



Headed southeast: Cycleway 4 provides a protected cycling route through London

Cycling safely

LONDON'S NEW CYCLEWAY 4 CONNECTS TOWER BRIDGE ROAD AND ROTHERHITHE

CYCLEWAY 4 is set to make cycling and walking safer and easier for thousands of people in London.

The 3.6km section of the Cycleway follows a key corridor along Jamaica Road and Tooley Street, and connects southeast London to central London via a fully protected cycle route for the first time. The new infrastructure, which separates cyclists from motor traffic, will reassure people they can cycle safely without having to mix with vehicles on this busy stretch of road. As part of the work, Rotherhithe roundabout has also been completely overhauled, transforming one of the area's most intimidating junctions with a new, safer layout that is much easier to navigate by bike.

The scheme has also widened the pedestrian crossing outside Bermondsey station and created three new pedestrian crossings on Jamaica Road. These can be found at the junctions with Abbey Street, Bevington Street and outside the entrance to Southwark Park, making journeys on foot simpler and quicker.

There are three new Santander Cycles docking stations along the route, which will boost access to bikes for people living in and visiting the area. The new docking stations at Tower Wharf, George Row and Rotherhithe roundabout are the first to open in this part of the city. New docking stations at nearby Canada Water and Bermondsey station will follow later this year.

TfL data has shown a strong increase in the number of people cycling in London since the pandemic started, with an increase in cycling of 97 per cent seen recently on the weekend of September 19-20 compared to the same weekend last year. The new infrastructure will play a vital role in sustaining this boom in numbers, with many people across the capital rediscovering cycling, or discovering it for the first time.

GOING FORWARD

The newly opened section of Cycleway 4 is the first of a longer route towards Woolwich. Work on a further section of the route between Greenwich and Charlton was

brought forward and began at the start of September. Plans for this section include vital changes to the Angerstein roundabout, which will improve safety for cyclists.

TfL will also soon start work on a temporary extension of the route over London Bridge as part of the Streetspace for London plan. This will create a valuable connection to TfL's recently opened walking and cycling corridor to Liverpool Street and Shoreditch.

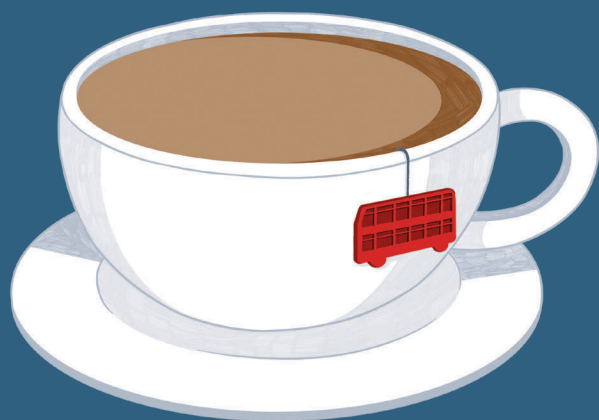
The new route between Tower Bridge Road and Rotherhithe is the first permanent section of Cycleway to be completed since the coronavirus pandemic began. It is complemented by hundreds of temporary Streetspace schemes across the capital, including nearly 80km of new or upgraded cycle lanes created so far.

TfL has recently launched an Active Travel Toolkit for employers to enable them to make active travel commuting options, including cycling and walking, part of their recovery plans and easier for their staff to access. The toolkit is available at tfl.gov.uk

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A record year

USAGE of Santander Cycles across London has broken several records this year, with in excess of eight million hires made by more than 750,000 different customers.

The first eight months of the year saw new member sign-ups increase by 173 per cent compared to the same period last year, while the scheme has already set a record for the best ever September, beating the previous record from 2014 when there were 1,058,684 hires. All docking stations continue to be cleaned regularly with an anti-viral fluid that kills viruses and bacteria on application, with touch points such as bike handlebars and keypad numbers all being treated.

Dan Sherwood, director of marketing at Santander UK, said: 'Over the last few months Santander Cycles has continued to break records for the number of hires and we're pleased that those benefiting from the scheme include tens of thousands of key workers who can use the free codes. It's fantastic even more communities are able to access the benefits of cycling.'

For more information on Santander Cycles and cycling in the capital, go to tfl.gov.uk/cycling



Clean machines: Santander Cycles docking stations are cleaned regularly with anti-viral fluid

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