

St. Paul's Gyratory Transformation – FAQs

How will traffic routes be affected?

Some journeys will be a little shorter and some slightly longer. For example, a taxi travelling eastbound on Newgate Street towards New Change or Cheapside will have a shorter journey as Newgate Street becomes two-way for all vehicles. A car wanting to travel northbound would in future use St Martin's Le Grand, then turn left into Angel Street and right into King Edward Street. This would be a slightly longer journey but only if you were travelling eastbound along Newgate Street. Further details can be found [here](#).

Other journeys would be largely unaffected and there are no restrictions on which vehicles can use which street, except for the full closure of the southern section of King Edward Street which is proposed to allow the creation of the new public space where all vehicles would be prohibited.

How will bus routes be affected?

All bus routes that currently travel through the area will continue to do so but will need to follow the new road layout. There will be some minor changes to bus stop locations.

Preliminary traffic modelling indicates that like other vehicle journeys, some bus journeys will be slightly quicker while others will take a little longer. The overall impact on bus journey times is predicted to be minimal. Further details can be found [here](#).

What are changes to the bus stand on Giltspur Street?

The new road layout means that bus route 100 will no longer be able to stand in King Edward Street and will be re-routed to stand in Giltspur Street. This necessitates the safeguarding of bus standing spaces in this location. The proposed arrangement will provide standing space for a maximum total of up to eight buses at any one time, plus a boarding stop and is similar to what is currently marked out in Giltspur Street.

The current bus stand on King Edward Street would be converted to a bus stop to provide a stop closer to the main entrance to St Bartholomew's Hospital; a measure that is supported by the hospital as the existing bus stand can have a negative impact on blue light response times.

How is access to St Bartholomew's Hospital affected?

The project team meets regularly with St Bartholomew's Hospital and their input has helped inform design development, particularly in relation to blue light access/response times.

Vehicle access will be largely unchanged from now. However, there is a proposal to introduce two-way working for vehicles on Montague Street between its junction with the rotunda roundabout and Little Britain north. This proposal would shorten the blue light journeys to St Bartholomew's Hospital that arrive from London Wall and Aldersgate Street.

Pedestrian access to St Bartholomew's Hospital will be improved with the new bus stop on King Edward Street closer to the main entrance, as well as the improved environment created by the new public space.

Will there be an increase in traffic on Little Britain south?

A majority of traffic using Little Britain south goes to Little Britain north where St Bartholomew's Hospital has its main access for blue light emergencies, as well as its servicing bays. An analysis of traffic movements suggests there is likely to be an increase in traffic using Little Britain south if the gyratory is system modified; something the project is actively seeking to avoid. The introduction of two-way working on Montague Street would significantly reduce traffic on Little Britain south, as well as aiding blue light responses times to Bart's as it is a more direct route.

Is it too late to change the design of the new public space?

The new proposed public space on King Edward Street is at concept design stage. At over 3000 sq m, it will be larger than Aldgate Square. Over 2500 people responded to a consultation exercise in Jan 23, giving overwhelming support for extensive greening and seating in the new space, and this is reflected in the concept design proposal. However, there is still an opportunity to make changes to the design.

Following the next public consultation launching in late August, all feedback on the public space will be reviewed and inform the next stage of work – the production of a developed design.

As the design for the public space is developed, the project team will continue to engage with the Destination City team and work with the Sports Strategy Manager to explore opportunities to incorporate features to encourage informal exercise and play.

What is the project timetable?

The project team has been working closely with the developers of 81 Newgate Street to ensure that the gyratory project aligns with the development's practical completion date in 2025. We are currently aiming for Gateway 5 approval (Authority to Start Work) in mid-2024.

Certain factors that may affect the timetable are beyond the direct control of the City, most notably Transport for London (TfL) approvals and if any objections received as part of the Statutory Consultation on Traffic Management Orders. In relation to the TfL approvals, officers are working closely with TfL and have been working alongside them to model the traffic impacts on the highway network and bus route journey times. Preliminary modelling indicates that the preferred highway option 1 is acceptable to TfL and will be approved.

Programming for the highway construction works is highly dependent upon the construction programme of 81 Newgate Street being met; in particular the developer's ability to clear their construction activities from the highway to enable access for the City's Highway contractor and enable the required traffic changes.

What if I have a question that isn't answered within this document?

You can contact the project team at any time by emailing stpaulsgyratory@cityoflondon.gov.uk. We will be hosting in-person sessions where you can discuss the proposals with a member of the project team on:

- September 6 at St Bartholomew's Hospital (EC1A 7BE) from 11.30am - 1.30pm
- September 11 at St Bartholomew's Hospital (EC1A 7BE) from 11.30am - 1.30pm
- September 12 at St Bartholomew's Hospital (EC1A 7BE) from 11.30am - 1.30pm
- September 14 at St Bartholomew's Hospital (EC1A 7BE) from 11.30am - 1.30pm
- September 20 at St Botolph - without - Aldersgate Church (EC1A 4EU) from 11.30am - 1.30pm & 4.30 - 6.30pm
- September 27 at St Botolph - without - Aldersgate Church (EC1A 4EU) from 11.30am - 1.30pm & 4.30 - 6.30pm

When does the consultation launch and how do I take part?

The consultation will launch on our website, www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/stpaulsgyratory, Friday 18 August and will close six weeks later on Friday 29 September.