



Crossrail Bulletin

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Visit us and find out more

CROSSRAIL'S first visitor centre has opened in St Giles High St, near Tottenham Court Road Station. It is a one-stop shop for information about the Crossrail project and London Underground's redevelopment of Tottenham Court Road Tube station.

The centre is open to anyone wanting to find out more about what is happening at Tottenham Court Road station including construction processes and timescales, and about the whole Crossrail scheme.

Transport Minister Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP visited the centre soon after it opened.

The Tottenham Court Road area has been chosen as the location for the first visitor centre as the works here are the most advanced and it



Visitor centre, St Giles High St, near Tottenham Court Road Station



(L-R) Crossrail Chief Executive Rob Holden, and Crossrail Chairman Terry Morgan with Transport Minister Sadiq Khan

is the most complex Crossrail worksite in central London. As construction progresses at least one further centre, at Whitechapel, will be established, and others may be required along the route, helping to keep people informed.

The Visitor Centre is open from 12.00 to 20.00 on Tuesday and Thursdays where staff will be on hand to answer any questions and help people locate the information they need.

Information displays with details of the construction works at Tottenham Court Road Station and along the route are also available. The Visitor Centre is located at 16-18 St Giles High Street, WC2H 8LN.



Timescale for construction starting at key stations (preliminary works will take place before this date)



* This is the date for Crossrail construction – the Thameslink programme starts before this date

** This is the Crossrail construction – other Network Rail and London Underground related work takes place before this date

Minister visits station construction works

TRANSPORT Minister Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP visited the Canary Wharf Contractors' construction site at the Crossrail Canary Wharf Station to see the progress on Europe's largest infrastructure project.

'This project will boost the UK economy by at least £20bn and create and support thousands of jobs, relieve congestion and provide a high frequency rail link across London. It's good news to see that this project is well and truly underway,' he said. 'Work is on schedule, with the station foundations being laid through a specialist 'Giken' piling method designed to minimise noise pollution to surrounding buildings.'

Boasting independent step-free access from street to platform, Canary Wharf Station will be constructed below the water within the West India Docks complex.



Paddington work starts

WORK is starting at Paddington, which will transform this gateway into London. This includes major restoration of part of the station roof, start of work for Crossrail, and refurbishment of the Hammersmith and City (H&C) line station.

Network Rail has already begun restoration work on the section of the Edwardian roof above platforms nine to 12. This involves repairing the metalwork and replacing the glass, letting light flood back in for a lighter, brighter station.

As a result of the Crossrail works, Paddington will also benefit from a modern, step-free entrance on the canal side, with access to the new taxi facility which will be relocated to between the main line station and the canal.

The H&C station will also be completely refurbished to include a new station entrance from the Paddington Basin, with a bigger station concourse, including a new ticket office and ticket gates. There will also be step-free access to the mainline and H&C line from the new taxi rank.

To find out more about the planned improvements visit an exhibition on the concourse at Paddington station : 23/24 Sept from 8am to 8.30pm, 25 Sept 8am to 6pm, 26 Sept 10am - 2pm.

Crossrail sponsors new degree

CROSSRAIL is working with the University of York to support a new course in Computer

before these dates)

Late
2011

Liverpool St

Late
2012

Custom
House

Tunnelling start dates (launch of boring machines)

Late
2011

Royal Oak –
Farringdon

Late
2011

Limmo
Peninsula –
Farringdon

Mid
2012

Plumstead
– North
Greenwich

Mid
2013

Pudding
Mill Lane –
Stepney Green

Late
2014

Limmo
Peninsula –
Custom House

Science. Crossrail will provide sponsorship of £60,000 a year for the Master of Engineering course in Embedded Systems.

The four-year course offered by the University's Department of Computer Science will give students practical experience of hardware and software development and working with a major industrial collaborator.

Crossrail will be involved in the design of the course prospectus and will also provide guest lectures, as well as an annual prize of £250 for the outstanding student. Students on the course will be able to visit Crossrail's premises in London and may also be offered one-year internships on the project.

Tunnels – contracts on the way

TWO principal tunneling contracts - Package C300 for Tunnels West and Package C305 for Tunnels East have been advertised.

This marks the beginning of the procurement process for the construction of the new Crossrail tunnels in central London. Tenders are scheduled to be invited around November with contracts awarded by mid-2010.

Rob Holden, Crossrail's Chief Executive said: 'Main construction for Crossrail will begin next year with the first of the tunnel boring machines launching in 2011. We look forward to collaborating with organisations that are as enthusiastic as we are to deliver a world-class affordable railway.'

Take a walk on the wet and wild side!

A LOT of the earth excavated for Crossrail tunnels will be transported to Wallasea Island in Essex where it will be used help to create a new large habitat for wild birds.

*The RSPB are having a **Take a walk on the Wild Side** event on Wallasea Island on 27 September between 10am and 4pm. Come along and see the scale of this project, and discover for yourself why Wallasea Island is a true Essex wilderness.*

On your walk you will be able to see the work already started to prepare for future construction, and to help the island's water voles. If you are interested in going along please contact the RSPB Project Manager, chris.tyas@rspb.org.uk



Tottenham Court Road station progress

THE current stage of redevelopment works at Tottenham Court Road station has been underway since mid-May and will continue until later in the autumn, ahead of major construction works on the station starting early next year.



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Good progress continues to be made in preparing the site. Work has been underway to remove roofs from properties that are being taken down. Dust sheeting and scaffolding have been installed around affected properties.

Over 95 per cent of the material from the buildings being taken down will be recycled. All glass and metal will be used again and masonry will be broken up and used as building material on site. This provides major environmental benefits - including dramatically reducing what would be sent to landfill and the number of lorries taking material away.

A total £1bn of investment is being made to upgrade the capacity of the Tube station, build a new Crossrail station and create a new piazza outside Centre Point. The transport improvements will also provide better facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers and other road users.

Major works will need to be undertaken at the eastern end of Oxford Street from early 2010. This will require a lane closure between Newman Street and Tottenham Court Road, with some bus services affected.



Enabling works at Tottenham Court Road

Works will be specifically timed to avoid the busy Christmas and New Year sales period. Eastbound bus services between Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road are likely to be affected with diversions needed for some services.

Pudding Mill Lane



Pudding Mill Lane worksite

WORK has started at Pudding Mill Lane, near Stratford, on enabling works.

A number of utilities, including local water pipes and sewers, will need to be diverted before the main works can start. Hoardings have been erected around the site.

Farringdon

WORK to take down Cardinal Tower on Farringdon Road has begun with the removal of the roof. The building will be taken down floor by floor. Work will be finished during March 2010.

The building will be covered over to reduce dust and noise as the work takes place and monitors will check air quality, noise and vibration to make sure that limits agreed with Camden and Islington Councils are not exceeded.