

# news

PADDINGTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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## A YES to Renew Paddington BID

Paddington BID will continue for a further four years, it was announced on 31 October, following a renewal ballot of 300 businesses in Paddington. 82.6% of businesses voted YES to renew the BID, 89.7% by rateable value.

The BID will continue to deliver under five main themes, helping to regenerate the Paddington area; a more attractive Paddington, a safer Paddington, a 'greener' Paddington, a better marketed Paddington and a represented Paddington.

Maxine Chapman, Chair of Paddington BID, Partner in M&L Associates in Bouverie Place said:

*"The yes vote to continue the BID is fantastic news for Paddington. By voting yes, local businesses – many of them small and independent – have told us they are happy with what the BID has achieved and want to see it continue. The extra investment will make Paddington an even better place to be. This key area of London is a great place to do business, work, visit and live."*

*"The next four years will see many changes to Paddington and it should see vast improvements which will benefit us all. Now we can get on with building a more prosperous Paddington."*



Maxine Chapman and Westminster Council Chief Executive Mike More

## Crossrail BID Liaison Panel

Businesses met representatives from Crossrail at the inaugural BID Liaison Panel last week on 19 November, established following the BID's petition against the Crossrail Bill. 20 businesses attended and heard from Crossrail about the overall construction timetable, details of utility diversions, compulsory purchase proposals, plans for compensation and potential road closures and traffic diversions.

A series of themed meetings will take place over the coming months, focusing on construction traffic routes, Eastbourne Terrace, bus and traffic diversions, Praed Street and the Red Star deck plans at the rear of Paddington Station. The Panel will meet again at the end of January 2009 and will consider traffic diversion proposals.

For copies of the information presented by Crossrail or the minutes of the meeting, please visit the Documents and Press page of the BID's website [paddingtonbid.co.uk](http://paddingtonbid.co.uk) and click on Reports. If you would like to attend future Panel meetings, please contact the BID team.

## Talbot Transforms

Contractors are now on site continuing the revamp work at Talbot Square. There has already been some shrub clearance work and the chain-link fence to the southern half of the square has been removed. Ground preparation for the plinth is due to begin mid-November. The new railing installation will take place in early December which should make a huge difference to the look and feel of the square. Completed by the end of March 2009, the square will be open for spring to welcome new visitors.



## Candlelit Carols 2008

Join us for an evening of festive fun on Thursday 11 December in Norfolk Square gardens to celebrate Christmas. The evening starts at 17:00 and ends at 20:00. Come and enjoy a mug of mulled wine, a mince pie or two and sing along to some festive carols.

**CANDLELIT CAROLS 08**

Put on your winter woollies and join us for some festive cheer in Norfolk Square Gardens for PBID's annual Candlelit Carols Christmas Event. There will be festive entertainment, hot food and drinks served including mulled wine.

**Thursday, 11th December**  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Organised by Paddington Business Improvement District

**pbid**  
CALL 020 2140 1212 for details

FREE ENTRY

Map showing the location of Norfolk Square Gardens.

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## Christmas & New Year Recycling Collections

We shall be continuing to run the successful recycling scheme over the Christmas period. Normal operating times will be in place on the collections of Monday 22 December, Monday 29 December and Monday 5 January. Please ensure your recycling is put outside your premises between 18:00 and 19:00 for collection from 19:00. Contact the BID team or use the online order facility at [paddington.bid.co.uk](http://paddington.bid.co.uk) to place orders for recycling bags and tape for the period. Please note our office closing times to ensure you have enough bags for the Christmas period.



## Don't Dump

Westminster Council City Inspectors are stepping up their patrols of the local area in the next few months reporting any waste dumping.

Leaving waste on the public pavements or roads outside collection times or illegally dumping waste is an offence and can lead to prosecution with a maximum penalty of £2,500 for residents or £5,000 for businesses. Waste left out for long periods is unsightly and can attract vermin.

PBID urges businesses to place waste out for collection no more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled waste collection time. All waste generated between collections should be kept on your property until the next scheduled collection. All commercial waste must be presented in either Westminster bags / tapes or for collection by a private contractor.

Westminster Council's Environment Action Line on 020 7641 2000 is available 24 hours for you to report any street cleansing, abandoned vehicles or noise issues.

## Not Such a Near Miss!

On 21 October a Number 205 bus brought Praed Street to a halt when it hit one of the BID's CCTV cameras on the corner of Norfolk Place. In trying to extricate itself it uprooted the camera pole which then fell against the bus. Praed Street was closed for two hours whilst the camera and pole were made safe and removed. Incredibly, the camera continued to work throughout the incident and recorded its own accident. Repairs are nearing completion and the camera will soon be operational again, helping to make Paddington safer.



## Christmas Holiday Office Hours

Paddington BID will close at 5.00pm Friday 19 December 2008 and reopen at 9.00am Monday 29 December. We will also be closed on New Year's Day. If you urgently need to contact us during these times, our main number – 020 3145 1212 – will be diverted to a BID Team member's mobile phone. Westminster City Council's Environment Hotline – 020 7641 2000 – will be manned 24/7 throughout the period to report issues such as broken paving, street light failures or fly-tipping. If you need to contact the Metropolitan Police Service call 999 in an emergency or 0300 123 1212 to talk to your local station.

## Christmas Specials

The BID is providing a Christmas focus on its [inpaddington.com](http://inpaddington.com) homepage. We can promote your Christmas events and offers throughout December – at no extra charge. We can list offers from BID restaurants, bars, pubs and hotels, as well as businesses providing services such as hairdressing, make-up – anything for the Christmas period. Please email your information through to [pbid@inpaddington.com](mailto:pbid@inpaddington.com), providing full details of your offers, hours and dates, redemption conditions, prices, addresses and contact details. If you provide us with a web link we can also add this to our website.

## New Look Praed Street

The re-paving and pavement widening from London Street to Junction Place is well advanced and most of this stretch will be completed before work is suspended on 15 December to avoid any disruption over Christmas. Work is also starting on installing the new lamp columns along this section which is transforming the look of Praed Street. Reaction from businesses and visitors has been extremely favourable with people really appreciating the extra width, spacious feel and appearance of the pavement.

