

Tube extension update

A PUBLIC inquiry is under way as part of the planning process for Transport for London's proposed Northern line extension just south of the Thames.

The plans include two new Tube stations at Battersea and Nine Elms. The scheme would cut journey times from this part of London to the West End and the City to around 15 minutes. It would also reduce pressure on Vauxhall station and the existing Northern line south of Kennington. The 3km extension would help



regenerate the area, resulting in 16,000 new homes and the creation of up to

25,000 jobs. It would also bring wider access to leisure and employment opportunities for local people.

Public consultations have shown there is strong support for the project.

Called for by the Secretary of State for Transport, the public inquiry is part of the Transport and Works Act Order process and is usual for a major project of this size.

Subject to planning permission from the Government and funding secured, construction could begin in 2015, with the two new stations opening in 2020.

■ For more information, go to tfl.gov.uk/nle



Transport at a glance

'Stop and Shop' in London

PARKING time has been increased from 20 to 30 minutes on the majority of Transport for London's (TfL) red route parking bays. 'Stop and Shop', one of the Mayor's manifesto pledges, provides greater flexibility for motorists to park and shop, pay a bill or run an errand. The aim is to encourage more people to shop on the city's high streets. The changes follow

extensive consultation with Londoners, businesses and borough councils.

Nineteen of the 22 London boroughs affected by the introduction welcomed the planned extension.

Where boroughs did not support proposals, TfL has not made changes but will continue working with them to encourage them to explore plans to make parking times as flexible as possible.

TfL Christmas carol concert



JOIN Transport for London for some carol singing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields church on December 11.

The church is located just off Trafalgar Square on St. Martin's Place. The nearest Tube station is Charing Cross. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Tickets cost £4 on the door.

What's in a station name?

Caledonian Road
Constructed in 1826, this station takes its name from the Caledonian Asylum for Scottish Children, established on a nearby site in 1815.

The road was referred to as the 'New Road' from Battle Bridge to Holloway in 1841.

Prior to the station's opening, the name of Barnsbury was considered, but it opened as Caledonian Road in 1906.

Queen's Park
The name was originally adopted for a nearby park built in honour of Queen Victoria from the late 1870s onwards.

The original London and North Western Railway station was opened in 1879. The present station was opened as Queen's Park for Underground trains in 1915.

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