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Re: The transformation of Oxford Street is a once in a generation opportunity to make one of the UK's most iconic streets and surrounding district open to everyone.

Thank you for your letter of 2 November about Oxford Street.

The transformed Oxford Street will create a new pedestrian environment that is more inclusive for everyone. I am glad to hear Living Streets, along with Age UK, Campaign for Better Transport, Royal National Institute of Blind People, Sustrans and Transport for All, support this vision. I know you are working closely with Transport for London (TfL) and Westminster City Council (WCC), along with the appointed access consultants. Thank you for sharing your experience and insight with them to help us make Oxford Street more accessible and welcoming.

I agree with your ambition to make the Oxford Street district a safer and more inviting place, along with it being easily accessible for everyone. TfL and WCC are proposing to make a range of improvements along Oxford Street and in the surrounding area. The removal of traffic from Oxford Street between Orchard Street and Oxford Circus, along with the removal of unnecessary street furniture and improved pavements and way-finding in the area, will provide more open space and make it easier for people to move around the area and make better use of public transport options.

These changes will also make it more enjoyable for people to spend time in the area, with high-quality resting places and public art.

The proposals allow traffic to cross Oxford Street at the junctions of some side roads. This will enable traffic heading north or south to avoid having to make a lengthy diversion around the transformed space. TfL and WCC will introduce pedestrian crossings at these junctions, to make it clear to people where and when they must wait and allow traffic to cross.

TfL and WCC recognise that the proposals would affect the ease with which some people move along Oxford Street. For this reason, they are considering the feasibility of providing a further mobility service, which would be aimed at helping all those who need additional assistance to get along Oxford Street and to/from local bus stops. They are considering how, and where, any such service could feasibly operate and how many people might be likely to use the service.

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There are many more features proposed that will make the district more accessible, and address the suggestions in your letter. As you will be aware, the next consultation stage opened on 6 November. More detail is available on the TfL website at: www.tfl.gov.uk/oxford-street. I, TfL and WCC welcome your feedback on this stage of consultation and continuing our work together.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London