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Proposed extension of the Northern line to Nine Elms and Battersea

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Thousands of Londoners have had the opportunity to have their say and shape plans for the proposed extension of the Northern line to Battersea. With extensive planning, design and public consultation undertaken, work is now under way to prepare a submission to the Secretary of State for Transport for permission to build and operate the extension (under a Transport and Works Act Order).

Transport for London (TfL) worked closely with the developer of Battersea Power Station on the extension proposals until it went into administration in December 2011. The Mayor of London recognises the significant boost the extension will bring to new homes, jobs and transport for the Capital and has requested that TfL progress the proposals while a new owner for the site is sought.

This leaflet provides an overview of the public consultation to date, the programme of work ahead and where you can find more information about the proposed plans.

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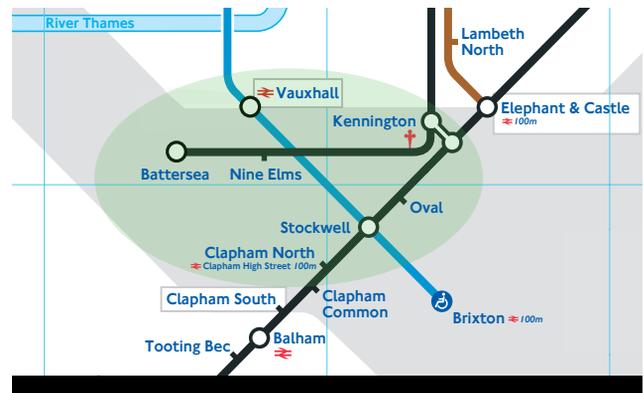
Public consultation

Consultations in summer 2010 and 2011 asked for feedback on four proposed routes for the Northern line extension and the locations for permanent shafts. Leaflets were sent to 40,000 households and businesses along the route with an invitation to complete paper or online questionnaires. In addition, public exhibitions and meetings were held for local residents, businesses and community groups.

In the autumn of 2011, 2,500 households and businesses were asked for their preferences on the proposed locations for temporary shafts in the Kennington area. Meetings were held with residents and community groups close to the potential sites.

The preferred route: Kennington – Nine Elms – Battersea

The majority (61 per cent) of respondents told us their preferred route was from Kennington to Battersea, with new stations at Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station. There were high levels of support for the scheme, with the majority (87 per cent) agreeing it will benefit the area.



Preferred permanent shaft locations at Kennington Green, Kennington Park and Cottingham Road

Permanent shafts are needed to allow air in and out of the underground tunnels, help cool the Tube and enable emergency access to and from the tunnels if necessary.

Consultations were held with residents living close to the proposed shaft locations. At Kennington Green, the preferred location is at the old distillery site, and at the Old Lodge in Kennington Park. In the Claylands Road area, the preference is at the garages on Cottingham Road, but in response to the consultation, TfL is exploring alternative options for this site.

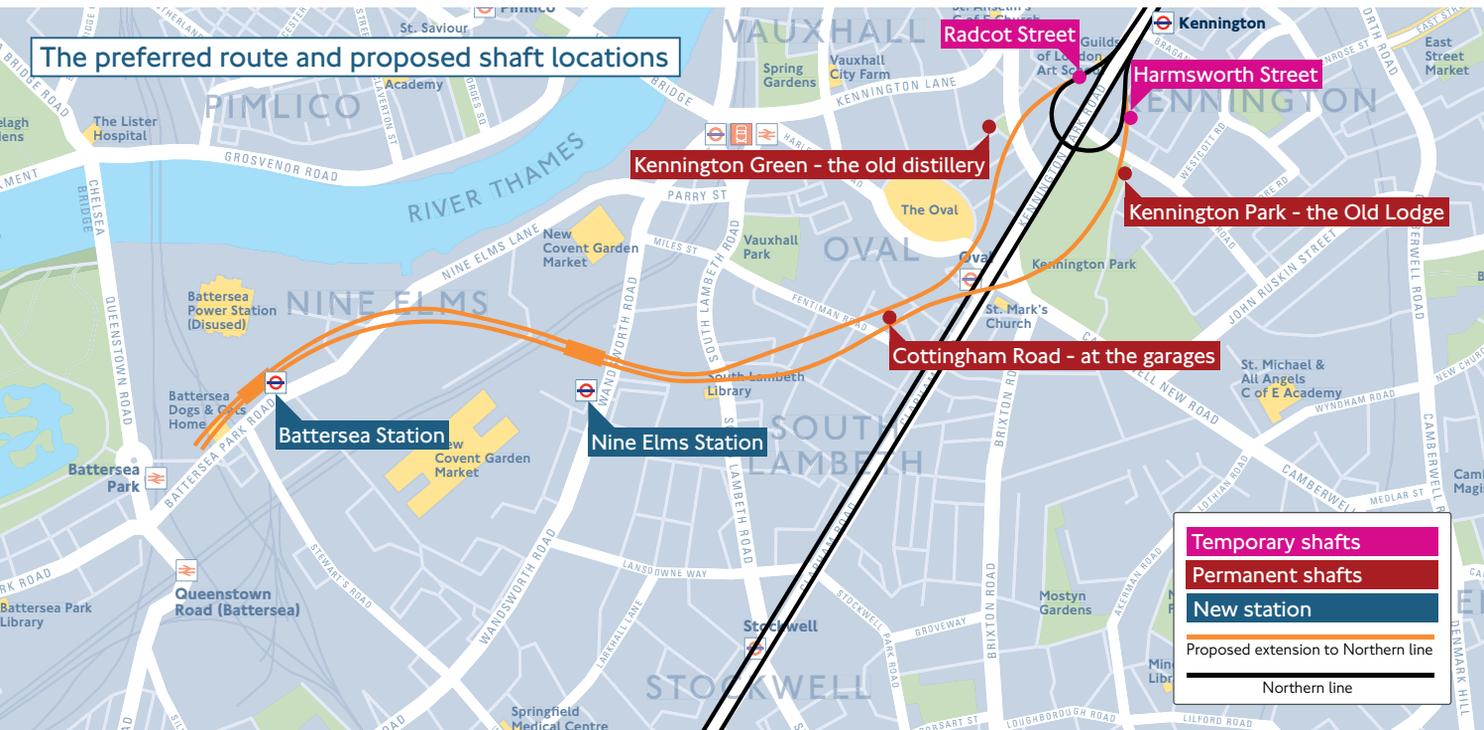
Lambeth Council has confirmed initial support for these sites and is working with TfL to agree the detail of their proposed location and design.

Preferred temporary shaft locations at Radcot Street and Harmsworth Street

Temporary shafts are required for approximately 12–18 months for works to stabilise the ground in preparation for the tunnels to be built.

Radcot Street (approved by Lambeth Council) and Harmsworth Street (subject to approval from Southwark Council) are recommended as sites for the temporary shafts. These have been chosen after feedback from residents on their preferences and the outcome of further technical work to assess engineering and building options, traffic impacts and the potential disruption for each of the sites.

We continue to work with Lambeth and Southwark on these proposed locations. For more details and the results of the consultations, visit tfl.gov.uk/nle



Why are we proposing this?

The extension of the Northern line is considered essential to support the transformation of Vauxhall and Nine Elms, a designated regeneration area on the South Bank, and is part of wider plans to improve public transport in the area.

A series of major redevelopment projects are now under way in Nine Elms and in Vauxhall which will create a new London district with up to 16,000 new homes and business space for 25,000 jobs.

Additional public transport, particularly the Northern line extension, is needed to make this happen and to benefit existing residents and businesses.

Benefits of the extension include:

- Two new stations at Nine Elms and Battersea, linked to existing bus routes, to improve access to the Tube network
- Journey times from Battersea to the West End or the City will, in some cases, be less than 15 minutes
- Less pressure on Vauxhall station and relief to the existing Northern line south of Kennington

Who's involved

The scheme is supported by the Mayor of London and was backed by the Government in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. Wandsworth, Lambeth and Southwark councils and the key landowners in the area also support the scheme.

Who will pay for the Northern line extension?

We are working with the Government, the Greater London Authority (GLA), the London boroughs of Wandsworth and Lambeth and local landowners to confirm a funding package for the extension.

An independent report on the economic impact of the Northern line extension has shown that the extension would generate substantial benefits.

When will the extension open?

Subject to funding being in place and permission from the Secretary of State for Transport to build and operate the extension, the new stations at Nine Elms and Battersea could be open by 2019.

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What next

Over the coming months, we will:

- Progress the detail of the proposed route ready for further consultation
- Conduct further environmental impact, business and economic assessment studies
- Work with local authorities and resident groups to agree the exact location and outline design of the proposed shafts
- Consult on proposals for the new Nine Elms station
- Work closely with the new owner of Battersea Power Station, once appointed, to progress the plans for the extension
- Prepare a submission to Government for permission to build and operate the extension

Have your say

- Further consultations and events on the proposed scheme will be held in autumn 2012. Sign up at tfl.gov.uk/nle to be updated when these are confirmed

For more information

Visit tfl.gov.uk/nle or contact the project team by email: nle@tfl.gov.uk

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