



Department
for Culture,
Media & Sport

This letter contains essential information about how plans for the Victory in Europe (VE) Day Programme might affect you.

Dear Occupier,

Throughout the week commencing 5 May, London is hosting the VE Day Programme to celebrate 80 years since the victory was declared in Europe at the end of WW2. During this week a series of high-profile ceremonial events are being planned to take place across London, starting with the VE80 Procession and Flypast on Monday 5 May. This is expected to draw significant public attention both on the ground in London, and via broadcast coverage.

The Procession will take place on 5 May along a route from Parliament Square, via Whitehall and The Mall, finishing at the Queen Victoria Memorial showcasing ceremonial traditions of the British Armed Forces. The procession will reflect the importance of intergenerational remembrance and honouring the legacy of those who served.

For more information on how you can watch the VE80 Procession and Flypast, and participate with other events in the programme please visit www.gov.uk/dcms

What to expect as a business or resident

VE80 is on a similar scale to other high-profile Royal Ceremonial Events.

The main ceremonial event for the VE80 programme is on the 5 May but other activities will be taking place across the week that may also affect you, these include:

- Overnight rehearsal, Parliament Square, Whitehall and The Mall – 2 to 3 May
- Service of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey – 8 May
- Concert of Celebration, Horse Guards Parade Ground – 8 May (evening)

During these events you can expect:

- Higher footfall across Central London
- Anyone wishing to travel to central London is strongly advised to use public transport, Possible disruption or changes to normal public transport services - this could include diversions, temporary closure of stations or other measures needed for safety of members of the public
- Works and activities including the playing of military music may be audible at various times, including overnight. Every effort will be taken to minimise any disturbance to you
- There will be an increased police and security presence across Central London on the days leading up to and including 5 May
- Barriers will be deployed in areas where restrictions are required, this could affect pedestrian crossings
- For more information, please visit Transport for London www.tfl.gov.uk and National Rail www.nationalrail.co.uk

Advice on how to limit any impact the VE80 programme may have on you is included within this letter.

Pedestrian restrictions: How they will affect you

5 May - VE80 Procession and Flypast

Police, security personnel, stewards, and barriers will be deployed around The Mall, Whitehall and Parliament Square to support the safe delivery of the event. They will also support with access to your property.

When approaching your property, we strongly recommend using the below map and recommended walking routes to assist with your journey. The event footprint has been spilt into zones to assist you in more detail. This is especially important as once the event is deemed full, access to your zone will only be possible via the routes outlined.

If you approach from a different route, you may be redirected to take an alternative route if one is available. Pedestrian restrictions will likely be in place from **06:00 to 16:00 on 5 May only**.

Please follow the directions of event staff and signage across the footprint but to help with planning:

- Crossing points will be in operation on Parliament Street, Whitehall and The Mall. However, these are likely to close temporarily at short notice to support with crowd management, and will close for an extended period of time once the procession starts.
- If challenged, please support the MPS and our stewarding teams on the ground by providing clear information about the property you are trying to access, as this will assist with a smoother journey.
- To assist us with this we strongly recommend you and your guests/staff travel with proof of address, a staff pass or an official invite to your property, and a copy of this.
- If you plan to use an alternative route, please avoid crossing the event footprint and avoid areas including St James's Park, The Green Park, Whitehall, and The Mall to reduce disruption to your journey.
- Please note this does not guarantee access to any of the events listed, for more information on how you can join in the VE Day Programme please visit **ve-vjday80.gov.uk**

We strongly recommend using the access routes identified in the map below to assist with access to your property.



Pedestrian Access, 5 May

Green Zone

We strongly recommend arriving via Green Park Underground Station or Charing Cross Underground or Mainline stations. Once the event is full, access to Trafalgar Square may be restricted, in the event that there will be a diversion route across the North Terrace of Trafalgar Square.

Red Zone

We strongly recommend arriving via Westminster or Embankment Underground Stations or Charing Cross Underground or Mainline stations. Access to the Red Zone will be limited once the procession starts. This means that if you require access your property or place of work on 5 May we recommend arriving before 09:00. Access to the area will be reopened once the event has concluded and crowds have dispersed.

Blue Zone

We strongly recommend arriving via Westminster or Embankment Underground Stations or Charing Cross Underground or Mainline stations.

Pink Zone

We strongly recommend arriving via Victoria Underground or Mainline station. St James's Park Station will be open, but may close if required to manage crowds. From Victoria Station, please use Victoria Street for the most direct route.

Orange Zone

We strongly recommend arriving via Victoria Underground or Mainline station. St James's Park Station will be open, but may close if required to manage crowds. From Victoria Station, please use Victoria Street for the most direct route.

Vehicle restrictions: How they will affect you

To support the delivery of infrastructure and preparations for the event, several road closures are required to provide a safe environment for those working, participating and viewing the activities.

Please follow the directions of event staff and signage across the footprint:

- Deliveries and collections, including commercial and residential waste collections, will not be possible when roads are closed. We ask for your assistance by rescheduling any deliveries, commercial waste collections, and by not placing your waste on the street during event restrictions
- Vehicles (buses, coaches, cars, vans, trucks, motorbike or bicycles) will not be allowed into the restricted event area, once these closures are in place
- Vehicle parking will be suspended at some locations within the event footprint. Please follow the yellow parking suspension signage for further information. Any vehicles remaining after 21:00 on 4 May will be removed
- If your parking is not suspended but you usually park within the event footprint and need to use your vehicle during the restrictions, please move your vehicle outside the event footprint prior to the vehicle restrictions
- Where possible and safe to do so, access may be facilitated during the below times, however, please note that it may not be possible to access the road closures during this time, so please plan around it

Please note, there will be temporary changes to the operation of Cycleway 3 around Buckingham Palace and Constitution Hill. Management will be in place to support vehicles crossing the cycleway from the 23 April until 13 May to support with the build and removal of event infrastructure.

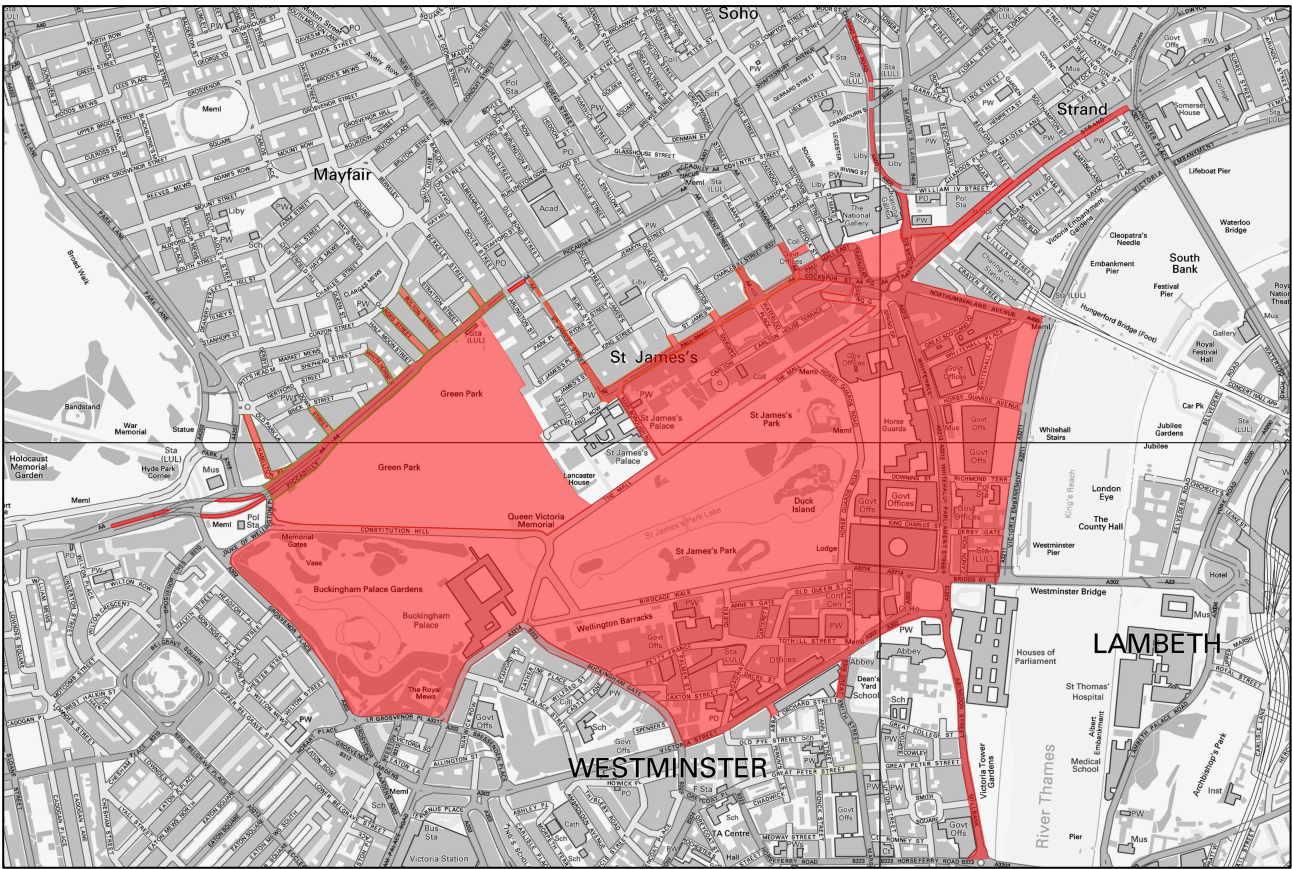
However, this route will be closed during the following times:

- 21:00 on 2 May until 11:00 on 3 May
- 21:00 on 4 May until 20:00 on 5 May
- 06:00 until 16:00 on 8 May

Please review the maps below for road closures across the event programme.

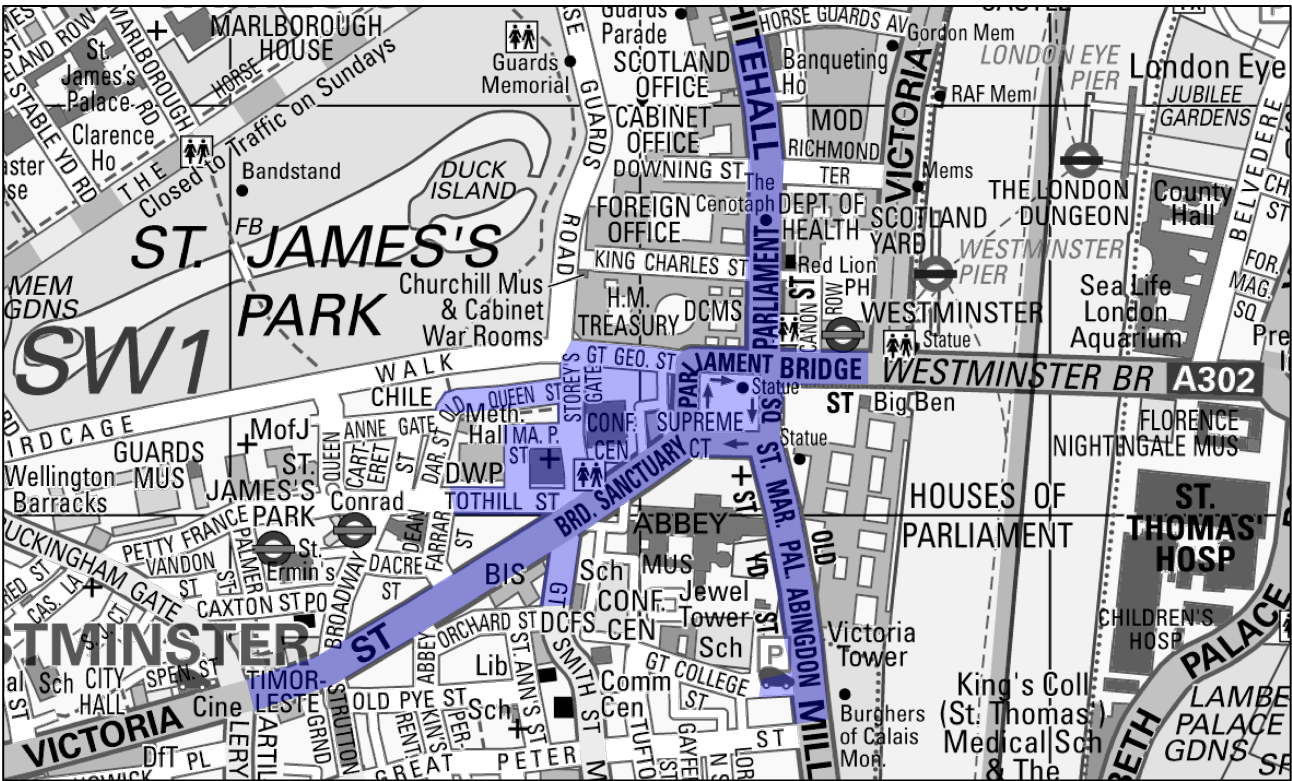
5 May - VE80 Parade and Flypast

The map below represents the extent of these road closures and restrictions will be in place from **20:00 on 2 May** until **11:00 on 3 May** to facilitate an overnight rehearsal, and from **21:00 on 4 May** until **20:00 on 5 May**.



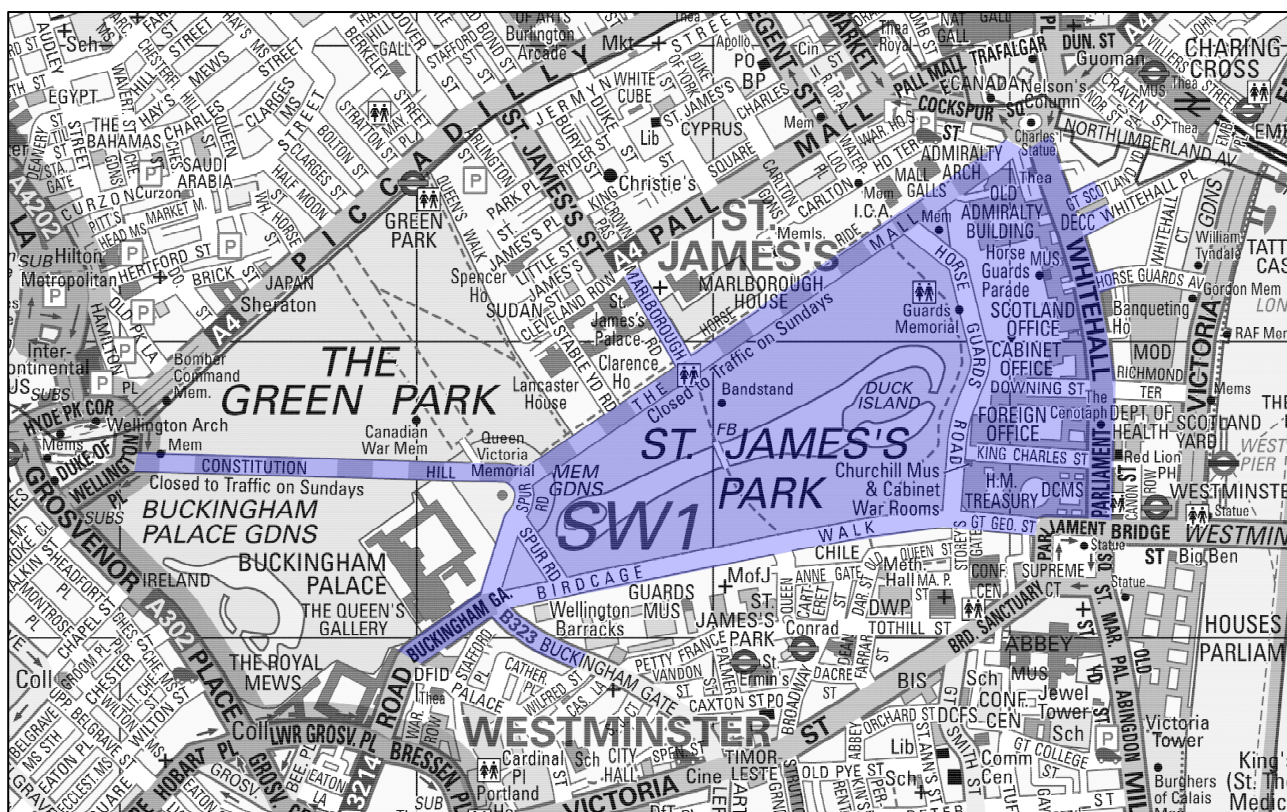
8 May - Service at Westminster Abbey

The map below represents the extent of these road closures and restrictions will be in place from **06:00** until **16:00 on 8 May**.



8 May, Concert on Horse Guards Parade

The map below represents the extent of these road closures and restrictions will be in place from **17:00** until **23:00** on **8 May**.



Safety and security

The safety and security of businesses, residents and event attendees is of paramount importance to the success of the event.

We are working closely with Westminster City Council (WCC), Transport for London (TfL), the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), British Transport Police (BTP), London Ambulance Service (LAS) and London Fire Brigade (LFB) on all plans and details for the event.

- Security for the event will be managed by professional security personnel and stewards, working alongside the emergency services and other agencies to monitor and manage access into the event areas
- CCTV cameras will be in operation within and around the footprint for each event. The cameras are operated by trained professionals in accordance with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice and GDPR to assist our event production company in monitoring crowd flow throughout the event

We encourage anyone living, working, or visiting the event footprint to be vigilant, and to report anything of concern to a steward or police officer, you can also report it to police in confidence via www.act.campaign.gov.uk. In an emergency always call **999**.

Contact us

For any specific queries, you can contact us directly at **VE80@identityglobal.com** and for support on the 5 May you can also call the Business and Residents team on **0203 700 3020**.

Please include the full address and postcode of the property you are enquiring about in the subject line of your email or voicemail.

The personal details you give us will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used to send essential information about The VE80 event or other major ceremonial events organised by the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport (the event organiser). Your data will only be accessed by the 'data controllers', the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport (the event organiser) and their 'data processor' and the contracted event delivery partner (Identity Global). Your data will not be shared with third parties. Your data will be kept to enable the DCMS to contact you about future ceremonial events. You can opt out at any time.

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