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Mutual agreement reached between Crossrail and CSJV to conclude existing Bond Street contract

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Crossrail says its Bond Street contract with Costain Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV) has been concluded by mutual agreement.

The move comes following a review and re-structuring of any works that are essential to opening the railway and to ensure the Elizabeth line is completed in the most effective and efficient way.

Crossrail says the existing contract concluded on Wednesday, with both companies working together to ensure a safe and effective transition.

New arrangements will be put in place to complete the works – which largely relate to fit-out and testing and commissioning activity.

Much of the central section infrastructure is complete, with many stations now in the final stages of fit-out. The focus will then be on ensuring all stations are ready for the trial running.

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CSJV will remain main contractor for the work at Paddington.

A Crossrail Ltd spokesperson said: "In the light of COVID-19, we have been reviewing and re-structuring any works that are essential to opening the railway and to ensure we complete the Elizabeth line in the most effective and efficient way.

"This includes at Bond Street which is uniquely affected by the post-Covid world due to the volume of work remaining and the number of people required on site to complete the station.

"Over the last few weeks Crossrail Ltd has been in discussions with Costain Skanska Joint Venture (CSJV) to agree a way forward for Bond Street. As a result, Crossrail Ltd and CSJV have mutually agreed to conclude the existing contract as of midnight on 24 June and will work together to ensure a safe and effective transition.

"Crossrail Ltd will be putting in place new arrangements to complete the works which largely relate to fitout and testing and commissioning activity.

"Despite the significant challenges COVID-19 brings our focus remains on doing everything we can to open the central section between Paddington and Abbey Wood as soon as possible and the earliest possible opening for Bond Street."

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