Crossrail 2 is a proposed new railway line serving London and the South East, linking Surrey to Hertfordshire via Central London destinations. A new Crossrail 2 station is proposed at King’s Road Chelsea. The earliest the scheme could be open is by 2030.

Why do we need a Crossrail 2 station here?
A station in the Chelsea area has always been part of the Chelsea – Hackney line safeguarding since it was first proposed in 1989. A Crossrail 2 station in Chelsea would improve community access to rail based public transport in an area where current service levels are low in comparison to similar inner London locations. It would also improve connectivity to the Royal Brompton and Royal Marsden hospitals and provide access to the existing retail and commercial developments along King’s Road. Providing a Crossrail 2 station in Chelsea would also improve journey times for those travelling to or from King’s Road.

Chelsea currently suffers weekday congestion and delays on its main roads. By 2031 congestion on London’s roads is expected to increase by 60 per cent. Providing a Crossrail 2 station would encourage more people to use public transport, which would help to reduce traffic congestion in the area and improve air quality.

What are the benefits of Crossrail 2?
Crossrail 2 would add capacity to existing rail services and support economic regeneration by providing the infrastructure needed to build new homes and create more jobs across London and beyond.

Crossrail 2 station at King’s Road Chelsea would:

- Improve your journey with up to 30 Crossrail 2 trains per hour to destinations including London, Hertfordshire and Surrey
- Provide direct links from King’s Road to 50 rail and Underground stations
- Reduce the time taken to travel, for example, between King’s Road Chelsea and Canary Wharf by approximately 20 minutes, and between King’s Road Chelsea and Tottenham Court Road by approximately 30 minutes
- Provide step-free access from street level to the Crossrail 2 platforms
- Bring all residents of Chelsea within a 10 minute walk of an Underground / rail station
- Provide local people with access to more jobs within a 45 minute journey
- Support local businesses and economic growth by enabling more people to get to King’s Road Chelsea within a 45 minute journey
- Help reduce demand at nearby District line stations

All figures are based on current working assumptions and are subject to change.
The proposal

In response to feedback, the proposals for a station at King’s Road have been amended since the 2015 safeguarding. We have listened to concerns from previous consultations and the station will now avoid affecting Chelsea Fire Station and Dovehouse Green.

Current designs for a Crossrail 2 station at King’s Road Chelsea include:

- 2x250 metre long platforms. Station platform tunnels around 20 metres below ground level to the top of the tunnel
- A single station entrance and ticket hall, with access from Sydney Street and potentially also from Dovehouse Green

The proposed ticket hall would be within existing buildings in order to fully integrate the station and preserve the character of King’s Road.

To construct Crossrail 2 we would require the following worksites:

Site A – Includes the Chelsea Garden Centre and Farmers Market. This would be the main worksite for construction of the station tunnels, station entrance, ticket hall and station shaft. Although the site boundary includes 250 King’s Road and 151 Sydney Street, these buildings would be retained.

Site B – Includes retail and office buildings adjacent to The Pheasantry and extends across Jubilee Place, which would be closed temporarily. This site would be used for storage of materials for use on construction site B.

Site C – The existing building (140-142 King’s Road) would be used for site accommodation and welfare facilities.

Site D – This site (73-77 King’s Road) would be used for construction of the eastern station shaft. Although the site boundary includes Chelsea Fire Station and Dovehouse Green, Activity on these sites would fluctuate during this period. It is estimated to take five to eight years to complete. Transport for London as the transport authority has an interest on keeping traffic/buses running on the King’s Road.

Proposals for the scheme are still at the early stages of design. Feedback from this and future consultations, together with further design and engineering work, will refine the proposals ahead of seeking permission to build the new railway.

All our contractors would have to adhere to a Code of Construction Practice which would be developed with local authorities. This would set out requirements for considerate construction practices that use the latest techniques to reduce noise and disruption both for surface and underground works.

As part of our Environmental Statement, a full evaluation of the potential impacts of construction and operation of the scheme would be documented along with proposed methods to minimise impacts where required. These proposals would then form commitments as part of the application for planning consent.

Minimising our impact

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Q. Why would land outside of the safeguarded area be required?
A. There are number of reasons for acquiring land outside the safeguarded area. In response to local concerns on the use of the Chelsea Fire Station and Dovehouse Green we have revised the sites and made changes to minimise impacts.

Further engineering work has determined that by using the 250 King’s Road property as a site for welfare/site offices, we can significantly reduce the total area of surface construction. As a result of this change, sites including Curzon Cinema and Habitat (that were identified as Areas of Surface Interest in the 2015 Safeguarding) are no longer proposed construction worksites.

Q. How many people will be boarding and alighting at the King’s Road Station?
A. Based on initial forecasts we estimate that around 5,000 people per hour would use the station (two-way) during morning peak hours of 07:00 - 10:00.

Q. How will the proposed station change King’s Road?
A. Transport for London shares your interest in preserving the character of the King’s Road area. Should Crossrail 2 go ahead, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea would remain the planning authority for new developments on the King’s Road. All potential new developments would still require planning permission from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Transport for London designers are being guided by a team of environmental experts who are identifying key local issues such as townscape and heritage at an early stage, as well as socio-economic impacts and impacts on the community.

To find out more
Visit www.crossrail2.co.uk where you can view and download a range of factsheets, maps and other information about the scheme.

Come along to one of our drop-in events where you will have an opportunity to view our proposals and speak to members of the Crossrail 2 team. Please visit www.crossrail2.co.uk for details about events in your area.

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The consultation will close on Friday 8 January 2016.

Development is still at an early stage. There will more opportunity to provide feedback on Crossrail 2 as the scheme develops.