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Fighting change: Gloucester Place is currently a one-way street, and many local residents want to keep it like that

Marylebone doesn't want it both ways

MARYLEBONE residents are rebelling over plans to turn Baker Street and Gloucester Place into two-way streets.

They claim the £15 million proposal from Westminster council and Transport for London will cause traffic chaos, turn quiet side streets into rat runs and slash the value of their homes.


The two streets currently form a one-way system running from Regent's Park to Oxford Street. A poster campaign has been launched demanding "No Two Ways", and local resident Steven Dollond founded the single-

issue No Two Ways party to fight a council by-election last month, coming second to the Tories.

Almost 1,500 residents took part in a consultation exercise – a record participation, according to Graham King, head of strategic transport planning and public realm at the council. About 60 per cent objected to the plan, citing congestion, pollution and rat running.

But the council is determined to push ahead, with further consultation planned "over the coming weeks". A spokesman said: "We will look at redesigning various elements before going back out to public consultation."

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Lifechanger of the week open a boutique hotel in a listed riverside mansion



£1.35 million: a Grade II-listed Queen Anne mansion on the banks of the River Severn could make a fabulous boutique hotel.

The imposing house in historic Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire, sits in beautiful formal gardens.

Set at the end of a no through road, it has seven bedrooms – three of them en suite – and a mass of entertaining space, including three reception rooms and a library. It also has a separate staff cottage and a barn, which could easily be converted to a guest annexe. In all, there is more than 4,000 sq ft of space, not counting the cellar.

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By Faye Greenslade



Trophy blow the bonus on exclusive £10m Coombe Hill Estate retreat

£9.95 million: this fabulous new-build on the desirable Coombe Hill Estate – between Wimbledon and Kingston upon Thames – is an 11,000 sq ft bonus-buster.

From the magnificent triple-height entrance hall, choose one of the six reception rooms or head straight to the 45ft glass-walled David Linley

kitchen for a view of the garden. Go down to the basement for the spa complex, swimming pool and cinema, or up the majestic staircase to the six bedrooms, two of them with balconies overlooking the neighbouring golf course.

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London buy of the week Southfields garden flat perfect for open-plan living

£675,000: what's not to love about the simplistic clean lines and bright feel that this Southfields garden flat offers?

The ample living space has been converted behind the elegant façade of an Edwardian house, featuring high ceilings and sash windows in two double bedrooms with fitted wardrobes and wood floors.

At the rear of the flat, an open-plan reception



room incorporates a high gloss and granite kitchen, along with dining and living areas.

The room has a skylit roof, plus huge bi-fold

doors opening on to a large patio and decked private garden.

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