Factsheet 10

HITHER GREEN 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.

Hither Green tunnelling work site option
New Cross Gate is our proposed primary worksite for tunnelling activities for the extension (see factsheet 6). Hither Green is an alternative site we considered but is not the proposed location. This is because of the additional tunnel construction which would be required and the impacts of using the site.
The site we have considered at Hither Green would make use of an existing rail operations site, located between the Sidcup and Orpington lines as they run into Hither Green station. These lines are on embankments above the level of the proposed site, which could provide separation and screening. The site is accessed via Manor Lane, a residential road with traffic-calming measures.

The site has rail sidings to facilitate daily freight movements which support maintenance activities. The current rail freight use of the site could not continue if the site was to be used for the construction of the Bakerloo line extension.

The site would require 1.6 km of additional tunnelled route beyond the current planned end point at the Wearside Road Council depot. Once the proposed extension is complete, this section of tunnel would become redundant.

The use of this site would significantly increase the scale of construction, cost and resources required to build the extension. It would also increase the cost and complexity of extending the Bakerloo line beyond Lewisham on the Hayes line.

Part of the site is heavily vegetated and is a designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. Community groups are involved in improving the site which is locally known as the Hither Green Triangle Nature Reserve.

Due to the site having shortened sidings, more freight train movements would be required to transport the spoil away from and deliver materials to the tunnelling construction site. Therefore we may also require part of the nearby Grove Park sidings to facilitate this work.

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The consultation will close on 22 December 2019.

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