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Our ref Pedestrian Zones

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Dear Occupier / Resident, Austin Friars

## Re: Pedestrian Zone – Changes to Operational Hours

You may recall that earlier this year, NRP Consultancy Ltd on behalf of the City of London Corporation consulted you again about proposals to change the operational hours of various pedestrian zones in the City, including at Austin Friars.

The original proposal was to change the hours of operation at Austin Friars from Monday to Friday 11am – 4pm to Monday to Friday 7am – 9pm. However, the findings from this recent consultation indicated that these changes would have some negative impacts on occupiers' delivery and servicing activities, mainly in the morning periods. Following the responses, we've amended the proposals slightly to operate from **8am – 9pm Monday to Friday**, which reduces the impacts and balances the needs of people using the area with the needs of local occupiers.

The next stage is to now carry out the statutory consultation process for these changes, which must be done before implementation can take place. This will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> November, and further details can be found on our website at <u>Traffic Order consultations - City of London</u>. The changes will then take place once the statutory process is complete, and the new signage will be installed, which we anticipate will happen early in the new year. Please keep a look out for them.

For your information, a plan showing the proposals in your area is attached overleaf. If you have any comments or queries regarding this, please let me know, by email at <a href="mailto:streetspaceplanning@cityoflondon.gov.uk">streetspaceplanning@cityoflondon.gov.uk</a>

Yours faithfully,

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