

# COCHRANE STREET

## Location

Cochrane Street, Westminster

## Client Type

Local Authority [Westminster City Council – Growth, Planning & Housing team]

## Key Collaborators

UKPN and WCC legal teams

## Workstage

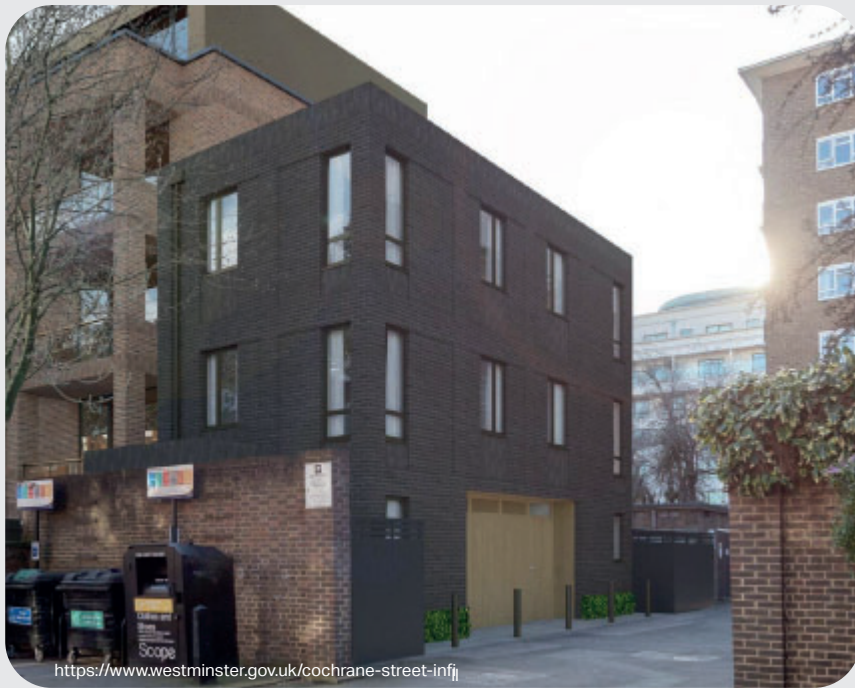
RIBA 6 - Handover and close out

## Summary

The conclusion of the Cochrane Street work required the finalisation of some legal paperwork. This project is part of the council's Infills Programme, which turns under-utilised spaces throughout Westminster into much needed affordable homes.

## The Challenge

The lease between UKPN and WCC had stalled for a long time because of communication issues, blocking completion and handover of the scheme.



<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/cochrane-street-infill>

Infrastructure Coordination  
Development Service

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## Our Approach

The Infrastructure Coordinator used her industry knowledge and experience to undertake a mediation role, convening the relevant people and encouraging a collaborative approach.

The Infrastructure Coordinator was able to ensure that communication between parties remained high priority and whilst there was an amendment to plans, this came to light due to the unblocking process and both parties were able to continue working to a mutually beneficial conclusion.

This forged beneficial relationships and led to the swift resolution of the issues and the agreement of the lease.

## Testimonial

*"[The Coordinator] was an absolute superstar in helping and pushing through the communication with external parties and our legal team. Her professionalism, drive and collaboration allowed for my lease with UKPN to be completed within a very quick turnaround which originally was stalled for months."*

Siddiq Patel,  
Development Delivery Manager,  
Growth Housing & Planning

## Key Outcomes

The Coordinator was able to ensure the issue was escalated to the right people; ensuring solicitors for both WCC and UKPN could progress the lease agreements.

This led to the timely unblocking of the issue and subsequently the completion and full handover of the project.



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