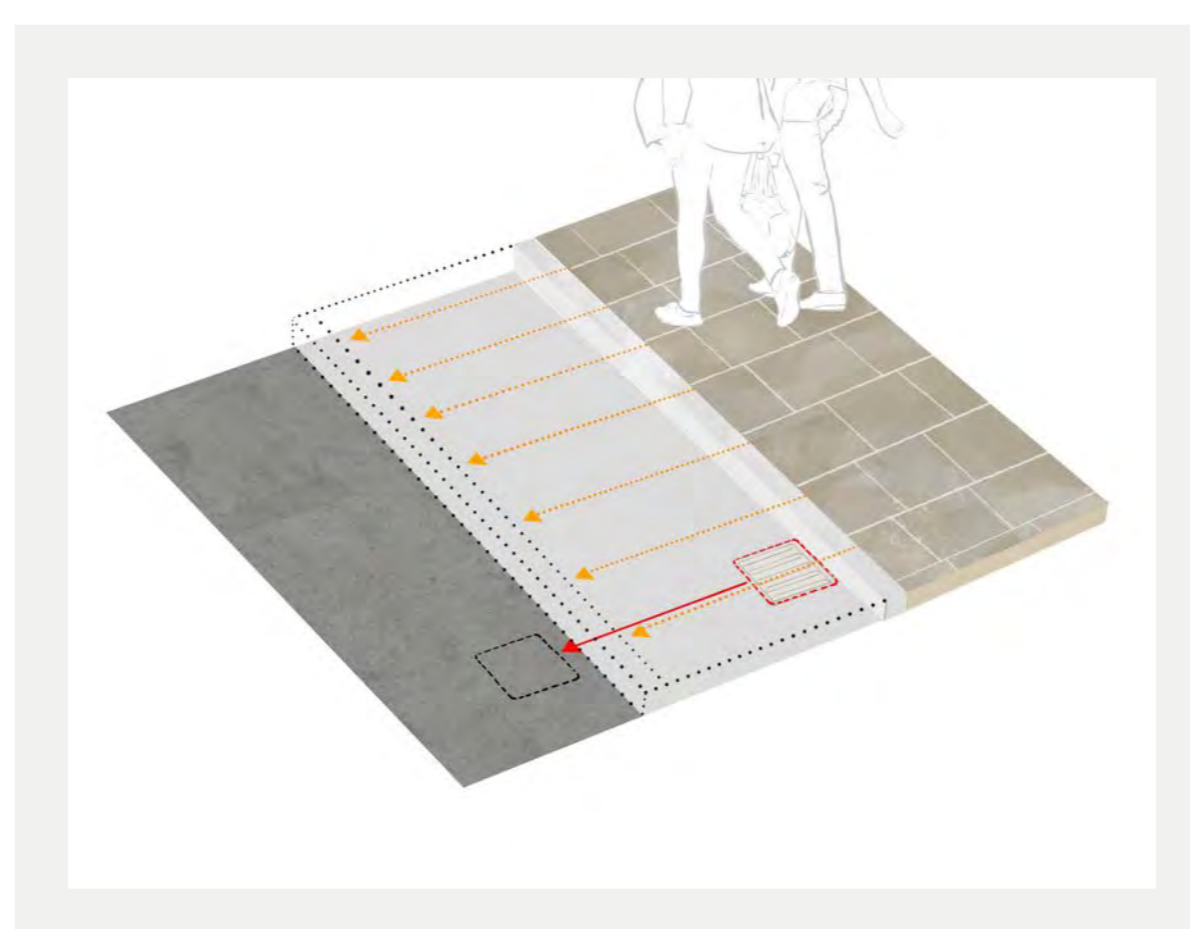
# Reusing local materials

We will repurpose existing paving slabs to achieve a uniform look throughout Sloane Square.

Yorkstone paving slabs from Sloane Street will be reused to widen pavements. These pavement slabs will be cleaned to provide a consistent appearance across the square.



Existing pavement



Recycled Yorkstone from Sloane Street will be used to widen pavements



The pavement will be cleaned to provide a consistent appearance

# Being a considerate neighbour

We will oversee construction with careful consideration to minimise disruption to residents and businesses.



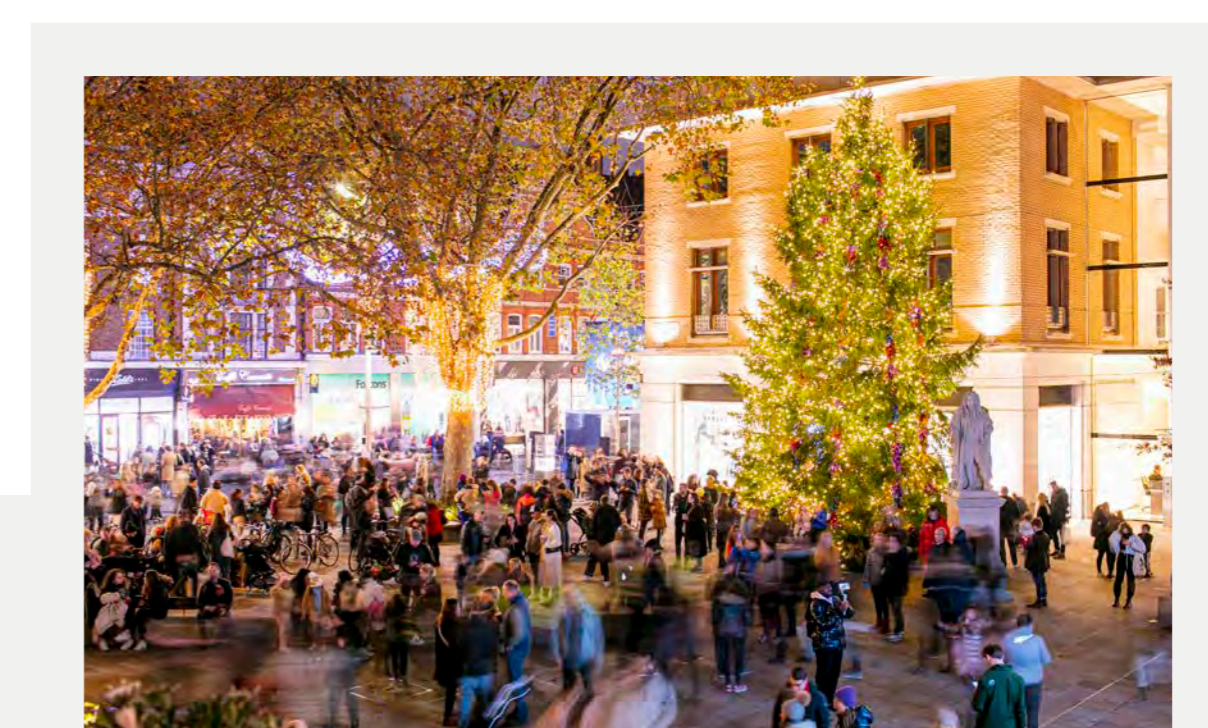
## SEQUENCING OF WORKS

Construction works will be carefully sequenced, and will include robust traffic management, to ease the impact on vehicles. We will keep residents and local businesses updated throughout the construction process.



## SLOANE SQUARE TUBE ENTRANCE

We appreciate Sloane Square tube station is a busy station used by commuters and visitors alike. We will ensure the entrance to the tube station is kept clear during construction to keep everyone moving.



## CHRISTMAS RETAIL PERIOD

We appreciate the Christmas period is a busy and important time of year for businesses and retailers so we will ensure retail customers Christmas shopping experience is not impacted.






# Get in touch

Thank you for taking part in our consultation for proposed pavement improvements to Sloane Square.

It has been valuable to hear the thoughts and feedback from the local community and businesses. We will shortly be reviewing all feedback received from the consultation. The decision whether these improvement works go ahead will be made the Lead Cabinet Member.

## Share your feedback:

We would be grateful if you could let us know any feedback you had by 16th October 2024 by either filling in a feedback form today or submitting your comments online. If you have any questions for the team, do let us know in one of the following ways:

-  Talk to the team here today
-  Fill out a feedback form
-  Visit [consult.rbkc.gov.uk/communities/sloane-square](https://consult.rbkc.gov.uk/communities/sloane-square)



## Timeline

-  **August 2024**  
Consultation with the local community and businesses begins to hear feedback about the proposals to improve the pedestrian experience at Sloane Square.
-  **October 2024**  
Consultation with the local community and businesses closes. Feedback from the public to be reviewed by RBKC ahead of decision by Lead Cabinet Member.
-  **2025**  
If approved construction work to commence (sequenced carefully to mitigate disruption). We anticipate construction to take between 10 and 12 months.