

British Library Construction Working Group  
Comments Log

Dated 25.02.26

Action No.	Action	Date raised	Raised by	Action status	Response
1	Chalton House access control: Request for enforceable vehicle and pedestrian access controls (ANPR gates, enforcement for unauthorised parking, reliable self-closing pedestrian gates/intercom).	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
2	Estate "through-walking": Audit and secure all pedestrian gates between Chalton St and Ossulston St to prevent non-resident cut-throughs (self-closing mechanisms, secure latches, resident-controlled access).	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden. Antisocial behaviour by site workers will be discouraged through inductions and briefing
3	Ossulston Street changes: Explore full pedestrianisation or heavily restricted vehicle access, with potential for a landscaped pedestrian route.	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
4	Non-resident traffic in Somers Town: Implement broader measures with Camden to prevent private-hire and non-resident vehicles using the area (enforcement, filtered permeability, signage).	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
5	Green space protection: Remove informal structures, equipment and clutter from communal green areas; restore to safe, open, Council-maintained space; ensure enforceable management.	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
6	Affordable workspace: Request for significantly more meaningful local benefit—higher discounts (up to 80%), ring-fenced fixed desks, or subsidised/free access for local residents and micro-businesses.	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
7	Chalton Street public realm: Need for repairs and reinvestment (tree pit repairs, tree base improvements, additional greening).	15.01.26	IZ by email	Closed	The requested provisions are a matter for the Local Authority / HA and are beyond the scope of the CMP. Replied to IZ that this should be directed to LB Camden
8	Concerns raised by Levilia House residents regarding possible existing subsidence	22.01.26	SD	Open	Following a discussion it was considered that these concerns may have come about due to the project working with LB Camden to undertake conditions surveys of properties surrounding the site. This had been done as best practice and not due to past subsidence or subsidence being predicted in the future. Mace to follow up with Party Wall Surveyor and provide further update. Mace added that a robust movement and vibration monitoring regime will be implemented with pre-determined trigger levels to provide advance warning of any (albeit highly unlikely) issues
9	Concerns raised regarding Construction staff parking	22.01.26		Closed	It was confirmed that construction staff would not be permitted to park on site and would be encouraged to arrive by public transport.
10	Concerns raised regarding Construction staff smoking around immediate site perimeter	22.01.26		Closed	It was confirmed that construction staff would be provided with smoking areas on site and would be asked not to smoke in the surrounding area through the project induction, regular reminders and enforcement by site security / welfare operatives
11	JC asked if an area would be provided outside the site for construction staff to relax and if this could include the possibility of local businesses selling food.	22.01.26	JC	Closed	GB updated that the initial staff accommodation on the east of the site (200/250 staff) would include facilities for staff to eat their packed lunches and heat their own food. The main facility on the west of the site (1000 staff) would include a canteen and in both instances Mace would work with local businesses to see what opportunities there were for them to supply food and services. DD noted that he and SW had attended a BID Business Engagement session in December and spoken about developing opportunities for local businesses
12	Clarification sought on plan for local employment / engagement	22.01.26	SK	Closed	SW updated that the project was looking to create 75 apprenticeships (target 100) for local people as well as have 20% of the workforce from Camden. The project was also planning 40 local job starts as well as work experience and placement opportunities.
13	Concerns raised in respect of Construction Vehicles using Ossulston Street	22.01.26		Closed	It was noted that lorries would access and exit the site via Midland Road and that Ossulston Street would only be used for secondary movements which would be discussed with the group.
14	Clarification sought on measures to control potential increased dust on public highways and surrounding area.	22.01.26	SD	Closed	The nature of the works meant that for the first two years works would be in the ground. During this time extensive dust suppression and wheel washing facilities would be used and this would be in place from the beginning of the works.
15	Concerns raised about the increased potential for alarms sounding during the night.	22.01.26	SD	Closed	GB confirmed that out of hours reporting and management would be in place to minimise the chance of this and respond quickly.
16	Will the current security hut on Midland Road be removed when the vehicle entrance gate was moved?	22.01.26	JM	Closed	GB confirmed it would but that alternative facilities would be provided.
17	SA queried how future works would be communicated	22.01.26	SA	Closed	DD advised that monthly / biweekly look aheads will be communicated at future CWGs and that this will be supplemented by Newsletters, WhatsApp groups etc.
18	Concern raised about multiple newsletters from multiple sources (i.e. FCI, BL and Site) and query raised whether these could be consolidated? Suggestion for British Library, FCI and Mace to collaborate on newsletters and noticeboards.	22.01.26	JC	Open	To be reviewed
19	SK asked if schools had been considered in logistics plans such as on Ossulston Street	22.01.26	SK	Closed	GB confirmed that they had and would not be affected
20	During a discussion on hoardings it was noted that a discussion would take place in the future about hoarding graphics.	22.01.26	SK	Closed	To be discussed at a later meeting. Graphics not directly covered by the Construction Management Plan.
21	It was noted that Dangoor Walk would be closed as a public access route during gas deliveries. Clarification sought on proposed alternative route and mitigations	22.01.26	DW	Closed	An alternative sign posted route will be provided twice a week during gas deliveries
22	It was noted that the High Speed 1 offices located on Midland Road are not listed amongst the sensitive receptors within the CMP	04.02.26	PM	Closed	HS1 offices to be added to schedule of sensitive receptors in CMP
23	Vibration mitigation and monitoring strategy at boundary with Thameslink box to be clarified	04.02.26	MA	Open	Additional vibration monitor to be added at east boundary within proximity of the Thameslink box. Mace to define predicted vibrations at Thameslink asset boundary and develop mitigation strategy as part of asset protection strategy
24	Concerns raised over the potential for Midland Road to become congested with construction traffic, especially during large pours	04.02.26	PM	Closed	All deliveries will be booked and coordinated using the Dalascope online booking system. Vehicles will not be permitted to queue on Midland Road. In addition, Mace will implement off site vehicle holding areas - one at Freight Lane, north of Kings Cross and a potential further two in Camden and Islington to smooth the flow of traffic during high volume works.
25	All demolition works adjacent to the Network Rail and HS1 assets should be carried out by a NFDC certified contractor	04.02.26	BN	Closed	SMBL will only appoint NFDC certified contractors for the demolition works
26	How will the risk of wind blown debris be mitigated	04.02.26	PM	Closed	Specic controls will include strict control of external material storage, exemplary housekeeping, increased checks and controls pre-ceeding forecast high winds. All skips and other receptacles of materials susceptible to being blown by wind to be covered.
27	Concrete wagons must not drive down Agar Grove	05.02.26	ML	Closed	Construction traffic will not drive down Agar Grove
28	Camden suggested vehicle movements to site to be avoided between 8am and 9:30am to ease congestion on the transport network during peak times.	05.02.26	ML	Open	Discussions on proposed arrangements and potential mitigations are ongoing
29	To address concerns over potential queuing of vehicles on the transport network, please advise how many vehicles can be held at any one moment on site for each of the key phases.	05.02.26	ML	Open	Additional detail to be added to CMP to demonstrate numbers of vehicles capable of being held on site at any one moment in time
30	CMP to cover enabling works and sub-structure phase only, which subsequent issues developed for later superstructure and fitout phases.	05.02.26	ML	Open	Current CMP to be updated
31	Wheel washing to take place as far away from the site exit to Midland Road as possible	05.02.26	ML	Open	Noted - this will be clarified in the updated CMP
32	Evidence of consultation with Key Stakeholders to be included as an Appendix to the CMP	05.02.26	ML	Open	Construction Working Group (CWG) meeting held 22.1 with follow up planned for 16.2. Minutes of CWG meetings, comms to key stakeholders etc to be appended to CMP update
33	The group asked that further consideration be given to car parking spaces to see if there are any alternatives or options to mitigate the loss in the local area from the second phase site accommodation.	16.02.16	CWG	Open	
34	NJ invited residents to share past experiences of problems caused by construction in the area to help the British Library Extension project avoid them in the future.	16.02.16	NJ	Closed	Request recorded in the minutes of the February 2026 meeting and will be picked up under matters arising at the March meeting.
35	DF expressed concern about the potential for light pollution from the site and hoardings as she had had problems in the past.	16.02.16	DF	Closed	DR reassured her that measures would be in place for lighting not to be pointed at neighbouring buildings and for them to switch off when no movement was detected.
36	Mace to investigate what social value and environmental management plans can be shared with the group.	16.02.16	TJ	Open	Environmental management is currently covered extensively in the Construction Management Plan. Mace to update on these plans at the March CWG meeting.
37	The plan acknowledges that "further special arrangements" will be required to meet FCI requirements on noise and vibration, but no equivalent statement is made regarding EMI.	23.02.26	DW FCI	Closed	EMI will be added to the CMP.
38	It is noted that the plan allows for up to 160 heavy vehicle movements per day and 30 van movements per day. Assuming each entry and exit counts as two movements (not defined in the document), this equates to only 80 heavy vehicles (around 10 per hour) and 15 vans (fewer than 2 per hour), which seems low, particularly during earthworks.	23.02.26	DW FCI	Closed	Vehicle movements are based on bulking calculations and the number of vehicles which can be accommodated, the lower of which is the determining factor.