

Crossrail Progress Update

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As the Crossrail construction programme gathers pace, this is the second of our regular updates, designed to keep businesses informed of progress and the steps being taken to manage the impacts. We would be pleased to receive your comments on this newsletter and its coverage.

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Organisational developments

- Andrew Mitchell, previously with Thameslink, has been appointed as Programme Director, taking over from Graham Plant. The Programme Director is one of the Executive Directors and will be responsible for the delivery of the overall Crossrail Programme.
- David Bennett has been appointed as Implementation Director and will work closely with the Project Delivery Partner to ensure the major construction element of the Crossrail programme is delivered on time and to budget.
- Martin Buck has been appointed as Commercial Director – the major part of his role will be to manage compliance with key agreements and procurement through the Head of Procurement.

Local liaison arrangements

- Crossrail's first visitor centre near Tottenham Court Road came into operation on Thursday 16 July, providing a one-stop shop for local residents and businesses to get information about the Crossrail project and London Underground's redevelopment of Tottenham Court Road Tube station specifically.

Crossrail Visitor Centre - Tottenham Court Road

16-18 St Giles High Street, WC2H 8LN (opposite the junction with Denmark Street)

Opening times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from midday until 8pm

- The Tottenham Court Road area has been chosen as the location for the first visitor centre as the works here are the furthest advanced and it is the most complex Crossrail worksite in central London. As construction progresses further centres will open along the route, helping to ensure that people are kept informed.

Crossrail programme

- Following the start of works at Canary Wharf Station, the next stages of the programme involve activating further tranches of compulsory purchase orders – Cardinal House at Farringdon and properties in the Pudding Mill Lane area. The next tranches later this year will include Paddington and Tottenham Court Road West (Dean Street).

- A number of design packages have been awarded to various consultants. These include portal design, bored tunnels and station design at Tottenham Court Road and Farringdon. So far 13 contracts have been awarded, with 11 still to go.
- A Crossrail tunneling academy has been announced by the Mayor and will be built at a site near Ilford. Designed to ensure Londoners benefit from job opportunities created by the project, the academy is due to open in spring 2010 and is expected to train 1,000 by 2015.

Construction impacts

- Detailed assessment work, in conjunction with tunnel design, has shown that tunnelling could put strain on the utilities' plant under Oxford Street. To avoid causing damage to utilities, it is proposed to strengthen them before tunnelling commences in 2011. This would mean that the eastbound lane of Oxford Street between Newman Street and Tottenham Court Road will be closed from early 2010 for 10-12 months. The footway should remain open.
- Bus diversions in the eastbound direction will result from this closure. The diversionary routes will be: Newman Street, Goodge Street, Tottenham Court Road, Chenies Street, Gower Street/ Bedford Square/Bloomsbury Street, to new Oxford Street. Other traffic will also be diverted via Newman Street.
- Proposed lorry routes to cater for demolition and construction activities have been approved by the City of London and Islington. Similar borough plans will shortly be submitted for approval to Westminster. [City of London and Islington Lorry Management Proposals](#)

Crossrail website

- The new Crossrail website can be found at: <http://www.crossrail.co.uk>