



Front façade of the Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, London © The Trustees of the Wallace Collection

OXFORD STREET DISTRICT

Proposed Improvements to
MANCHESTER SQUARE

2022



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Introduction

As an important square in the City of Westminster, Westminster City Council, working in partnership with The Portman Estate and the Baker Street Quarter Partnership are engaging with stakeholders on proposals to improve Manchester Square in Marylebone, as part of the Council's ambitions for the wider Oxford Street District.

We welcome your feedback on the proposed improvements outlined in this brochure via the email address below. Please also submit any questions you may have on the proposed scheme.

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An aerial photo of Manchester Square.



Our Vision

The vision for Manchester Square is to create a new public space for everyone to enjoy as well as an enhanced environment for pedestrians and cyclists. While very much a project for Marylebone, this project sits within a range of improvements to the wider Oxford Street District.

The Manchester Square project will focus on the north side of the square, between the garden square and The Wallace Collection, where a new public space will be created which will also enhance the setting of one of the West End's much-loved cultural institutions.



A visualisation of how the area could look following the creation of a new space outside The Wallace Collection.

The benefits of the proposed Manchester Square project include:

- A new public space providing respite, greening and seating.
- Improved pedestrian safety and accessibility with wider footways, reduced traffic and step-free crossings.
- A new setting and open space to enhance the major free-to-enter cultural venue, celebrating the cultural and historic value of Manchester Square.
- The introduction of a dedicated eastbound cycle lane on the northern side of the square, with no impact for cyclists heading westbound as they continue to follow the one-way traffic flow around the south of the square.



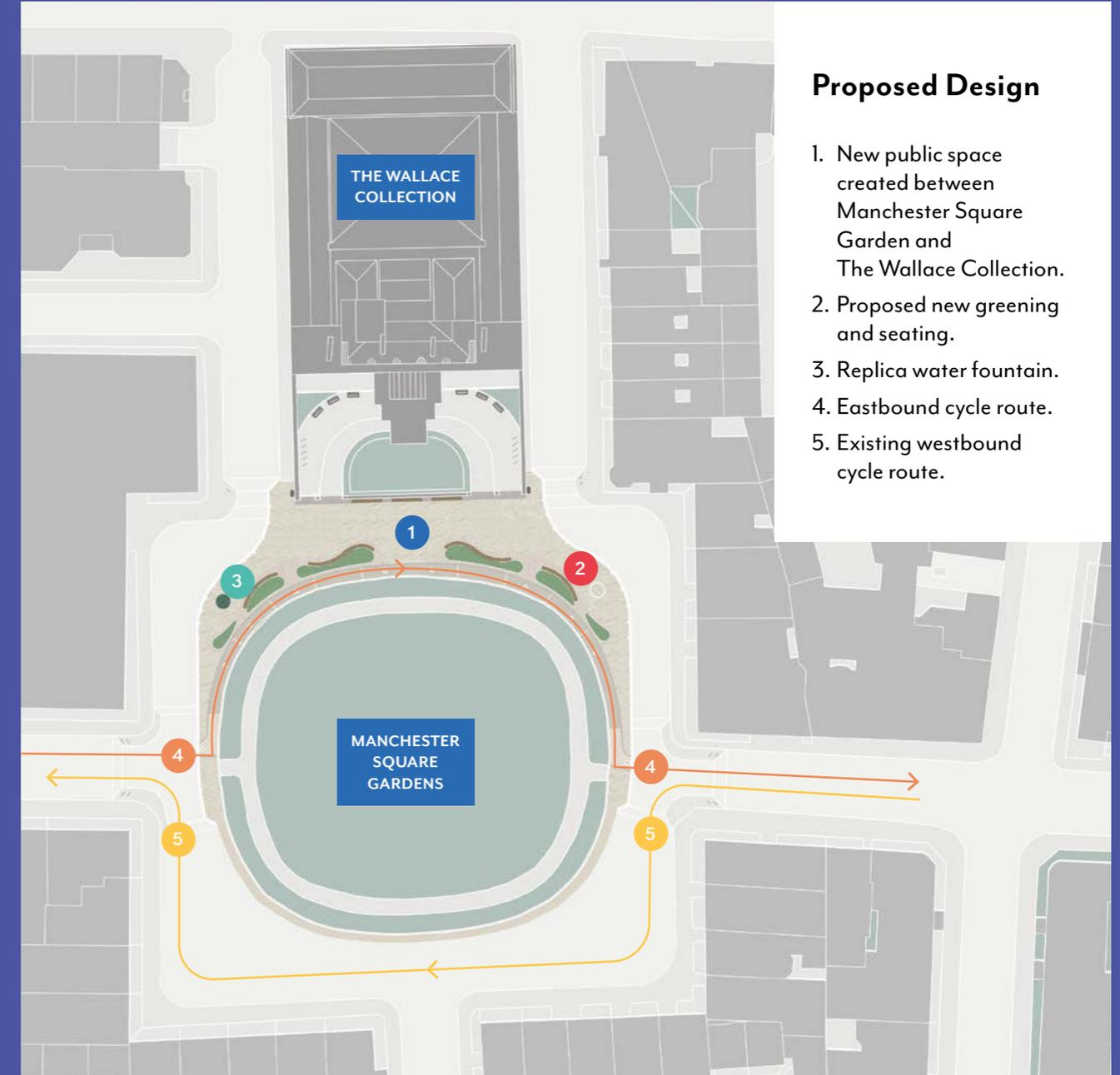
Water Fountain, Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, London © The Trustees of the Wallace Collection

Wallace/ Lebourg Water Fountain

In the forecourt of The Wallace Collection is a cast iron drinking fountain designed by Sir Richard Wallace and Charles Lebourg in 1878.

The Manchester Square project will see the introduction of a working replica of this classic fountain.

This recognises Sir Richard Wallace, founder of The Wallace Collection, who was a major philanthropist.



Proposed Design

1. New public space created between Manchester Square Garden and The Wallace Collection.
2. Proposed new greening and seating.
3. Replica water fountain.
4. Eastbound cycle route.
5. Existing westbound cycle route.

FAQs

1. How can stakeholders provide their views on this?

We are keen to hear your thoughts or questions on the proposals. You can let us know by emailing stakeholderteam@murphycareyjv.co.uk

2. Where can I find out more information?

Further information can be found on the Oxford Street District website osd.london

3. Have you already been engaging with local stakeholders?

The project team have been engaging with and listening to neighbours and interested stakeholders throughout the development of this project.

4. When are the works likely to start?

Work could commence in February 2022.

5. When are the works likely to be completed?

We anticipate the main works in the square could be completed in late summer 2022.

6. How will this affect parking in the area?

A number of 'pay by phone' parking bays in the north of the square will need to be relocated. Overall the number of 'pay by phone' bays will be reduced, some bays will be located on neighbouring streets with only a small number remaining in the square. There will be no net loss of residential parking in the area.

7. How will the proposals promote sustainable transport?

The proposals for Manchester Square will primarily create a better environment for walking and cycling.

Manchester Square also benefits from being highly accessible by public transport (London Underground and bus) and in the near future will be a short walk from the new Elizabeth line station at Bond Street.

8. How will these proposals support cycling?

A dedicated eastbound cycle route will be included around the northern perimeter of the square.

Westbound cyclists will continue to travel around the southern perimeter of the square.

New cycle stands will also be included in the area.

9. How will this work impact traffic in the square?

Traffic surveys tell us the flow of traffic in the northern section of the square is very light.

Traffic displacement is not predicted to be significant and is expected to lead to a reduction in traffic in the immediate area.

10. How will the space be managed and maintained?

The project partners are committed to ensuring the space is managed properly on a day-to-day basis. The draft street management plan includes CCTV, response patrols including overnight, as well as additional cleansing and maintenance.

For updates on the Manchester Square proposals

 Oxford Street District website osd.london

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