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World-famous London shopping street pedestrianized – 29th October 2026

Level 0

London's famous Oxford Street is now only for people. No cars, buses, trucks, etc. can drive on it. Oxford Street is well known for shopping. It used to be full of traffic. London's mayor decided to make around one kilometre of the street only for people. He hopes many shoppers will go to the street. He will plant more trees.

Many people are happy that the street will be less polluted. The mayor no cars would help make London greener. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy. One man said cars will be "pushed" to small streets nearby. He said this would harm the environment.

Level 1

A famous London shopping street is now only for people. No cars, buses, trucks, etc. can drive on it. Oxford Street is known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London decided to make around one kilometre of the street only for people. However, delivery trucks can use it after midnight. The mayor hopes many shoppers will go to the street. He called it a very important event for London. He will plant more trees on the street.

Many people are happy that the area will be less polluted. The mayor said a traffic-free Oxford Street would help make a better and greener city. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy. A local official said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." A magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder.

Level 2

London's most famous shopping street has been pedestrianized. No cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can drive on it. Oxford Street is well known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is only for people, not cars. However, delivery trucks can use the area after midnight. The mayor hopes the pedestrianization will bring shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. He will plant more trees along the street, and add more seats and tables.

Some people are happy and others are unhappy about the pedestrianization. Many people are happy that the area will be less polluted. The mayor said a traffic-free Oxford Street would help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy no cars can go on the street. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." A magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder.

Level 3

One of London's most famous shopping streets has been pedestrianized. This means no cars, buses, trucks, or motorbikes can enter it. The street is called Oxford Street. It is well known all over the world. It used to be full of traffic. The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, decided to make it pedestrian-only. Around one kilometre of the street is off limits to vehicles. However, delivery trucks can use the area between midnight and 7 am. Mayor Khan hopes the pedestrianization will bring more shoppers back to the area. He called it a very important event for London. Mr Khan also plans to plant more trees along the street, create public squares, and add more seats and tables.

There have been mixed reactions to the pedestrianization of Oxford Street. Many people support the plan. They are happy that the area will be less polluted. Khan said a traffic-free Oxford Street would "unlock the full potential" of an important area of London and help make a better, greener, and richer London. Around half a million people visit the street every day. However, many Londoners are unhappy that the street has been closed to traffic. Local official Tim Barnes said: "Traffic will be pushed to the small streets nearby causing economic and environmental harm." The Spectator magazine warned that life for car drivers would be harder. It wrote: "London is now officially the world's slowest city."