Why we are proposing a Bakerloo Line Extension

An extension to Lewisham via Old Kent Road and New Cross Gate would improve transport capacity accessibility and connections along the proposed route. This would help enable development in south east London to support London’s growth and improve journeys for existing communities. Although not part of our current proposals, a potential extension beyond Lewisham remains an option for future consideration.

The Proposal at New Cross Gate

We are proposing a new Underground station to create an interchange with Overground and National Rail services. Our proposed site for the station is on the western side of the existing rail station – see figure 1. A station at this site could connect to the local walk and cycle network whilst the proximity to the existing station could enable fast and attractive interchange links to enable better connectivity for journeys across wider southeast London.

The site size would help us to reduce the impact of construction on surrounding sites. We anticipate that the tunneling machines could be launched from here because the site size available would be able to accommodate the additional machinery, staff and work compound this activity requires. The site also has the potential to enable use of the railway alongside the site for the transport of excavated spoil from the tunnels. The pros and cons of the site compared to other options we considered are:

Pros:
- The site size would make construction of the station less complex.
- The site is close to the existing station which will enable a shorter interchange between Rail and Underground services.
- The location could also help improve the existing station entrance and bus interchange.
- The option would avoid impacts on existing residential development and reduces the number of landowners directly impacted by the proposals.

Cons:
- Potential loss of local supermarket during construction period.
- Potential loss of bus standing within existing car park on site.

A number of other locations were also considered on the east side of the station, south of the A2 on adjacent sites, and also construction under the existing station. These options are not being progressed owing, but not limited to, the following reasons – other options have less land available; other options could impact a greater number of land owners and occupiers; and the construction methods for other options could be more
complex, have a higher cost, take longer and may impact existing operations at the station and on the rail lines through New Cross Gate. More information on this site and the other sites we considered can be found in the ‘Background to 2017 Consultation Report’ on the website at tfl.gov.uk/bakerloo-extension.

Progressing the Proposal
We will use the public consultation responses to help us finalise our decision on the site requirements at New Cross Gate. We plan to respond to the key issues raised by the consultation by the end of 2017.

We will undertake further planning and development work on our proposals at New Cross Gate station and consult further on those details in the future.

Subject to further consultation and securing funding for the proposal, we plan to apply for planning powers to construct the extension, including the proposed new station at New Cross Gate, by 2020 and complete construction by 2029.

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 drop-in events where you will have the opportunity to view our proposals and speak to members of the Bakerloo Line Extension team, more details about drop-ins are on the website.

Please contact us to request a copy of this leaflet and other Bakerloo Line Extension consultation material in hard copy, large print, audio or another language.

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