

Public back Bakerloo extension

Londoners continue to show strong support for the proposed Bakerloo line extension to Lewisham in south London.

MORE than 4,800 people commented on the public consultation, and around two-thirds of residents have backed the proposal.

The new route would take the line south to Elephant & Castle via Old Kent Road and New Cross Gate, ending at Lewisham. TfL believes that extending the line is essential to meeting the needs of the capital's growing population - expected to increase from 8.7million today to more than 10million by 2030. The extension will support new homes and jobs and reduce journey times for tens of thousands of people.

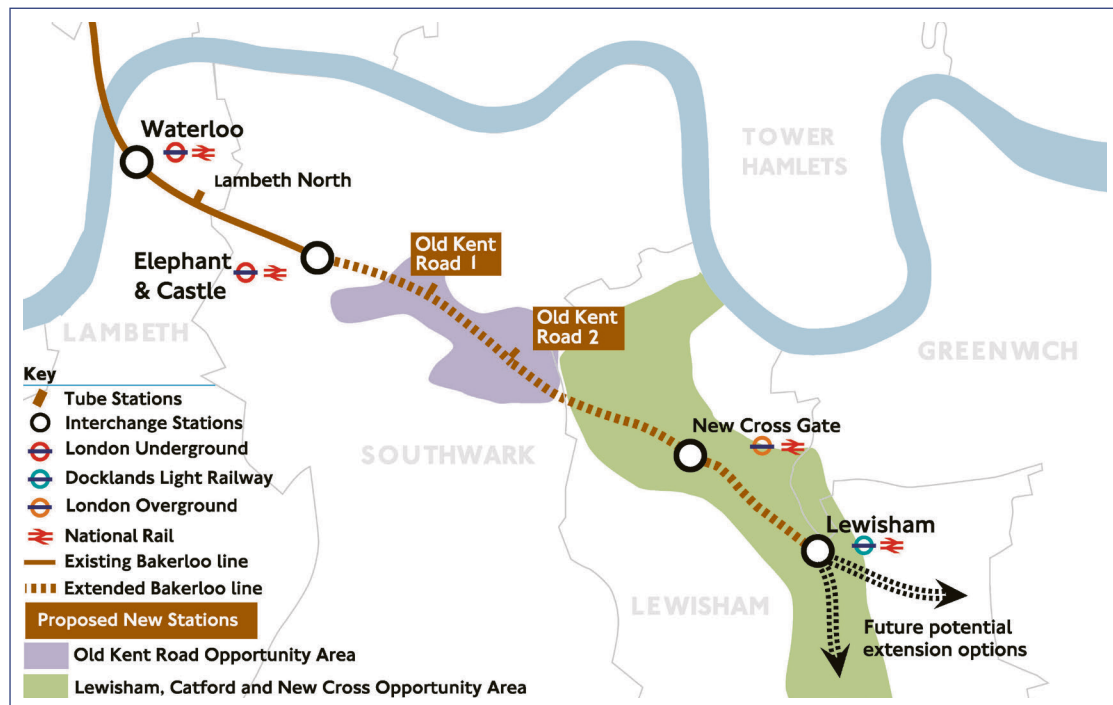
Deputy mayor for transport, Val Shawcross, said: 'I'm delighted that so many people have given their views on this vital project. The Bakerloo line extension will improve life

for thousands of Londoners, providing a new direct route into the heart of central London, and creating thousands of new homes and jobs.

'This is an important next step in delivering the project, and every response to the consultation will now be carefully considered. We want to ensure that important issues like plans for the proposed new stations are the very best they can be, providing maximum benefits for local people.'

The results of the consultation will help TfL decide the locations of new stations and finalise the route. A further public consultation is expected in 2018.

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New projects will receive up to £10,000 over three years, and this year an additional £3,000 grant will be available to buy electric bikes.

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Until Wednesday, August 30

Road closed southbound owing to gas works.

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Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 13

Local roads will be closed and the area will be busy owing to IAAF World Championship events.

Albert Bridge SW11

Saturday, August 5, 7am to Monday,

August 7, 7am

The bridge will be closed in both directions while work is carried out.

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Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6

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Sunday, August 6, 4am to 8pm

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