



Crossrail line 1: Update Spring 2003

Baseline Information Gathering

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Vision

Crossrail line 1 is a proposed major rail project that will make quick and easy travel across London a reality. It will improve comfort, reduce congestion and create job opportunities.

Connections

The new railway will run in deep underground tunnels between Paddington and the Isle of Dogs and connect to existing lines above ground to serve stations across London and the South East.

Decisions

The route options outside this central core are now being finalised. The Government will then decide on the precise routes on which the new rail services will run outside central London.

Consultation

So far Crossrail has consulted with local authorities along the potential lines of the route as well as with key business, regeneration, environment and heritage organisations.

Following an announcement by the Government of the preferred Crossrail line 1 route, an extensive public consultation programme will take place with people and organisations affected by the scheme. It will include exhibitions and meetings with individuals and groups representing local communities where Crossrail staff will be available to explain proposals and answer questions. Crossrail will seek to contact anyone whose interests may be affected by the construction or operation of the railway during this programme. The public information centre dates and venues will be advertised locally and we will send invitations to everyone on our mailing list.

The Way Forward

After the consultation stage, the details will be published formally when we apply for powers to construct the railway. There will be an opportunity to comment and the proposals will then be examined in public, either by an Inspector at a Public Inquiry or by Committees appointed by Parliament.

Current Activity

This leaflet describes our current activity, and how your information will help us develop the new line in the most appropriate way.

Contact Us

We are keen to work with everyone in the communities we will serve to minimise any disturbance or disruption.

If you have any queries regarding this work, or would like a translation of this leaflet, please contact us.

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To develop Crossrail line 1, the project team needs information about the environment, property ownership and other aspects in the areas the line will serve.

This will then be used to develop our plans further, and more importantly, keep everyone with an interest along the route fully informed about progress.

Property Ownership Enquiries

As part of the preparation for our application, Crossrail is legally bound to make enquiries to establish details of all property and land interests in areas through which the tunnels and lines may run. These enquiries are important to ensure that everybody with a current interest in land affected by the proposals is personally informed about the scheme proposals at the right time.

There are a range of rights Crossrail may need to seek in respect of some properties. Some relate to the use of land above or below the surface, on a permanent or temporary basis; others may be concerned with the carrying out of surveys or with temporary restrictions of access. The development of the engineering design will inform us of the rights we would need and the information given to us by local residents and businesses during consultation will modify our proposals.

The design of the scheme is still taking place and will continue for some months. We anticipate that specific information about individual properties will be available by the time public consultation takes place in your area.

Environmental Studies

Crossrail is conscious of the effects the project could have on the environment. The project is obliged to produce an Environmental Statement describing the main environmental effects of the scheme during operation and explaining how the project will seek to mitigate them.

In order to do this we need to gather information about the environment in the area around potential routes as it is today. We need to investigate the natural habitats that we may affect and measure human activity such as noise levels. This will require us to arrange access to carry out surveys of physical features and obtain information about existing noise levels, wildlife etc.

The results will be used during the Crossrail design process and we will share the results of the surveys with people who help us to undertake them.



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