

Pears Building Action Plan (Formerly called 15-point action plan)

Document updated 31 January 2019 following the meeting held on site (on 29 January '19) between representatives of Camden Council, the Royal Free Hospital and Royal Free Charity.

Please note, the following items have been added to the plan:

Item 16: resurfacing to Pond St

Item 17: resurfacing of Rosslyn Hill

- 1. Bench and waste bin:** Following the meeting held on 13 April 2018 local residents have asked that the bench be repositioned from opposite 249 Haverstock Hill to the entrance of the public footpath next to Pond St.
Task completed. **Action: Closed.**
- 2. Creation of alternative pedestrian crossing/additional signage:** The alternative crossing has been installed with the additional signage having been erected.
Task completed. **Action: Closed.**
- 3. Cycling discouragement signage:** Following the meeting held on 13 April 2018 it has been determined that the cycling discouragement signs are not being installed.
Task completed. **Action: Closed.**
- 4. Additional pedestrian signage:** Further to the meeting held on 13 April 2018 the Royal Free Charity subsequently confirmed that the signs to Rowland Hill St have been erected principally for the benefit of staff employed at the Royal Free Hospital and not primarily for the general public.
Task completed. **Action: Closed.**
- 5. Reposition "Give Way" markings:** Further to the meeting held on 29 January '19 Camden Council, although it's been recognised that additional signage has been installed the Council is looking to improve visibility at the T junction by removing (and replacing) the mature tree facing up Pond St together with filtering/slightly narrowing the junction with the aid of water barriers. The Council has requested the removal of part of the wooden slat fencing as well. A permanent design solution is to be put forward by the Council in conjunction with the Royal Free Hospital. Redesign of the junction will commence late spring/early summer
Action: Camden Council (long-term solution).
Post Note
Wilmott Dixon express concern about the narrowing of the junction but have agreed to continue monitoring the situation.
- 6. Resurface pedestrian walkway across hospital opening:** Further to the meeting held on 29 January 2019 Camden Council has confirmed that resurfacing of the pedestrian walkway will not progress until the construction works have been completed.
Action: Camden Council (long-term solution).

7. Enforcement cameras on Pond St: Camden Council has confirmed that the Council cannot enforce illegal parking with static cameras. At the meeting held on 29 January 2019 the Council advised that enforcement officers monitored Pond St which took place coincidental with Wilmott Dixon undertaking removal of bulk materials off the Pears Building site.

Action: Closed.

8. More traffic marshalls on hospital site to monitor traffic movements and drop-offs:

There is now a more disciplined protocol and the wearing of body cameras by staff to deter abuse by motorists.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

9. Ambulance monitoring: Fewer ambulances are now parking adjacent to the pedestrian area of the main entrance and are also being controlled by the senior traffic marshall.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

10. Traffic management (one way) to accommodate heart attack centre ambulances. The introduction of a one-way system, including egress onto Pond St.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

11. Retention of heart attack centre access: Willmott Dixon staff have been issued with beepers to advise of ambulances approaching the hospital entrance so that the barriers are removed to allow access.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

12. Camera repositioning to focus on T-junction with Pond St: A number of cameras on the hospital site have been repositioned to focus on the T-junction with Pond St, to show movements in and out of the site, and in the disabled parking bays/drop off area. Incidents are now being monitored closely by the hospital's security staff.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

13. Traffic sequencing review at junction of Pond St/Rossllyn Hill: Camden Council is discussing this with Transport for London, which controls all traffic signals in London. The council has advised that the traffic lights have been re-sequenced.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

14. Transport review of bus stops: Camden Council has confirmed that it will not be taking this forward with Transport for London as the bus stops are essential for people who visit the hospital as well as living and working nearby.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

15. Temporary closure of drop-off points between 7 and 11 Pond St: Camden Council has advised that the loading bays will remain where they are as they are required by local businesses.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**

16. Resurfacing of Pond St: Camden Council's plan to resurface Pond Street has been postponed for the foreseeable future as sufficient consideration had not been given to the operation of the hospital. Risk Assessment required from Camden Council. Notwithstanding this, the Council has agreed, in conjunction with RFL and the Charity, not to resurface Pond St until such time a permanent solution for the intersection has been designed as well as the Pears Building having been constructed.

Task completed. **Action: Closed**

Post Note

Closed for the foreseeable future but needs resurrecting at a later date (TBA). To be considered in conjunction with point (5) above.

17. Resurfacing of Rosslyn Hill: Discussions have taken place with Camden Council concerning the resurfacing of a section of Rosslyn Hill and its impact on the Royal Free Hospital, the Pears Building project and the neighbouring Pegasus Life Building construction. Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been completed with the intersection of Rosslyn Hill and Pond St being reopened on 9 August '18. Resurfacing of Hampstead High St towards Hampstead Underground Station has been completed.

Task completed. **Action: Closed.**