

TTIS RESPONSE TO FM CONWAY'S CONSULTATION ON WORKS TO FRONTAGE OF 1 VICTORIA STREET – 17th DECEMBER 2019

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Dear Mr McLachlan

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2019 seeking the views of The Thorney Island Society on the proposed public realm improvement works along the frontage of 1 Victoria Street.

The Society supports the proposals but asks that part of the proposed "lengthened bus and coach stop" be reserved for tourist 'hop-on hop-off' bus services, in place of the existing and nearby tourist bus stop on Tothill Street, as proposed by The Queen Anne's Gate Residents' Association. Such a transfer would have the following benefits:

1. Reduce noise, vibration and air pollution experienced by the residents of Dartmouth Street and Carteret Street, and by the guests of the Conrad St James and Sanctuary House hotels;
2. Reduce pedestrian congestion on the narrow pavements alongside the existing bus stop, especially outside the branch of Pret a Manger;
3. Reduce traffic congestion on Tothill Street, including bunching of tourist buses and conflict with existing coach parking, commercial deliveries and collections;
4. Improve tourist access to Westminster Abbey and Parliament Square;
5. Improve pedestrian safety on Tothill Street, and
6. Improve the quality of life and general amenity of residents, office workers and hotel guests in the vicinity of the existing bus stop.

I hope this proposal will be considered fully by the Council.