

A new river crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf: Factsheet 1 – Overview

Have your say



Introduction

We would like your views on our proposals for a new river crossing for pedestrians and cyclists from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf.

This project is one of a number of proposed new river crossings for London which are intended to improve cross-river connectivity.

Please see **Figure 1** for the section of the River Thames under consideration for the new crossing.

Why are we proposing a new Thames Crossing?

It is forecast that there will be significant growth in cycling across London, employment growth in Canary Wharf, and population growth, particularly in the Canada Water area, due to new residential and mixed use development.

This will generate an increase in journeys and a demand for walking and cycling facilities in the area.

The Jubilee line is currently operating close to capacity during peak times and there is a lack of appropriate or sufficient infrastructure to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians wishing to cross the Thames east of Tower Bridge to access Canary Wharf.

A new river crossing would provide a more direct and attractive route for pedestrians and cyclists travelling between south and east London. This will help to improve the share of local trips being made by walking and cycling, in line with the Mayor's aim for 80 per cent of Londoners' trips to be on foot, by cycle or by using public transport by 2041.

The Mayor also specifically referenced the crossing in the draft Mayor's Transport Strategy 2017 and committed to investigate its feasibility.

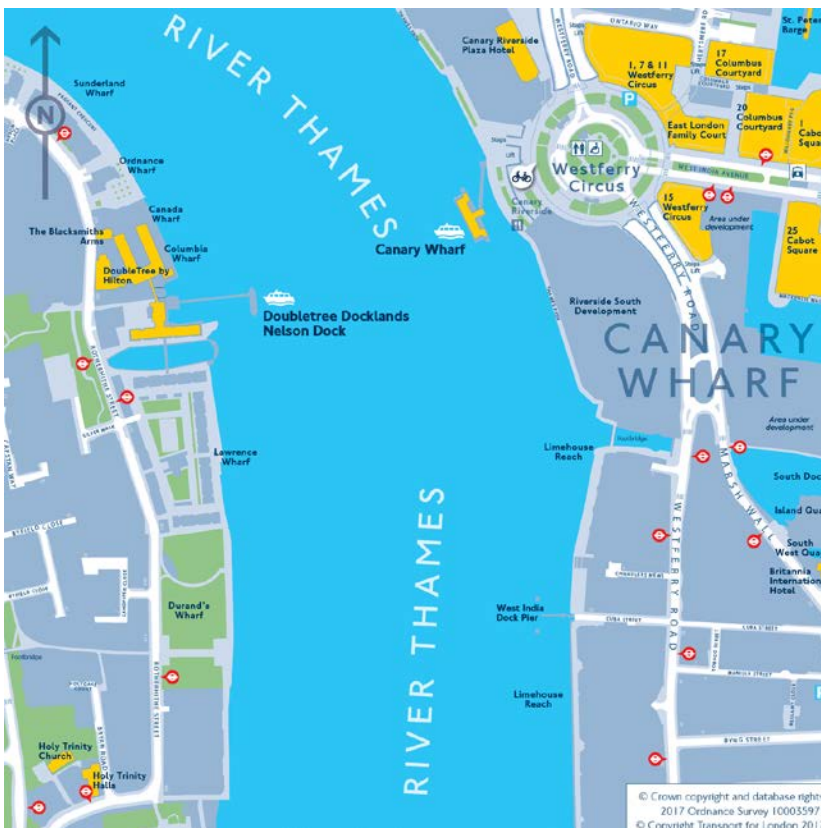


Figure 1: Section of the River Thames under consideration for a new river crossing.

Options for a new river crossing

We investigated several options for a new river crossing in this location. Some were discounted at an early stage as they were not feasible, leaving us with a short list of three options; a tunnel, improvements to the existing ferry service and a bridge. These three options were further assessed to consider their ability to meet the scheme's objectives, their likely costs, potential benefits, and possible impacts.

Preferred option

Based on the studies that we have carried out so far, we propose a bridge as our preferred option for a river crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf but we want to hear your views.

Any option taken forward is likely to be subject to further Environmental Assessment. This will examine the proposals and describe the likely significant environmental effects, as well as potential mitigation measures. It will be reported in an Environmental Report for submission as part of any consents application.

We will work closely with statutory stakeholders, such as the Local Authorities, Port of London Authority, Environment Agency and Historic England to ensure that any likely significant impacts are carefully considered and appropriately mitigated.

More information on our shortlisted options can be found in Factsheet 2.

What are the next steps?

We have allocated funds for the development of the crossing in our business plan and are also exploring opportunities for third party funding. Following incorporation of your feedback into the scheme we anticipate consulting again in 2018 before submitting a consents application in 2019.

To find out more: Visit tfl.gov.uk/R2CW-crossing where you can view our other factsheets and supporting information about the scheme.

Public Exhibitions: Alternatively, come along to one of our public exhibitions where you will have the opportunity to speak to TfL staff about our proposals.

Rotherhithe:

Saturday 18 November 2017

- At Canada Water Library, **Room 5**, 21 Surrey Quays Rd, London SE16 7AR
 - from 12:30 to 16:30

Thursday 23 November 2017

- Canada Water underground station, Jubilee line ticket hall, Deal Porter Way, Surrey Quays SE16
 - from 08:00 to 10:00
- Canada Water Library, **Room 3**, 21 Surrey Quays Rd, London SE16 7AR
 - from 11:00 to 19:00

Canary Wharf:

Saturday 25 November 2017

- Alpha Grove Community Centre, Alpha Grove, Isle of Dogs, London E14 8LH
 - from 11:00 to 15:00

Thursday 30 November 2017

- Canary Wharf underground station, Jubilee line ticket hall, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NY
 - from 08:00 to 19:00
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Have your say

This public consultation will be open until 8 January 2018.

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If you would like a paper copy of our consultation plans and questionnaire, please contact us using the details above.

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