

# New cycle hubs boost parking in the capital



Transport for London's (TfL's) new secure cycling hubs and a 'superhub' will offer cyclists access to more parking spaces.

CONSTRUCTION has started on 190 new cycling spaces at Hounslow West and a further 350 at North Greenwich.

The hubs, which will feature lighting and CCTV, are due to open by the end of the month and will provide safe parking for all types of bikes as well as giving cyclists access to maintenance tools.

This latest development forms part of a wider programme introducing high quality bike parking across London, including a new 'superhub' at Waterloo (pictured) that is set to open in 2018.

The Waterloo facility will provide 5,000 spaces, giving more commuters the chance to switch from trains to bikes on their way to work.

TfL's managing director for surface transport Leon Daniels said: 'We know that people who want to cycle at least part of their journey need to be given the peace of mind that they can leave their bike somewhere safe and secure.'

'These new facilities will put us on a par with our continental neighbours, giving people the confidence to take their bike out more often.'

Safe and secure cycle parking is helping to achieve the Mayor's Vision for Cycling. The proposal sets out to increase cycling trips in outer London by targeting short car journeys to the station that could be taken by bike.

TfL is on track to create 80,000 extra spaces by the end of this year, adding to the 80,000 installed between 2008 and 2012. Other locations have been identified where more cycle parking could be built, including Abbey Wood and Romford (connected to future Crossrail stations), Tottenham Hale and Barking.

■ For more on the Mayor's Cycling Vision, visit [london.gov.uk](http://london.gov.uk)

## Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week

## Give your career a lift

In this final instalment of the MetroTravel series on apprentices, lifting technician Katie Kelleher explains how her work is helping with the progress of Crossrail.

### What do you do?

I operate a crane at Crossrail's Tottenham Court Road station. My work involves lifting materials in and out of the site.

### How did you get the job?

I started an apprenticeship with Select Plant Hire in October 2014. I trained and got my qualifications with them before working for construction firm Laing O'Rourke on the Crossrail site.

### What does your typical day involve?

We have a daily briefing at 7am about what is happening on site.

My first job is to give the crane a once over to check it's in working order. Making sure it's safe is the most important task of my day.

I then get down to lifting materials across the site. Many of the lifts, such as unloading deliveries on the surface and lowering them down to platform level 40 metres below ground, are done 'blind' so I rely on my teams to guide me.

### What is your most memorable moment?

When I qualified as a crane operator – I used to work in recruitment and would never have pictured myself achieving so much.

Recently I was nominated for an apprentice award with Crossrail. It's great that I'm doing a job I love and someone actually thinks I'm pretty good at it.

### What is the worst part of your job?

It has to be the 4.45am alarm. I would like to say it's easy but I really do enjoy a lie-in.

### What is the best part of your job?

Working with a great team on a great site where I laugh every day. I've never had a role I enjoy this much, with such job satisfaction.



## Tips for success

TfL's capability development schemes specialist Susanna Dhillon offers some advice for getting the most out of an apprenticeship:

- Show initiative
- Make sure you have a good understanding of the company, scheme and what is expected of you
- Split your time well between work and study
- Always ask for new challenges and don't be afraid to ask questions
- Go above and beyond people's expectations. You don't need to know everything at the beginning, but doing the best you can and going the extra mile will help get you noticed
- Make sure you enjoy it

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