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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations and has the honour to refer to the briefing session which was held at Lancaster House on 5 July, attended by both LOCOG and TfL, when information on road closures and access during the Olympic Games was passed to those present.

Local Area Access Permits for all diplomatic missions and international organisations will be available for collection from Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations Unit (DMIOU) from this week. More information on Local Area Access Permits is contained in a letter which will be handed to missions and organisations when they collect their passes. Missions and organisations are requested to collect their passes at their earliest convenience during standard DMIOU collection times beginning on 17 July. Passes are not vehicle-specific and so may be transferred between vehicles within the same mission or organisation.

Staff of missions and organisations who will be visiting the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Main Building during the Olympic Games are requested to access the Building via Whitehall and King Charles Street.

Local Area Access Permits should be displayed in vehicles between 25 July and 9 August inclusive (from 6am to midnight). From 10 August vehicle checkpoints will be removed from the area.

The area around Whitehall and more widely in Westminster will be congested throughout the Olympic Games due to the proximity of Games venues. Diplomatic missions and international organisations are requested to visit TfL/LOCOG websites regularly for traffic and road change updates. A link to the Central London Guide is downloadable from the “Get Ahead of the Games” website ([www.getaheadofthegames.com](http://www.getaheadofthegames.com)).

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all diplomatic missions and international organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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