

EDITED PRESS AND NEWS RELEASES

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

TfL STARTS SEARCH FOR NEXT OPERATOR TO RUN OVERGROUND

9 April 2015

Transport for London has issued a notice with the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) to select the next train operator to run London Overground services from November 2016, with bidders having until mid-May to register their interest. Under the new 2016 concession TfL will bring in new trains, higher frequency services and a continuing programme of station upgrades. The contract will also include options to introduce an all-night service at weekends and to extend Gospel Oak to Barking line services to Barking Riverside in 2019. The new operator will be responsible for supporting these improvements and will be expected to continue to improve London Overground's performance levels. London Overground will take over the operation of routes running from Liverpool Street station to Enfield Town, Cheshunt (via Seven Sisters) and Chingford, on 31 May 2015, as well as services between Romford and Upminster. These routes will be part of the contract now open to tender and which the successful bidder will operate from 13 November 2016.

21 April 2015

FINSBURY PARK – WORKS UPDATE

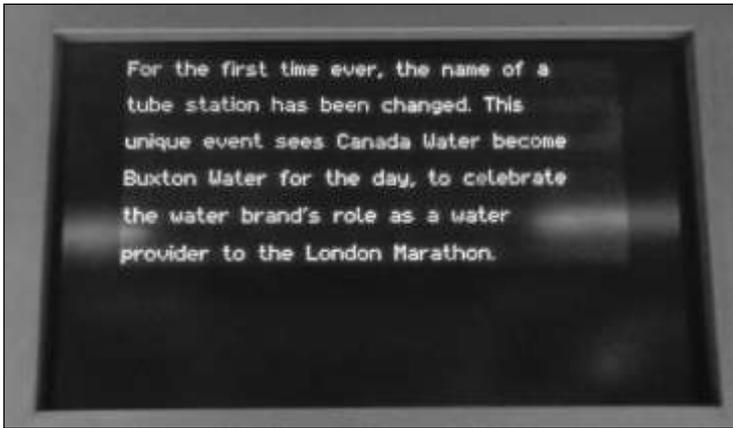
Work on a new entrance at Finsbury Park Underground station, the installation of ticket gates and step-free access, which was due to begin yesterday, has been postponed. The upgrade of Finsbury Park station is being coordinated with a project by City North Ltd. which is adjacent to the station. City North Ltd. has informed TfL they are now not in a position to proceed with their work.

This temporarily impacts on the planned work at the Wells Terrace station entrance and means this entrance will remain open until further notice to minimise disruption. TfL remain committed to delivering improvements, including step-free access, at Finsbury Park Underground station.

CANADA WATER STATION RENAMED BUXTON WATER FOR MARATHON DAY

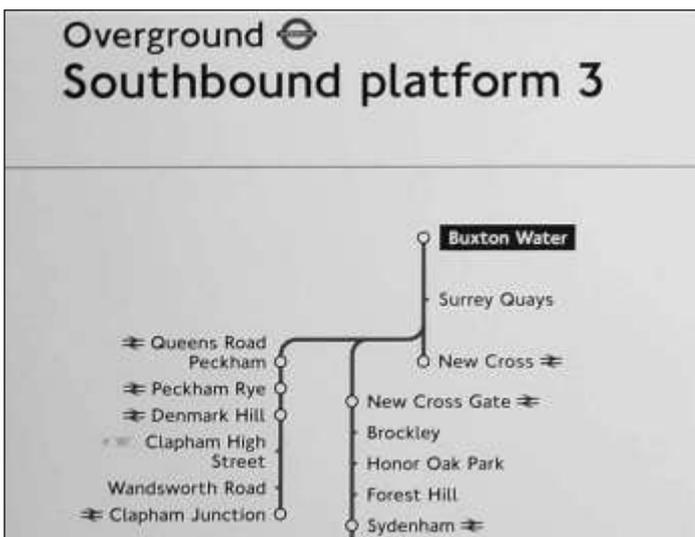
23 April 2015

Transport for London has signed a landmark sponsorship deal which will see Canada Water London Underground station renamed 'Buxton Water' station for one day on Sunday 26 April 2015, the day of the 35th Virgin Money London Marathon. Canada Water station name roundels will be replaced by 'Buxton Water' to celebrate runners taking part in London's largest annual running event. The revenue TfL will receive from the deal is part of its wider commercial plans to generate £3.4bn in non-fare revenue over the next decade, which will be reinvested in to improving London's public transport and road network for the benefit of its users. The main station entrance signs will remain unchanged.



One of the platform signs is seen (Above) on the Jubilee Line at Canada Water and at the bus station entrance (Right). By the afternoon some stickers had been removed, probably by 'itchy fingers' (Overleaf).

**Photos: Tommy Cooling (Above)
Julian Gajewski (Right), Kim Rennie (Overleaf)**



NEW LONDON OVERGROUND ENTRANCE AT SHEPHERD'S BUSH

London Overground passengers using Shepherd's Bush station now have a new second entrance and a new footbridge. The £1.35m station upgrade includes two new ticket machines, improved passenger information screens and a new pedestrian footbridge— enabling passengers to cross from one platform to the other without using the main station entrance. Shepherd's Bush station has also recently benefited from new longer platforms, which were installed and funded by Network Rail, as part of a £25 million project to accommodate Southern trains, which are up to eight carriages long. A culmination of nine months' work by Network Rail has seen platforms lengthened at stations along the West London line – Clapham Junction, Imperial Wharf, West Brompton and Shepherd's Bush. Of course, the West London line has gone from strength to strength, from a period where there were no passenger trains at all, to today, where trains are frequent and full.

TfL SEEKS PARTNER TO TRANSFORM DISUSED DOWN STREET STATION

28 April 2015

Transport for London is inviting businesses to submit innovative ideas to transform Down Street Underground station into a commercially viable business as part of its plans to generate £3.4bn in non-fare revenue to reinvest in the transport network. Down Street station is located on a quiet residential street off Piccadilly. It opened on the Great Northern Piccadilly & Brompton Railway on 15 March 1907 and closed on 22 May 1932 due to low passenger usage because of its close proximity to Hyde Park Corner and Green Park (formerly Dover Street) stations.

TfL is offering a unique opportunity for established and enterprising businesses to develop the untapped potential of the disused station, which is located in the heart of one of the most exclusive postcodes in London. Although Down Street station is closed to the public, it is still in regular use as part of the day to day operation of the Underground. TfL will lease out part of the station, around 400m², to businesses who have the ability to use the space to create something exceptional and establish the next chapter in the station's history.

Adjoining parts of the station are still required for running the Underground, but TfL will work with interested parties to ensure the commercial and operational activities can happily coexist. The station played a vital role in the Second World War when it was used as the protected underground headquarters for the Railway Executive Committee. It is also believed that the station was used by Sir Winston Churchill and the War Cabinet while the Cabinet War Rooms were being prepared.

During a recent review of all disused assets, seven stations were identified and one deep level shelter with great commercial potential.

The review also allowed us to establish that:

- Few are complete stations and no site is disused or abandoned
 - Most directly lead to live operational railway and continue to perform important operational functions, e.g. maintenance and emergency access.
 - Each location presents a unique combination of commercial opportunity and operational constraint.
- Carmody Groarke, a firm of architects with experience in this area, were commissioned to conduct a commercial feasibility study at the disused Down Street station. This study aimed to identify potential secondary revenue opportunities and create a methodology or assessment template, which could be adapted and applied to other sites in the future. The study concluded that the Down Street station site had many attributes which collectively outweighed its constraints. As a result, TfL are now seeking commercial proposals for this site.

THE BRITISH POSTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

SEVERN LAMB COMES ABOARD THE MAIL RAIL

22 April 2015



The British Postal Museum & Archive has announced that transport engineering specialist Severn Lamb has been brought on board to develop and construct the train for the Mail Rail ride, opening as part of The Postal Museum in 2016. The immersive Mail Rail ride will take visitors back in time to see what life was like on the Post Office Underground Railway. The Mail Rail ride will let people take a trip through a small section of the post office railway tunnels, as part of the site visit. Through audio visual displays visitors will explore a part of hidden London, revealed to the public for the first time in its 100 year history.

Severn Lamb has almost 70 years' experience creating train rides for the leisure industry, largely abroad, with clients including Disneyland Paris and Drayton Manor Theme Park. They will be responsible for the creation of the train and associated ride system for the Mail Rail visitor attraction from design, through construction, to the completion of the project in 2016.

COSTAR

WESTMINSTER DERAILS LONDON UNDERGROUND HQ OFFICE TO RESI PLANS

22 April 2015

Transport for London's plans for a redevelopment of London Underground's Grade I-listed long-term headquarters above St. James's Park Underground station to create a luxury residential scheme have been deferred by Westminster councillors who are seeking the retention of some offices and potential hotel use. The decision last night to defer TfL's Broadway Complex application underlines Westminster's recent commitment to slowing the pace of office to resi conversion under its remit.

Councillor Davis announced in March of this year that as of 1 September the council would be taking a stricter approach to the conversion of office space into residential as the "balance of commercial to residential floorspace has tipped too far in favour of residential across Westminster's Central Activities Zone (CAZ)".

TfL, acting on behalf of London Underground, has been proposing a change of use of 55 Broadway from offices to private residential (89 units) including extensions at 10th floor level and reconfiguration of ground floor retail. It is also proposing part demolition and redevelopment of 100 Petty France Wing Over Station to provide affordable residential accommodation (35 units) and associated car parking (43 spaces).

But Cllr Robert Davis called for a decision to be deferred as the council would like some office use to be retained given its location. The three other councillors on the Committee also said some form of hotel use would be preferable.

The Broadway building, designed by Charles Holden between 1927 and 1929, was constructed as a new headquarters for the Underground Electric Railways Company of London (UERL), the predecessor to the London Underground. CBRE (formerly CB Richard Ellis Group) is advising London Underground.

PUBLICITY MATERIAL

In order to ensure that the Publicity Materials column reports as widely as possible, it would be appreciated if members who attend the monthly meeting at All Souls Clubhouse could bring a copy of any new material that they notice, especially leaflets relating to particular stations or lines. The compiler obtains most of the general leaflets (e.g., ticketing) but 'local' items can easily be missed. The leaflets can be handed to any member of the Committee.

LONDON UNDERGROUND

"Improving London Underground". The latest in the series of booklets informing passengers about upgrade works across the Underground. After letters from Boris Johnson and Mike Brown, there are sections on general Tube improvements, line improvements, station upgrade plans, and maintenance activities. The cover has the same design as for the previous version of the booklet, namely a stylized roundel shown as if roughly painted with a brush. Dated February 2015. 1/3 A4 stapled booklet, 16 pages.

"Improving London Underground". The same title as the previous item, but this is a leaflet with details of the ticket office changes that have started across the network, and providing information on how to pay without a ticket office. Dated February 2015. 1/3 A4 (x2), double-sided.

TICKETING

"Register your Oyster card". A new version of the Oyster card registration form, dated September 2014. 1/3 A4 (x4), double-sided.

ART ON THE UNDERGROUND

"Poems on the Underground celebrating Irish poetry". One of the irregularly issued sets of themed poems, in this case in conjunction with the Yeats 2015 celebration, marking the 150th anniversary of the Irish poet's birth. 1/3 A4 (x6), double-sided.

LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM

"All Aboard" – a leaflet promoting the new children's play zones at the LT Museum. A5, double-sided.

"Transport Uncovered". A leaflet promoting the Museum Depot open weekend on 25-26 April. 1/3 A4 (x2), double-sided, printed on card.

CROSSRAIL

"On Track: Farringdon". An update newsletter for Crossrail works in the vicinity of Farringdon station. It notes that utility works have been completed, Lindsey Street (the site for the Barbican ticket office) is being underpinned, and that both eastern and western ticket halls are being progressed. Dated January 2015. A5 (x4), double-sided. Ref EA335_EA_AB.

THAMESLINK

"Improving performance on Thameslink and Southern". Information on how the train operators have recognised decreasing performance, and what they are doing to make improvements, particularly given the difficulties currently faced with London Bridge main-line station being reconstructed. A5 booklet, 16 pages (inc. covers).

"Use Waterloo East or Charing Cross?". Information from the Thameslink Programme on alternative routes available by bus or Underground in the event of disruption or service changes at London Bridge. A5, single-sided.

NETWORK RAIL

"Full road closure to Ophanage Road from Monday 2 February – Friday 17 April 2015". A leaflet covering alternative routes during replacement of a bridge just south of Watford Junction station. A5 double-sided.

FIRST GREAT WESTERN

"Travelling this Easter?". Only included because the some of the changes in this leaflet are made for Crossrail construction work west of Hayes & Harlington. A5, double-sided.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE

"Ask the Museum to stop supporting the arms trade". A postcard, picked up at the LT Museum but almost certainly not there officially, and printed by the Campaign Against Arms Trade. They object to

the Museum being sponsored by Thales which, in addition to its railway business, manufactures defence and military equipment. The postcard is intended to be sent to the Museum Director, asking him to break the connection with Thales. A6, double-sided, printed on card.

HEATHROW EXPRESS

“Available NOW from the Heathrow Express ticket office”. Leaflet advertising tourist attractions for which tickets can be purchased from Heathrow Express. $\frac{1}{3}$ A4, double-sided. Ref EELE1238 (21-13).

“Your guide to hotels and attractions in central London”. Map of central London on one side, with close-up map of Paddington area, central area Underground map, and Heathrow Express details on the other. $\frac{1}{3}$ A4 ($\times 10$), double-sided. Ref F 05.2014 on Underground map.