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TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

NEW BIG BEN ARTWORK FOR GLOUCESTER ROAD UNDERGROUND STATION

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From 12 June 2012 passengers will be treated to an epic artwork which has been created for the 18 arches that span the length of the disused platform at Gloucester Road Underground station. This latest installation is by international artist Sarah Morris and was commissioned by *Art on the Underground*. As trains enter the station passengers will see a spectrum of evolving colour as they travel past the many arches. This progression recalls the countdown to a spectacle or event, and also parallels the way in which a train pulls in and out of the station. Recognised for her brightly coloured and complex paintings and installations Sarah Morris's work for Gloucester Road derives from a painting of Big Ben that she created as one of the twelve posters for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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CROSSRAIL SUBMITS OVER-SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR FARRINGDON STATION

19 June 2012

Crossrail and development partner Cardinal Lysander have submitted a joint planning application to the London Borough of Islington and the City of London Corporation for an over-site development above the western entrance of Farringdon Crossrail station. The 207,000 sq ft development, located at the corner of Cowcross Street and Farringdon Road, will comprise six storeys of high-quality office space, with retail units at street level. The building has been carefully designed to integrate with Crossrail's operating station and will also improve local views of St. Paul's Cathedral. By 2018 Farringdon will be one of Britain's busiest rail stations, linking Crossrail, Thameslink and London Underground services. The proposed developments will accelerate the area's regeneration, helping Farringdon re-emerge as a destination in its own right.

Farringdon Crossrail station will comprise two platform tunnels, each the length of two football pitches, linking two new ticket halls. The western ticket hall will be shared with Thameslink services, and will have an entrance on Cowcross Street, directly opposite Farringdon Underground station. The eastern ticket hall will have entrances at the Long Lane end of the station, on Lindsey Street and Hayne Street. It will also link directly with the existing London Underground platforms at Barbican station.

FIRST TBM COMPONENTS ARRIVE FOR CROSSRAIL'S EASTERN TUNNELS

20 June 2012

Assembly of Crossrail's next 1,000 tonne tunnel boring machine (TBM), Elizabeth, has today commenced at Limmo Peninsula in east London. During the next four months, components for the 150 metre long machine will be transported to the Limmo worksite from Tilbury Docks and reassembled before being lowered in sections into two huge shafts. Once fully assembled below ground, Elizabeth will begin constructing the first of Crossrail's two eastern running tunnels between Docklands and central London.

Workers have reached the temporary bottom of the two huge launch shafts and have commenced work on sprayed concrete lined tunnels to connect the two shafts. The larger of the two shafts is 30 metres in diameter and will be 44 metres deep when completed. Limmo Peninsula, located adjacent to Canning Town station, is a key Crossrail worksite from where Elizabeth and Victoria will be launched. The machines will construct Crossrail's longest tunnel section running 8.3 km (5.16 miles) to Farringdon station via Canary Wharf, Whitechapel and Liverpool Street.

Victoria is due to commence tunnelling this winter and completed her factory testing last week. This means that four of the eight Crossrail TBMs have now been manufactured.

CROSSRAIL AWARDS MAJOR TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD STATION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

22 June 2012

Crossrail today announced its intention to award the main construction contract for the Western Ticket Hall at Tottenham Court Road to Laing O'Rourke Construction Ltd. In line with European procurement rules the contract is subject to a ten-day standstill period.

Tottenham Court Road Crossrail station will be directly connected to the neighbouring Underground station allowing passengers to interchange between Crossrail and London Underground services. Following completion of the works, a major over-site development will be constructed above the Crossrail station.