

BLOOMSBURY RESIDENTS' ACTION GROUP

PROOF OF EVIDENCE 10

Practical problems caused for local businesses and residents

STATEMENT

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Tavistock Place resident - practical problems for daily living

- a) The trial scheme takes too little account of the need for vehicles to park and unload along Tavistock Place. There is an unloading bay at the top of Herbrand Street but it is too small. The photos below show a van delivering laundry to hotels east of Herbrand Street. It takes up more than the bay by several feet. This sort of delivery takes more than a minute or two. There are similar long parks by vehicles bringing building materials, etc to buildings nearby. The Herbrand Street unloading bay is also sometimes used by ambulances because there are not always enough ambulance bays.



- b) Asking residents to use the Herbrand Street unloading bay (assuming there is space) increases unloading times. A resident reports having to park for 45 minutes at a time when bringing crates of belongings home. The time was used carrying the crates about 50 yards along the street to the front door. Unloading would have taken about 5 minutes if it had been possible to park outside the front door, take crates inside with the front door left open, and then drive off.
- c) Unloading is difficult enough on the south side of Tavistock Place but even more difficult for residents on the north side of Tavistock Place because of the need to cross the road, possibly heavily laden. And how are residents expected to move house? How far must furniture be carried along the pavement? The practical implications of this trial have not been thought through.