

# Change of space at Wood Lane

The railway arches at Wood Lane Tube station are set to be overhauled into commercial, leisure and retail spaces.

PEDESTRIANS and cyclists are also set to benefit from new passageways to improve connectivity and new bike parking facilities. The 31 railway arches, located along the Hammersmith & City viaduct between Wood Lane station and the A3320 West Cross Route, are largely unused.

The space will complement nearby developments, including an extension to Westfield London shopping centre and the creation of nearly 2,500 new homes, office spaces, restaurants, shops and leisure areas.

Subject to planning permission, TfL will complete the project in two phases, coordinating with the construction timetables of the neighbouring developments.

Phase one will see the 19 arches closest to Wood Lane Tube station open in early 2018, when the new John Lewis store at Westfield is

also set to open. These arches will include 13 for retail and commercial uses, three as new pedestrian access routes and a further three for storage and cycle parking.

In the second phase, TfL plans to open 12 arches closest to the A3320 West Cross Route, in line with the nearby residential developments in the early 2020s. These arches will include seven for retail and workspace uses, four as new pedestrian access routes and one for storage and cycle parking.

TfL's commercial development director Graeme Craig said: 'Opening the arches at Wood Lane will truly transform the area – supporting ongoing regeneration with new locations for small and independent businesses and improving pedestrian connectivity.'

'These are the first of a number of arches that we are looking to develop to help us



Creating opportunities: An artist's impression of the arches development at Wood Lane

raise vital revenue to reinvest in the transport network.'

Westfield's development director Duncan Bower said: 'Westfield very much welcomes TfL's project to activate the Hammersmith & City line arches with new and exciting uses which will complement our expansion at Westfield London.'

'We are looking forward to working closely with TfL in order to ensure their successful and timely delivery in 2018.'

## Hidden treasures found beneath the arches

TfL owns around 700 commercial arches across the capital, which are often only considered for light industrial use or storage.

Current projects show these spaces can be used in a variety of ways. Recent examples include The Beagle restaurant in Hoxton, the Warren Evans furniture showroom in Hammersmith and Arch Studios, a music studio in Stamford Brook.

The size and location of the new units at Wood Lane is expected to attract smaller chains and independent retailers, as well as small and new commercial businesses.

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**Marylebone Road/Euston Road  
December 26, 6am to  
January 3, 6am**

Various works along the A501 corridor, from Westway Flyover to King's Cross will affect traffic.

**Central London  
December 31, noon to  
January 1, 6pm**

Extensive phased road closures for New Year's Eve celebrations in the area. Large crowds are expected at

Victoria Embankment, Westminster Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Bridge Street, Parliament Square, Whitehall, and Millbank between Parliament Square and Lambeth Bridge.

**Westminster area  
January 1, 4am to 6pm**

Various closures for the New Year's Day Parade. Roads affected include Piccadilly (eastbound), Piccadilly Circus, Regent Street, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, Cockspur Street, Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Parliament Square, Shaftesbury Avenue, Haymarket, The Strand, Millbank and Victoria Street.

**Victoria Embankment  
January 2, 10pm ongoing**

The slip road at the junction with Blackfriars Bridge will close in both directions between 10pm and 5am each night for major redevelopments, with a full closure January 21-22.

**Lambeth Bridge  
January 4, 7am to March  
31, 7.30pm**

Improvement works at junctions of Millbank and Horseferry Road. The Lambeth area is expected to be busier than usual, especially during peak periods.

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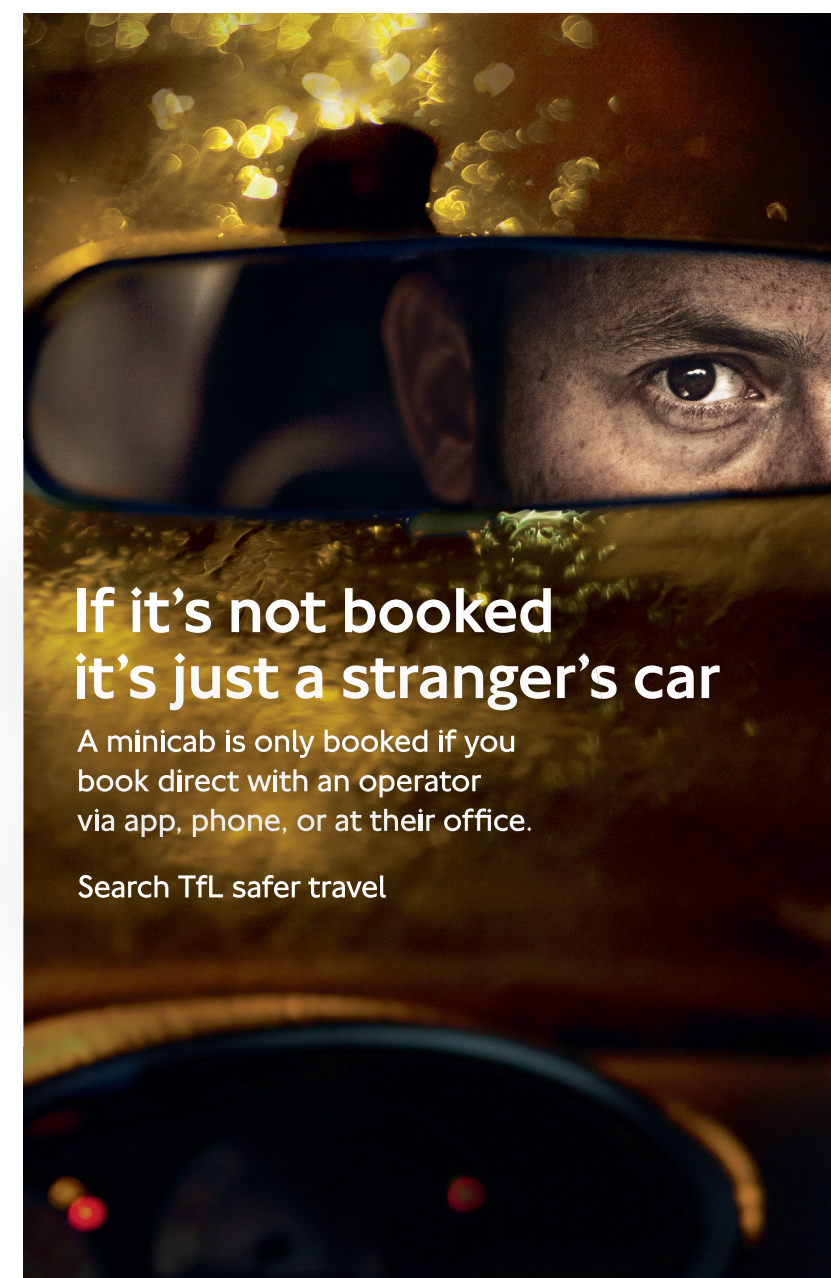
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