Factsheet 7

LEWISHAM WAY SHAFT AND HEAD HOUSE

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.

Lewisham Way shaft and head house
We are proposing a shaft and head house at a site off Lewisham Way on Alexandra Cottages at the Big Yellow Self Storage site, between New Cross Gate and Lewisham stations. We consulted on this site proposal in 2017 and the majority of respondents supported the location. We continue to require the site. It is unlikely that the current business could remain operational on this site during construction.
Purpose of shafts and head houses
The Bakerloo line extension would require a shaft between New Cross Gate and Lewisham stations to connect the tunnels to the surface. The shaft would provide an emergency access and evacuation route in the unlikely event of a fire or other incident. The shaft would also provide access for maintenance of the line and enables ventilation of the tunnels without which the extension could not operate. Shafts are a common feature across all modern underground railway networks.

A structure known as a head house would sit above the shaft at the surface following construction. The head house would typically be at least a two-storey structure and would house the necessary ventilation equipment. As well as this proposed shaft, stations would also act as access and ventilation points to the railway.

The site is close to but outside of the local conservation areas and the design of the head house would be considerate to the local setting and surrounds. We recognise the impact of construction in the local area and we will consider how we could reduce these impacts and develop measures to mitigate any effects.

To find out more
Visit tfl.gov.uk/bakerloo-extension where you can view and download a range of factsheets, maps, and other information about the scheme.

Alternatively, come along to one of our exhibitions where you will have the opportunity to view our proposals and speak to members of the Bakerloo line extension team. More details about the exhibitions are on the website at tfl.gov.uk/bakerloo-extension

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We’d like to hear your views on our proposals. Visit tfl.gov.uk/bakerloo-extension
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.