

# Accessibility in London gets a lift

New lifts have been installed at Tower Hill, making it the latest Tube station in the capital to become step-free.

THE station, which carries around 22 million passengers a year, is now accessible, allowing disabled people, and those travelling with buggies or shopping to get from the ticket halls to the platforms without having to negotiate steps.

Step-free routes have also been created between the Tube station and both Tower Gateway DLR and National Rail services at Fenchurch Street station.



Mark Wild, managing director of London Underground, said: 'These new lifts will transform

accessibility at Tower Hill station. The Tube station is the closest to some of London's biggest tourist attractions including the Tower of London and Tower Bridge, so it's a hugely welcome addition to the capital's network of step-free stations.'

Tower Hill serves the Circle and District lines and is the 68th step-free Tube station in London. By 2018, more

than half of TfL's rail and Underground stations will be accessible.

London also has the world's most accessible bus fleet. All 9,000 London buses have ramps and are fitted with low-floor platforms for wheelchairs and buggies.

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Large crowds and heavy traffic expected on Saturday (2.15pm to midnight) for a pre-season football friendly game (kick-off 5.15pm) and Sunday (1pm to 8pm) for the FA Community Shield (kick-off 4pm).

### North London

#### Saturday, 3pm to 6.30pm

A group will gather at Broadwater Farm and proceed to Tottenham Police Station. Expect delays.

### Central and East London

Roads closed along the route and approaches for the London Triathlon, between the ExCeL and central London.

### A30 Great South West Road

August 5, 8pm to Sept. 5, 5am  
Lane closures between Hatton Road and Gilling Way for utility works.

### Oxford Street

August 9, 3am to August 10, 9pm  
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## Custom-made revamp for DLR station

CUSTOM House DLR station is to undergo a major redevelopment to transform it into an important transport hub.

The station will become a vital interchange between the DLR and the new Elizabeth line when services start operating in December 2018.

Work will begin in January next year when the station canopies will be removed and a new mezzanine deck installed above the DLR platforms. It will increase capacity at Custom House by around 50 per cent.

The huge scale of the redevelopment – involving 400 tonnes of steel and 300,000 litres of concrete – means the station will close until November.

TfL's DLR director, Claire Mann, said: 'We apologise to customers for the disruption this may cause but it is vital work and due to its nature it will not be possible to keep the station open while construction work takes place.'



'When the work is complete, the station will be much more spacious – making journeys for customers easier and preparing the station for increased passenger numbers.'

The Elizabeth line will run from Reading and Heathrow in the west, to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. The new service across London will change the way people travel around the capital and the South East, making journeys quicker and more direct. It will also bring much needed new capacity to London's transport infrastructure.

A fleet of new 200m long trains will run on the Elizabeth line service, featuring nine walk-through carriages, air conditioning, CCTV and real-time travel information.

While the station is closed, DLR trains will continue to run and passengers are advised to use either Royal Victoria or Prince Regent stations which are a short walk from both Custom House station and ExCeL London.

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