

Barking Riverside extension on track



Opening soon: The 4.5km line will improve transport connectivity and accessibility

LONDON'S NEWEST RAILWAY STATION IS SET TO OPEN EARLIER THAN PLANNED

THE London Overground extension from Barking to Barking Riverside is set to open this summer, earlier than planned.

The launch, which was originally planned for the autumn, was brought forward following good progress being made in the completion of the station commissioning and testing stages.

The extension will add 4.5km to the London Overground Gospel Oak to Barking line, with four trains per hour between Barking and Barking Riverside, cutting journey times to just seven minutes. It will also offer an easy interchange to both the District and Hammersmith & City lines into central London and c2c services.

The new station, which already features on the new Tube map, adds to London's growing number of step-free stations - helping to make the capital a more accessible city for everyone.

Businesses from all around the UK have benefited from the project. Throughout construction, its supply

chain has supported businesses of all sizes with skills and job creation seen across the whole country.

This includes steelwork from Scotland and the East of England, precast concrete from the North West and Northern Ireland, and innovative slab track from the East Midlands.

The extension is an intrinsic part of the Barking Riverside development, which is being delivered by Barking Riverside Limited, a joint venture between L&Q and the Mayor of London.

This 180-hectare brownfield site on the northern bank of the Thames is set to be one of the capital's fastest growing areas. It will help to enable the construction of more than 10,000 new homes along with a range of community, commercial and retail spaces.

Sitting at the heart of a new public square, the Barking Riverside station will provide a direct interchange with local bus services and will be a five-minute walk from the riverside, which is already

served by Uber Boat by Thames Clippers River Bus services.

Residents can already see trains running between Barking and Barking Riverside, while route testing and driver training takes place by Arriva Rail London, which operates the London Overground on TfL's behalf.

TfL's chief capital officer, Stuart Harvey, said: 'Through fantastic collaboration with our partners working on this project, including the MSVF joint venture of Morgan Sindall Infrastructure and VolkerFitzpatrick, Network Rail and Arriva Rail London, I am pleased to confirm that the Barking Riverside Extension will open this summer.'

'The extension will be a game changer for Barking Riverside - vastly improving transport connectivity, accessibility and helping to realise plans to deliver much needed housing.'

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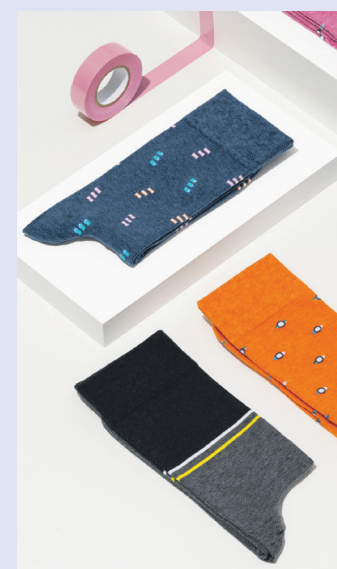
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