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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Crossrail - Paddington, Royal Oak & Westbourne Park**

We will soon be starting work in your area as construction for Crossrail gets underway. You may be affected by our work, so please always contact us if you have any questions.

#### **Paddington**

Transport for London, Crossrail Ltd, London Underground and Network Rail are working in partnership with Westminster City Council as well as representatives from the local community to renovate, improve and transform Paddington station.

As the new Crossrail station will be built under the current taxi rank, we need to move the taxis permanently to a new home between the canal and the main station before the new Crossrail station can begin construction. Taxis will in future turn from Bishops Bridge Road onto a new ramp leading into a new taxi facility with new connections into the station.

A new ticket hall for the Hammersmith & City line station and northern entrance for the mainline station will also be built. Work to clear the site and ground investigations have already been undertaken in preparation for the next stage to start on the ticket hall and the taxi ramp construction later this month. Work involves large diameter piling starting in February which will protect the canal wall and provide foundations for the new facilities.

Demolition of the existing (disused) ramp structures and vaults within the site next to the existing LU station is expected to start towards the end of March, during which time pedestrian routes between the station and the Paddington Basin will be altered to allow the works to take place. We are in discussion with key stakeholders including Paddington Central about the nature of the altered pedestrian routes to and from the main station.

We expect to complete the piling and demolition work by September 2010 in preparation for the construction of the new taxi facility which is due to open in the Spring of 2011.

#### **Royal Oak Area**

Work will begin in January 2010 starting with the demolition of the current taxi maintenance facilities adjacent to the Royal Oak Underground station. Once the site is clear we will start work to construct a tunnel portal which will allow Crossrail trains to enter and exit the new running tunnels under central London in 2017. By the



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middle of 2011 two tunnel boring machines will start their work from the portal on the main running tunnels heading towards Farringdon.

We will establish a construction site under the Paddington Central development on the north side of the Great Western Main line to facilitate the works to construct the new portal and the tunnel boring machines.

### **Westbourne Park**

At this site we will be taking the excavated materials from the tunnel as well as providing construction materials to support building the tunnels. New facilities will be needed to ensure we move the excavated material by rail so the site at Westbourne Park will be cleared of the old British Rail lost property building, the current bus standing area and the yard formerly used by Murphy. Work will start on clearing the area in February. Network Rail, working on behalf of Crossrail, will remove some of their equipment to enable the tunnels to be excavated..

The bus depot will remain operational throughout the works. The Tarmac Batching plant on the site will also remain operational but will require a new facility to be constructed in due course.

The works to build a new retaining wall adjacent to the Westminster Academy playing fields (which will remain open) and works to the existing footbridge to raise the north span are planned to take place later in the year.

We are working with Environmental Health Officers from the local authorities to minimise any noise and disturbance to local residents and traffic. We will endeavour to minimise unnecessary noise and those working on site have been briefed on their obligations to the local community.

Should any urgent issues arise either before or whilst the work is taking place please call our dedicated helpline 0345 602 3813. If you wish to learn more about Crossrail, or receive information plans of the proposed works, please visit [www.crossrail.co.uk](http://www.crossrail.co.uk) or alternatively e-mail [helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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