

South Molton Community Liaison Group

Date	30/07/2025
Time	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Location	Grosvenor Office, 70 Grosvenor Street
Attendees	Grosvenor: Martin Kinsey, Alex Clarke, Annabel Coke Skanska: Dermot O’Kelly, Charlie Smith and Peter Walsh Curo: Tom Stanion and Joe Whyte Representatives attended from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayfair residents• Peabody residents• Local businesses• RSMSJ
Apologies/ Distribution:	Invites were also sent to representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City of London• Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum• Multiple Brook Street businesses• Multiple South Molton Street businesses• West One (British Land)

1. Recap of previous actions

Annabel Coke provided a recap of actions from the previous session, and an overview of changes brought about through the CLG. A brief overview of the scheme was also provided.

- **Grosvenor** to investigate if other opportunities for advertising can be made available to SMS retailers.
 - We are working with a company called Urban Vision to install advertising on the scaffold wrap. For further details and to enquire about advertising on the scaffold, please contact martin.kinsey@grosvenor.com.
- **Curo** to investigate any possibility of reducing the depth of the South Molton Street site hoarding into the public footpath.
 - Curo confirmed that they will be able to reduce the area of the 10 SMS hoarding following the removal of the 10 SMS scaffold once the works requiring its use have been completed.

2. Project Update by Skanska on North and South

Charlie Smith shared an update on works to the North and South Blocks and the Running Horse Pub, including the upcoming completion of demolition works.

An update was also provided on project environmental sustainability and social value enhancement measures, including Skanska’s recent volunteering initiatives.

Questions arose in relation to the following:

- What are the 'core structures' referred to in the slide images?
 - o The concrete core is the centralised structure in the building that will house the stairs and lifts which will run through the building. The completion of the cores will mark the end of McGee's works.

3. Project Update by Curo on South Molton Street

Joe Whyte provided an update on works to date on the South Molton Street Properties. Joe shared details of the recently scheduled Thames Water works, as well as provided an updated timeline on the reopening of South Molton Passage.

Curo shared some of their recent sustainability figures, and shared their successes in partnering with Strive Developments, through which they are providing work experience and apprenticeships to local residents.

Questions and comments were noted as follows:

- Will there be traffic marshals whilst Thames Water works are in the public footpath?
 - o Thames Water are responsible for marshalling works completed outside the Curo site boundary. Curo are working with Thames Water to confirm the extent of their works in the street, and to agree a traffic management plan.
- When will the hoarding on South Molton Street come down?
 - o The scaffold will continue to come down in sections as roof works complete, with final strike due to complete in spring 2026. The hoarding will be removed in sections, from late 2025.
- When will the SMS project be completed?
 - o The first phase of retail handovers will take place before the end of 2025, and all works are due to complete early summer 2026.

4. Community Initiatives

Grosvenor shared an update on the recently launched Community Liaison Group for Grosvenor Square Gardens. Grosvenor also shared details on the Summer Exhibitions currently running as part of the Mount Street Neighbourhood events program. More details on these exhibitions and other Mount Street neighbourhood events can be found here: [What's on | Mount Street Neighbourhood, London](#).

5. AOB

Questions arose on the following:

- When is the hotel due to start on site, and will a representative attend the CLG to present on logistics for how the development works will be serviced alongside Skanska and Curo?

- An exact start date is not currently known, but strip out works are expected to commence this year. Grosvenor will be working closely with Oberoi to maintain escape access out of the Lane. Grosvenor will invite a representative for the hotel closer to when works commence.
- Do we have any information on West One's development plans?
 - We have not received an update, but continue to share invitations to the South Molton CLG with representatives from West One.
- Could there be opportunities for residents to participate in charity events to aid in raising money for Grosvenor's charity partner, Groundwork?
 - We are pleased that there is interest in supporting our charitable and fundraising efforts. Grosvenor is reviewing its community investment programme which includes fundraising and volunteering, and will share more details about how businesses and wider communities can get involved soon. In the meantime, you can read about one of our current charity partners, Groundwork, [here](#).

6. Next Steps

- **Grosvenor** to circulate minutes to members and publish on the South Molton website.
- **Grosvenor** to diarise the next meeting for autumn 2025. **CLG members** to confirm attendance.
- **Curo** to investigate the extent of Thames Water's proposed work and work closely with TW on preparing a traffic management plan to mitigate impact to the street.
- **Grosvenor** to follow up with Thames Water on engagement with SMS retailers.
- **CLG members** to consider how we might increase attendance at future sessions and share any additional feedback on how we can continue to ensure the meetings correctly cater to attendees.