

New West End Company BID ballot - LRC response to result

The New West End Company's recent ballot creating London's newest Business Improvement District has received the 'yes' vote (61%). If you are writing on this, please consider the following comment from the London Retail Consortium.

Alastair McKay, Chairman of the London Retail Consortium, said:

'This result clearly shows that the business voice in London has spoken.

"The retail industry's willingness to invest over and above what is already contributed through taxes, business rates and additional positive investments and contributions, demonstrates their continued commitment to help position London as a premium world shopping destination.

"At a time when consumer confidence has been weakened by successive interest rate rises, high property prices and rising labour costs, retailers can look forward to a better managed West End that delivers an even better retailing experience for shoppers and store owners alike.

"We urge the Mayor to make the best use of this opportunity to improve transport links and the difficult conditions for those businesses that depend on vehicle access for their essential deliveries and servicing needs."