Factsheet 9

WEARSIDE ROAD COUNCIL DEPOT

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.

Wearside Road Council depot
We need to build tunnels beyond Lewisham for the proposed extension to avoid restrictions being placed on the speed of trains approaching the station and to allow empty trains to be stabled. The proposed site is the Wearside Road Council Depot site. These tunnels would require a head house for access and ventilation. A head house is typically at least a two-storey structure.

A majority of respondents in the 2017 consultation supported the location of a shaft at the Wearside Road Council depot site.

Our proposal for this site requires more land than we consulted on in 2017. We previously consulted on a shaft at this location to access tunnels. We are now proposing for the tunnels to come up into a larger basement level structure at this location. This would allow us to access the tunnels via a head house, provide stabling, potentially reverse trains and remove the tunnel boring machines. This would also allow us to extend beyond Lewisham on the Hayes branch of the National Rail network.
The proposed site is publicly owned and bounded by existing rail lines towards Ladywell and Hither Green. We would ensure that the safe operation of the existing rail services alongside the site could be maintained.

The Ravensbourne River runs alongside the proposed site and therefore we would consider how our construction works and the operation of the site would minimise any potential impact to the river. We would also ensure that any flood risk generated by the presence of the river could be managed to avoid affecting the operation of the Bakerloo line extension.

The site has existing access used by heavy goods vehicles however our proposals would increase movements during construction. 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.

Given these activities, the current council depot could not remain operational on the site during construction. We will work with Lewisham Council to minimise the impact on the local community and area.
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

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

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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.