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# Cenotaph Ceremony 2018

## Free Taxi Service for Veterans participating in the Cenotaph Ceremony

London's taxis are once again providing a **FREE TAXI SERVICE**, operating from **0800 to 1000** from various locations with a return for all those going to and from the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

The service receives no subsidy or sponsorship from TfL. It is provided by working taxi drivers using their own vehicles, supported by those Knowledge Boys and Girls studying hard to become taxi drivers, plus non working taxi drivers and their families acting as marshals, all giving their time to help on this special day. This is the taxi trade's way of making a small payment for the sacrifices made by so many of our armed forces on our behalf.

Drivers are once again giving their whole hearted backing to providing this service, and I will help to co-ordinate the taxi service. The following points have already been identified as hub pick ups

- Union Jack Club
- Victory Services Club
- Kings Cross (main line)
- Liverpool Street
- Paddington (main line)
- Fenchurch Street
- London Bridge
- Victoria (main line)
- Victoria Coach Station
- Waterloo (main line)
- Euston
- Marylebone

With wheelchair accessibility and the ability to take up to 5 persons at a time, the service should cater for all needs. Once identified, we will endeavour to provide taxis free of charge to satisfy those needs.

**Please note that, especially at stations, Poppy Cabs rank alongside the working rank which is used for normal passengers. You should be careful to go to the correct rank as you may be charged if you use one from the normal rank. Look for the Poppy Cab logo (example below)**

You do not need to let us know your pick up times for any of the hub locations.

A limited service will be provided to take some veterans, particularly those in wheelchairs or with ambulatory problems, directly to and from their homes (if within the greater London area). To do this we need to identify and match up drivers living near to these veterans. However, I must point out that while every effort will be made, **there is no guarantee that every veteran can be matched with a driver**. An early request will be more likely to have a positive outcome. **No requests can be processed after noon on Thursday 8 November**

We need to know

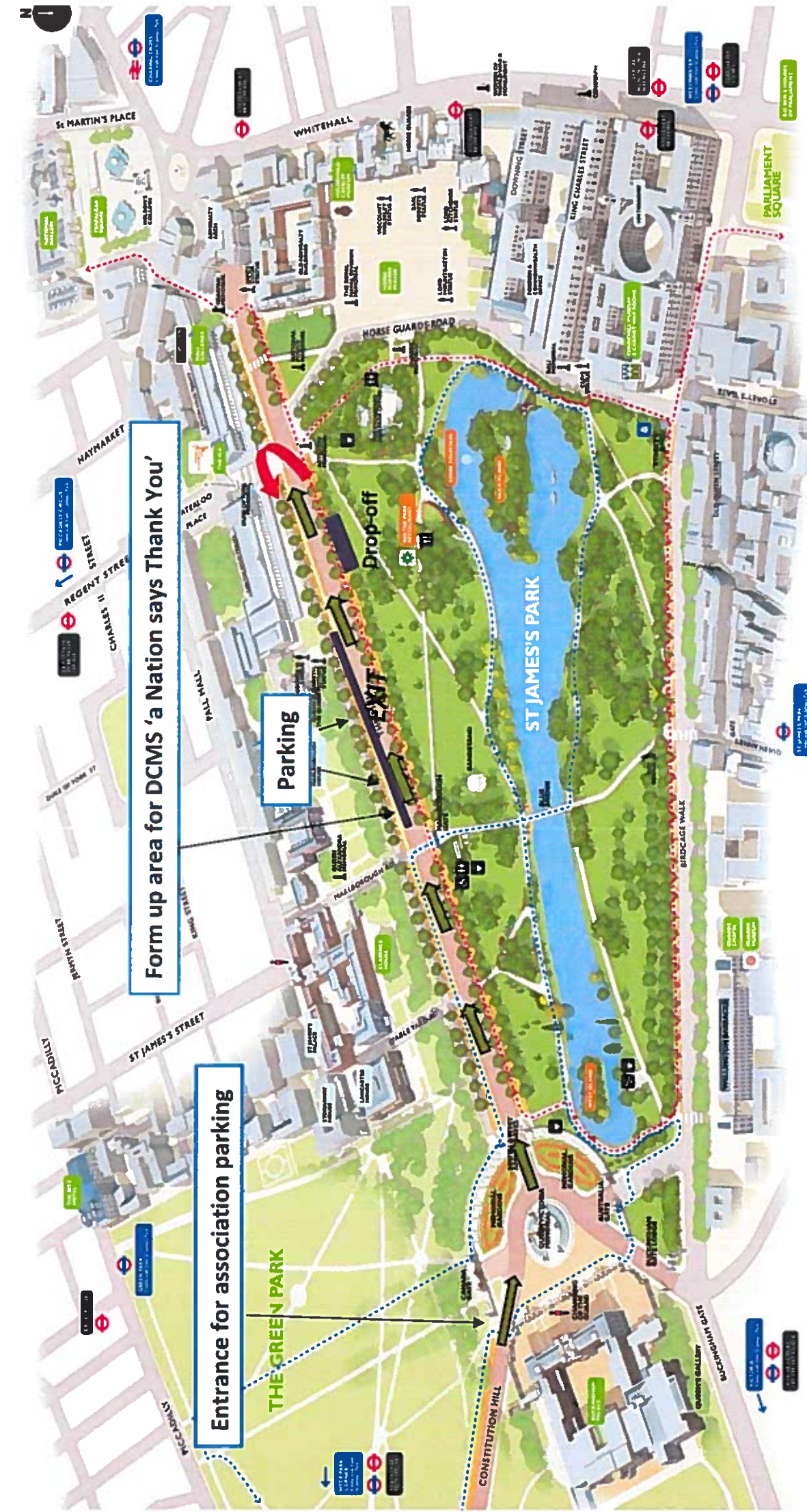
Location:  
Pick up time  
Number in party

Please contact me by e-mail (use header **Remembrance Sunday 2018**) to [mike@mikehughes.org.uk](mailto:mike@mikehughes.org.uk) send an SMS message to **07973 430022** or on Twitter **@PoppyCabs**

**SECURITY NOTE: Until the security level on the day has been established we will not be able to confirm exact drop off and return pick up points until very close to, or possibly on, the day. This year's normal parade is being followed by a 10,000 strong People's Procession. This may affect our normal drop off and pick up points. We are hoping to have our usual return departure points. Drivers and marshals will confirm this with you when you are picked up at the start.**

Mike Hughes, Remembrance Sunday Independent Taxi Co-ordinator.





Form up area for DCMS 'a Nation says Thank You'

Parking

Drop-off

Entrance for association parking

# THE ROYAL PARKS

www.royalparks.org.uk

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**FAMOUS LANDMARKS**  
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**A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST JAMES'S PARK**  
 The park has a rich history and has been a part of London since the 16th century. It was first created as a private garden for the King and has since become a public park. The park is a beautiful green space and is home to the Queen's Printer of White, the Queen's Printer of White, and the Queen's Printer of White.

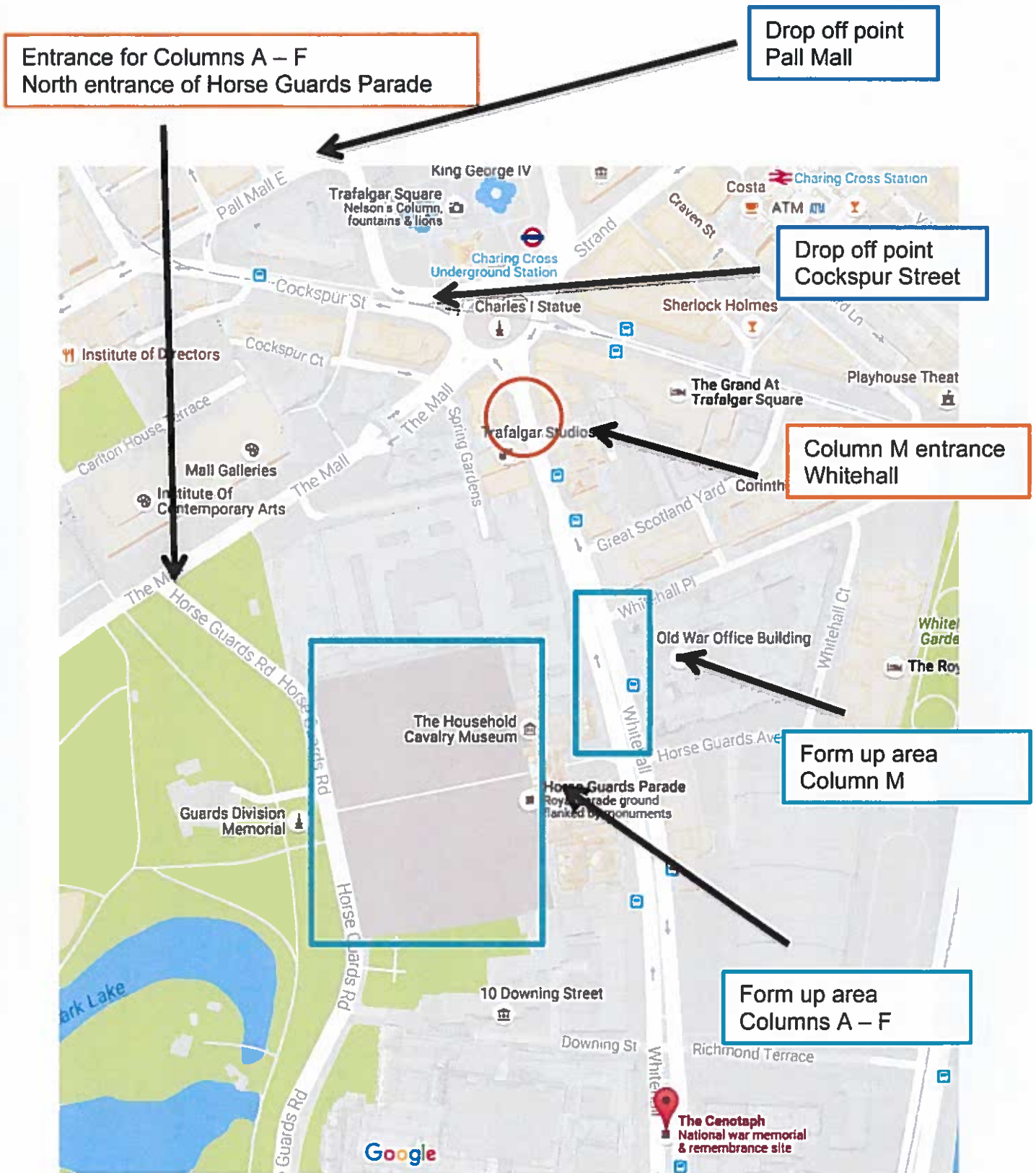
**Public Access**  
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**Public Transport**  
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**Other Amenities**  
 The park offers a range of other amenities, including disabled toilets, public toilets, a kiosk, a children's play area, and restaurants. It is a beautiful green space and is home to the Queen's Printer of White, the Queen's Printer of White, and the Queen's Printer of White. The park is a beautiful green space and is home to the Queen's Printer of White, the Queen's Printer of White, and the Queen's Printer of White.

# ANNEX D

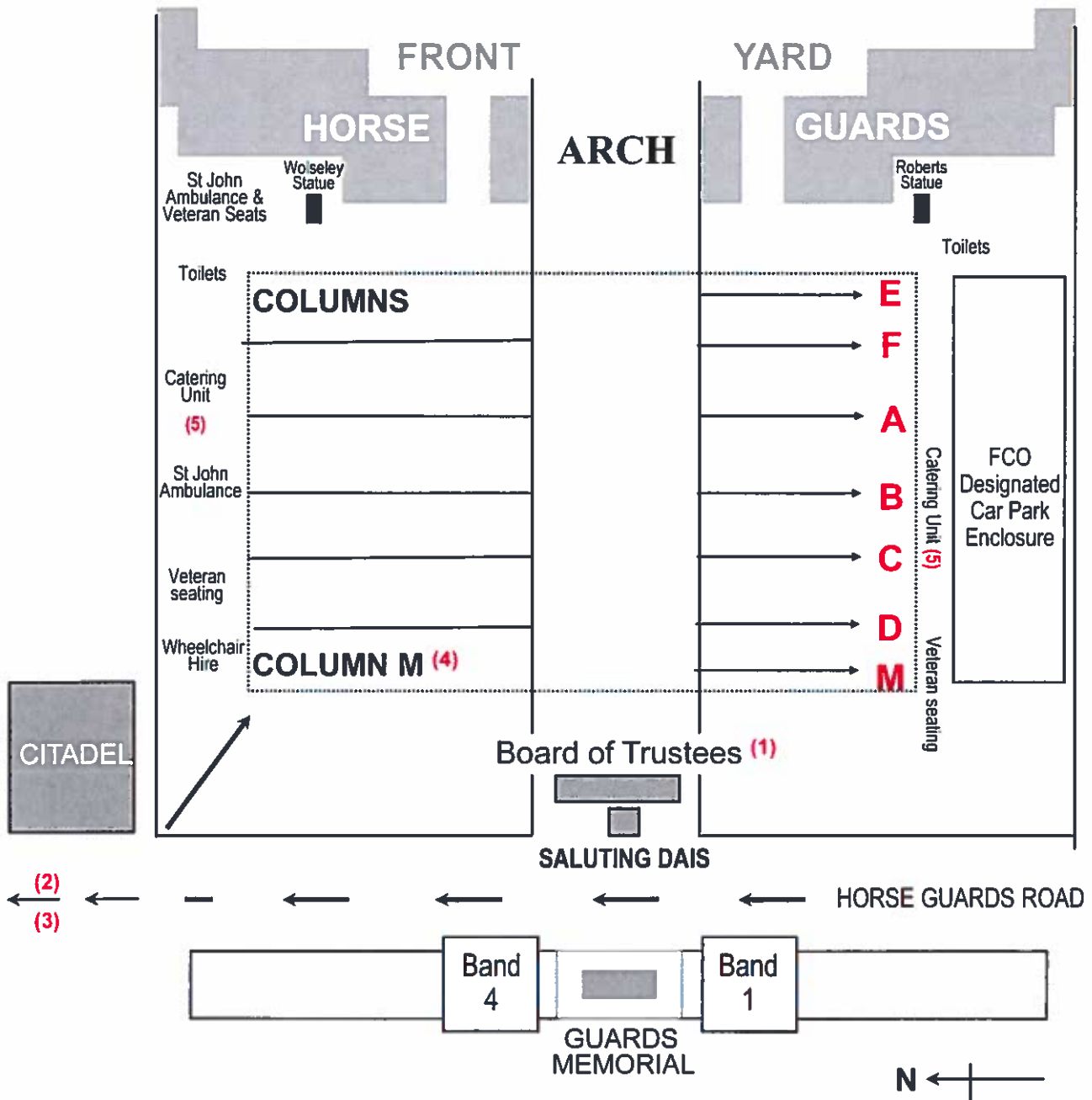
## ENTRANCE POINTS AND NEW DROP OFF POINTS FOR ASSOCIATIONS



### North Horse Ride Association parking

The DCMS 'a Nation says Thank You' parade will be forming up along The Mall therefore, this will impact on the parking access area for associations. There will be only one lane open for vehicles to get in and out of the parking area.

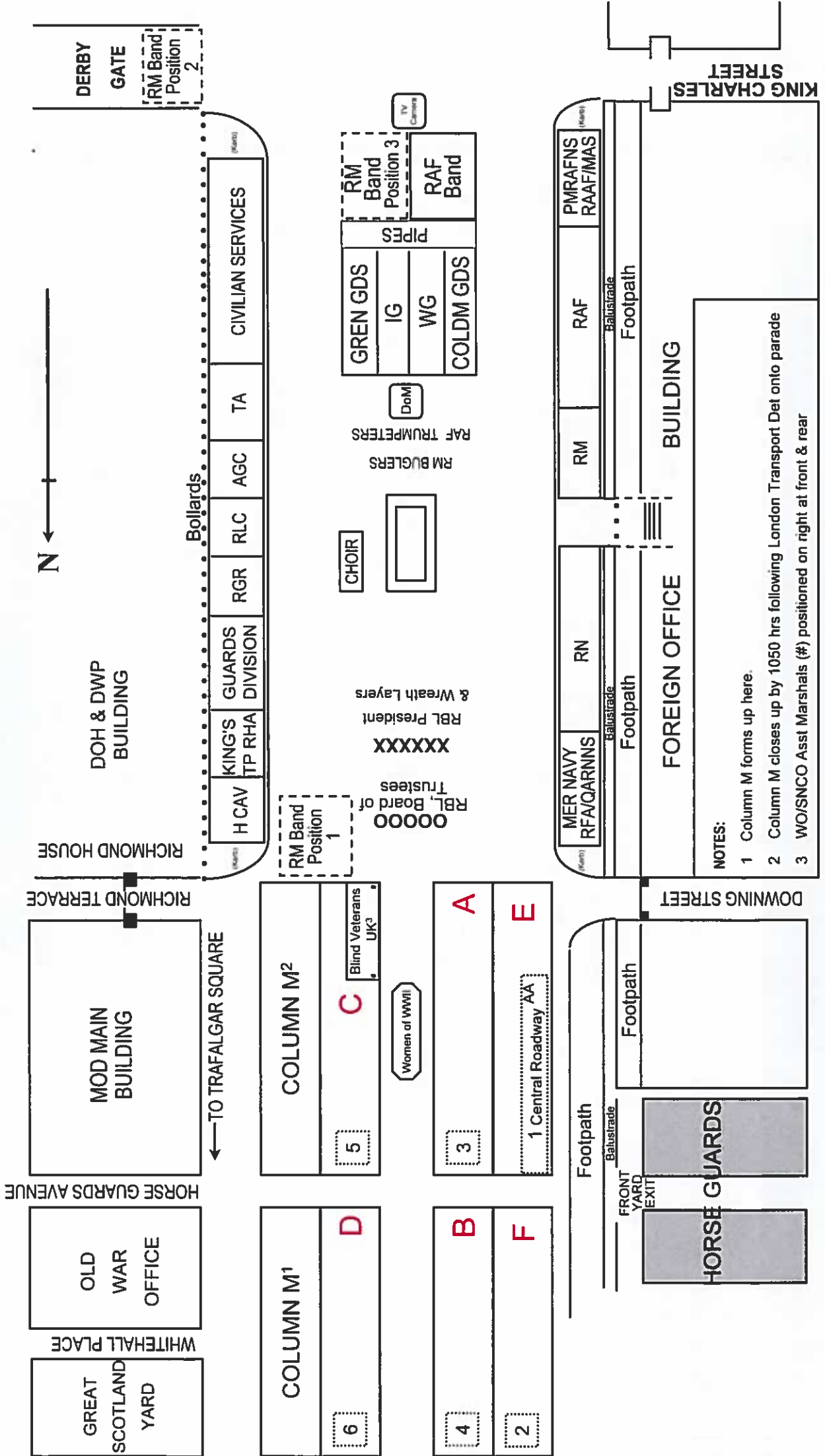
**DISPERSAL POSITIONS - HORSE GUARDS PARADE 2017**



**NOTES:**

- (1) Board of Trustees wheels right on passing saluting dais. Takes up position shown.
- (2) Columns wheel right at the Citadel to positions shown, leaving a gap on Central Carriageway.
- (3) BLESMA, BEWSA, R Hospital Chelsea, Queen Alexandra's Hospital Home, The Royal Star & Garter Home, Combat Stress, Blind Veterans UK and Scottish War Blinded proceed direct to their transport at Duke of York's Steps.
- (4) Column M will halt immediately the last file has completed the right wheel at the Citadel.
- (5) Salvation Army & St Johns Ambulance will provide Tea/Coffee. Food will be available to purchase at a subsidised price on Horse Guards Parade.

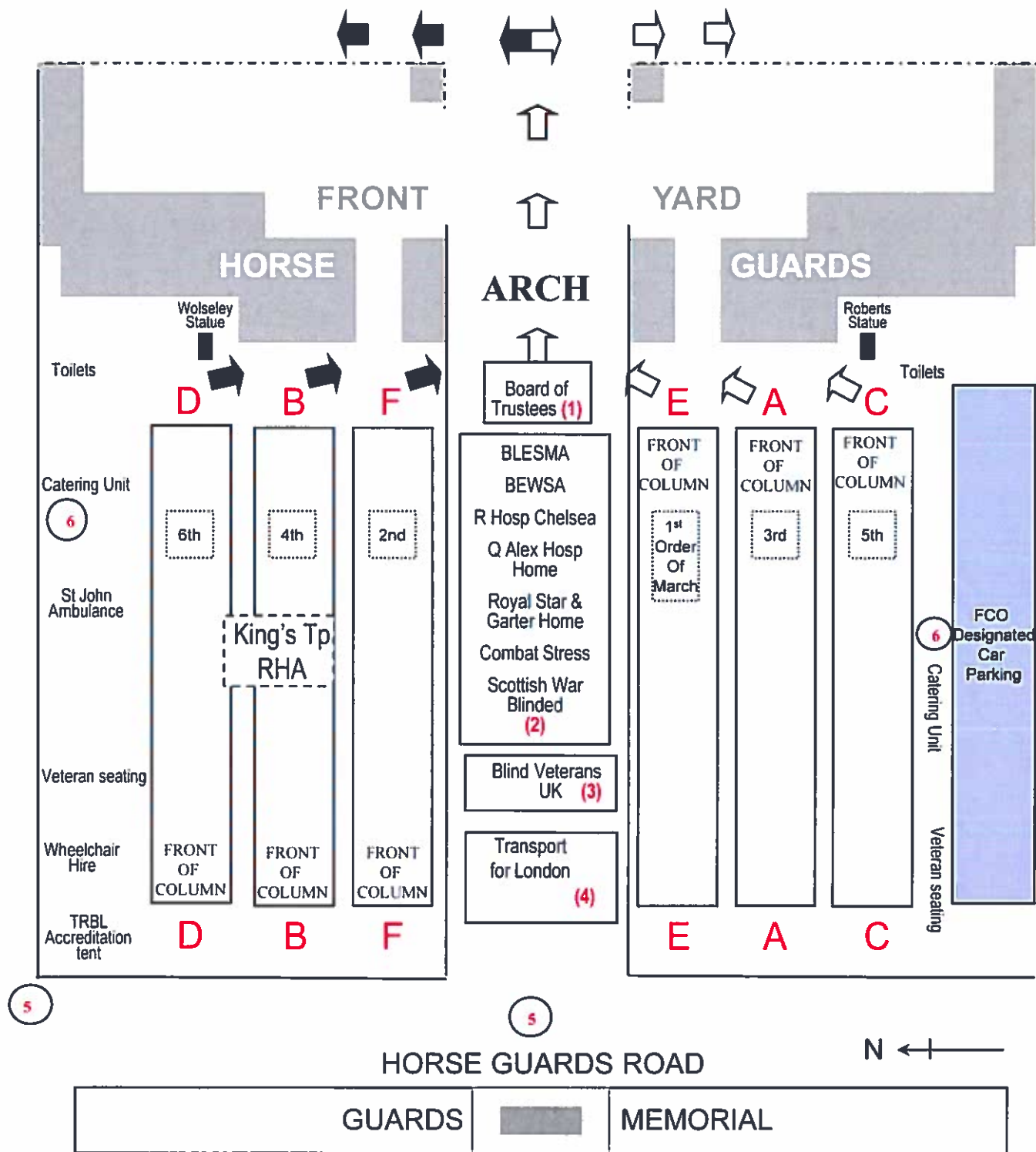
FORM UP POSITIONS AT THE CENOTAPH – NOVEMBER 2018



NOTES:

- 1 Column M forms up here.
- 2 Column M closes up by 1050 hrs following London Transport Det onto parade
- 3 WO/SNCO Asst Marshals (#) positioned on right at front & rear

FORM UP POSITIONS - HORSE GUARDS PARADE – NOVEMBER 2018



NOTES:

- (1) To march at head of Column E.
- (2) March off behind Column A.
- (3) March at head of Column C (5<sup>th</sup> Column).
- (4) Follow Column D.
- (5) RBL Access Point for Ticket Inspection.
- (6) Salvation Army & St Johns Ambulance will provide Tea/Coffee. Food will be available to purchase at a subsidised price on Horse Guards Parade.





where the salute will be taken by a member of the Royal Family accompanied by the National President of The Royal British Legion. On approaching the dais column commanders should give the order "eyes right".

Contingents will continue along Horse Guards Road and wheel right at the Citadel onto Horse Guards Parade. They will march alongside Admiralty Building until directed to wheel right again to cross the Parade Ground where they will be halted. Column commanders are to turn their column right to face the Guards Memorial.

Contingents are requested to leave a break opposite Horse Guards Arch in case access is required for emergency vehicles.

Contingents in column AA whose coaches are parked on The Mall will **not** wheel right at the Citadel but will continue to march along Horse Guards Road and return to their coaches where they can dismiss under their own arrangements.

**Please see the plan at Annex C.**

#### **Dispersal from Horse Guards and Association Vehicle parking**

Participants will not be able to leave Horse Guards until after the National Anthem has been played and the member of the Royal Family taking the salute has left Horse Guards. The Archway from Horse Guards Parade into Whitehall will only be open for emergency vehicles. Due to the Nation's Thank You procession taking place after TRBL parade veterans will not be able to disperse onto Whitehall after the parade has finished. The gates will be closed. Therefore, the dispersal can only be west, into St James's Park. Dispersal from Horse Guards Parade will be at approximately 12:40.

The Nation's Thank You procession will be departing from The Mall, therefore it is likely to also delay the time that veterans can return to their vehicles on North Horse Ride. Crossing Points will be staffed.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN WHITEHALL AND DURING THE MARCH PAST IS NOT PERMITTED.**

#### **Timings**

Timings for the day are as follows:

9am	Horse Guards open for access
10am	Contingents are to be assembled ready to march into Whitehall.
10.05am	Contingents step off from Horse Guards as directed by Parade Marshals.
10.50am	All contingents to be formed up in Whitehall. <b>No movement after this time</b>
10.59am	Her Majesty The Queen arrives at the Cenotaph.
11am	Two Minute Silence.

#### **Enclosures:**

Annex A	Form Up Positions – Horse Guards Parade
Annex B	Form Up in Whitehall
Annex C	Dispersal Positions – Horse Guards Parade
Annex D	Entrance Points and Drop off Points
	Taxi Service Notice

The **National Chairman and Trustees of The Royal British Legion** will lead off followed immediately by **column E**. They will, on entering Whitehall, turn right and march down the west side of Whitehall followed by BLESMA, BEWSA, In-Pensioners of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Queen Alexandra's Hospital Home, The Royal Star & Garter Home, Combat Stress and Scottish War Blinded. An Assistant Marshal from the Household Division who will be marching with column E will ensure that the column halts at its correct line upon approaching the Cenotaph.

Each subsequent column (accompanied by a Legion Parade Marshal and an officer from HM Revenue & Customs wearing a tabard marked with the alphabetic letter of the column) will form up as follows:

**Column F** will, on entering Whitehall, turn left and march up the west side of Whitehall towards Trafalgar Square. On reaching a designated point in Whitehall the column will be halted and will immediately "about turn" to face south.

**Column A** will, on entering Whitehall, turn right and march down the west side of Whitehall to halt **alongside column E**.

**Column B** will, on entering Whitehall, turn left and march up the west side of Whitehall towards Trafalgar Square to halt and "about turn" **alongside column F**.

**Column C**, preceded by Blind Veterans UK, will, on entering Whitehall, cross to the east side of Whitehall before turning right and marching down Whitehall to halt **alongside column A**.

**Column D** will, on entering Whitehall, cross to the east side of Whitehall before turning left and marching up Whitehall to halt and "about turn" **alongside column B**.

**The Transport for London Contingent** will march from Petty France and wait on Horse Guards Parade and follow **column E** into Whitehall. On entering Whitehall they will cross to the east side before turning right and marching down Whitehall to halt alongside column D. They will be followed by column M

Once **Column M** steps off **Columns F, B and D** will "close up" behind columns E, A and C.

**Please see the plan at Annex B.**

#### **The Dispersal from Whitehall**

On the command "**Royal British Legion, by the left, quick march**" the Trustees of The Royal British Legion will step off at 100 paces to the minute followed by all columns.

Contingents will disperse to Horse Guards Road via Parliament Street, Parliament Square (north Side) and Great George Street. All those wishing to have wreaths laid at the Cenotaph must ensure that they are on the left of their column so that they can hand their wreath to a 'wreath taker' who will lay the wreath on their behalf

All participants must pay the proper respects and compliments to the Cenotaph as they march past removing headwear, saluting and giving an "eyes left".

#### **The March Past at Horse Guards**

You are reminded to keep pace on approaching the Cenotaph and keep no more than 6 paces between contingents. You **must not** halt during the march past.

All Contingents will march past the saluting dais situated opposite the Guards Memorial

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### Ex-service Contingents' Co-ordinating Instructions (A-F)

#### Form up on Horse Guards Parade

The contingents will form up on Horse Guards Parade in 6 columns 3 to the left and 3 right of the "central roadway". Each of the columns will be marked with their respective letters.

The March Past this year will be led by column E who will form up on the right of the "central roadway", nearest the central arch, facing Horse Guards building with columns A and C to their right. **These three columns will form up with the front of each column facing Horse Guards building.**

Column F will form up on the left of the "central roadway", nearest the central arch, facing Horse Guards building with columns B and D to their left. **These three columns will form up in reverse order with the rear of each column nearest to Horse Guards building.**

Contingents which normally form up on the "central roadway AA" will do so again this year.

**Please see the plan at Annex A.**

Each contingent will be identified, whilst forming up in their respective columns, by a large marker board. Your contingent co-ordinator should collect the marker from the vehicle on Horse Guards Parade and display this so that colleagues can easily find their correct place in the column.

All individuals and contingents are reminded that they must not carry banners, standards, flags or other artificial labels. Each contingent is provided with a contingent number and two armbands by The Royal British Legion so that they can be identified. There is no need for additional distinguishing marks.

Due to the length of the columns it will be necessary to create a secondary part to each column which will form up alongside the original column as directed by Parade Marshals.

**The vehicle entrance for parking on North Horse Ride will be via Constitution Hill junction, Hyde Park Corner rather than Marlborough Road.** Due to these changes we advise associations to allow additional time to travel.

Tea/Coffee & Water will be provided on Horse Guards Parade by St Johns Ambulance and Salvation Army. Food will be available to purchase at a subsidised price on Horse Guards Parade. We have increased the amount of shelter, seating and toilet facilities on Horse Guards Parade.

#### Form up in Whitehall

At **10:05** the Horse Guards Marshal (appointed by Headquarters Household Division) will give the order for the parade to "march off". Contingents will proceed through the Horse Guards Arch and form up in Whitehall as described below. The command "eyes left" is not required when contingents process through Horse Guards Arch to Whitehall because the Queen's Life Guard is not on parade