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Factsheet 11

# CATFORD TUNNELLING WORKSITE OPTION

## Why we are proposing an extension to the Bakerloo line?

An extension to Lewisham via Old Kent Road and New Cross Gate would provide new transport capacity to south east London and improve transport connections. This would help to enable development in south east London, support London's growth and improve journeys for existing communities. We are also considering a potential extension beyond Lewisham to Hayes and Beckenham Junction.

## Catford worksite option

New Cross Gate is our proposed primary worksite for tunnelling activities for the extension (see factsheet 6). Catford is an alternative site we considered but is not the proposed location. This is because of the additional scale of construction, cost and resources required and the likely environmental impacts of using this site.



The site we have considered at Catford would require two sites lying to the east and west side of the existing National Rail line to Hayes: Jubilee Grounds (St Dunstan's school playing fields) and Catford Hill Retail Park. The sites are accessible from the South Circular road and would require 1.7 km of additional tunnelled route beyond the current planned end point for the extension at the Wearside Road Council depot.

## *Jubilee Grounds*

The Jubilee Grounds playing field site would be required for the tunnelling works as this site runs along the Hayes line for a long enough stretch to enable us to build new rail freight sidings and their junctions to and from the Hayes line. These sidings would be required for the transportation of construction materials to, and spoil away from, the site. It is likely that a temporary closure of the Hayes line would be required to connect these new rail freight sidings to the existing line.

As the sports facilities on the Jubilee Grounds site would be required there would be a loss of recreational facilities for the School and wider community during construction. The school playing fields are designated Metropolitan Open Land and Urban Green Space.

## *Catford Hill Retail Park*

The Catford Hill Retail Park would be required for the launch of the tunnel boring machines towards Lambeth North via Lewisham. Unless the site at Catford Hill Retail Park is used for operational purposes once the proposed extension is complete, this would become redundant.

Part of the site also falls within Culverley Green Conservation area and is also within an Archaeological Priority Area. There is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation located adjacent to the western side of the site within the River Pool Linear Park, which runs along the Ravensbourne River. The river is in a culvert beneath the retail park and through the proposed site and would need to be diverted on this constrained site. Construction works in this ground would be challenging.

The site is also within an area at risk of flooding.

Additionally, the Waterlink Way section of the National Cycle Network runs across the Catford Hill Retail Park and would need to be diverted during our works.

Given these activities, with the exception of the Network Rail substation, the current businesses and facilities could not remain operational on these sites during construction.

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The consultation will close on 22 December 2019.

There will be further opportunities to provide feedback on the Bakerloo line extension as the scheme develops.