

# A cable car for London

Between Greenwich Peninsula  
and the Royal Docks

Have your say





The new crossing could look like this cable car in Portugal

The Mayor has asked Transport for London (TfL) to identify ways to improve crossing the Thames in east London. TfL is working to find the solutions which will best support development in the area.

Crossing the river east of Tower Bridge by foot and cycle can be difficult. New fixed crossings would help connect and integrate the communities and visitor destinations on both sides of the river and support the growth of the area.

The Royal Docks and Greenwich Peninsula are a focus for significant regeneration and renewal. The area is already home to a cluster of leisure and entertainment venues with ExCeL, the O2 and Olympic events in 2012.

Other options, including new tunnels and ferry crossings are being examined as part of a package of improvements in this area but the earliest any new tunnel would be ready is 2020.

In the meantime one way to improve connections across the river could be a cable car linking North Greenwich to the Royal Docks. This would provide pedestrians and cyclists with a frequent and regular service using small cabins, providing the same capacity as running 50 buses per hour.

TfL will not be paying to build this project. Instead, the project will be privately funded and discussions are taking place with interested third parties.

We would like to know your views on this proposed transport link. This leaflet tells you more about the scheme and there is a section for you to tell us what you think.

### **About the proposed cable car**

The cable car could bring significant benefits to the local area, such as:

- It could carry up to 2,500 passengers per hour across the river, providing a very significant public transport option
- Shortening journeys between the Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks, linking the world's busiest music venue – O2, with the UK's busiest exhibition centre – ExCeL, both of which are Olympic venues
- Providing people in North Greenwich with additional access to the DLR and onward destinations
- Providing people in Royal Docks with direct access to the bars, restaurants, and entertainment venues in North Greenwich
- A low emission form of public transport
- Attracting new visitors to east London with spectacular views along the Thames from the cabins



### Where would it go?

The proposed route is shown below.

In North Greenwich, the station would be situated close to the main pedestrian squares and the O2 Arena. This will make it easy for both visitors and local people to access the cable car.

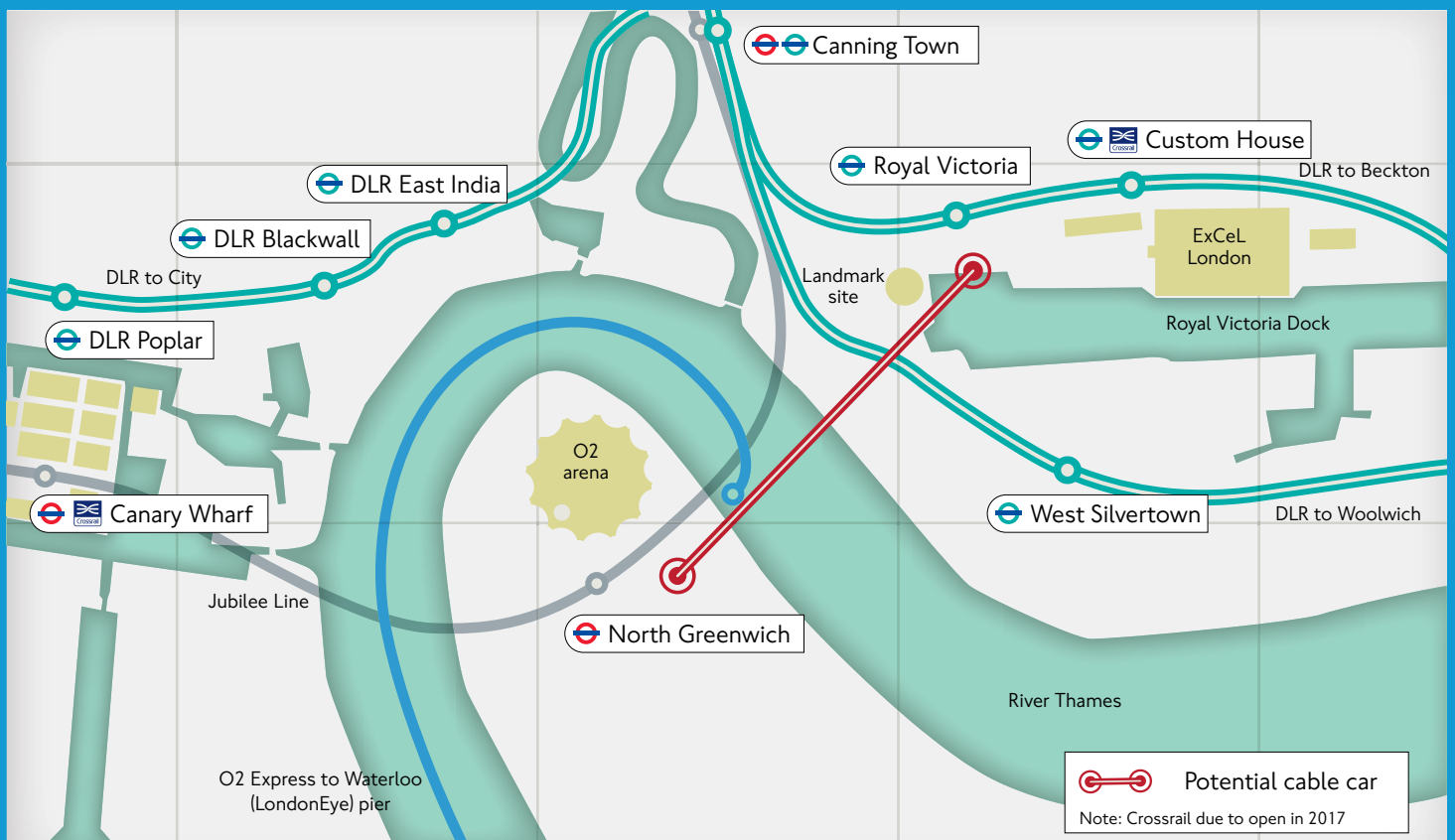
At the Royal Docks, the station would be located on the northern side of Victoria Dock, close to Royal Victoria DLR station and a short walk from ExCeL London.

### Next steps

The project is still in the early stages of development. This means there is still a lot of work to do including finalising the design, the operating hours and the prices.

Following your feedback a planning application could be made in the autumn. At this time, more details on private funding and other issues will be known and you will have another chance to comment. If permission for the crossing is granted, construction could start later in 2011. The cable car could then open in time for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In North Greenwich the cable car would land close to the Tube station and O2. In Royal Docks, it will be easy to get to the DLR and ExCeL.



## Questions & answers

### Why a cable car?

The Thames is still used by large ships in this area. This means any new bridge would have to be both long and high making it very expensive to build.

A cable car rises up to clear the space required for ships, while bringing passengers back down to the ground in convenient locations. It can be built relatively quickly and cheaply to provide much needed support to existing crossings. A cable car will also help support the local economy by attracting visitors to the area.

### What would it look like?

We haven't finalised this yet. It could look similar to other schemes in Britain and Europe – the cable car in Lisbon is illustrated to the right. It would be designed to a high standard, bringing an attractive new addition to the east London skyline.

### How long would a crossing take?

A crossing between Royal Victoria and North Greenwich would take around five minutes. With a constant stream of cabins arriving at the stations there would be little waiting time.

### Who would pay to build it?

The scheme will be privately funded and we are in discussions with interested third parties.

### Could I take my bike on it?

Yes, bicycles could be carried.



### How high would it be?

The stations would be two-storey buildings at ground level. The cabins would cross the river at a height of at least 50 metres, similar to the height of the O2 Arena, offering spectacular views along the river.

### How much would it cost to use?

It is too early in the process to know this yet. However, TfL would require the operator to accept Oyster pay as you go cards for payment.

### Will it be fully accessible?

The cable car will be designed so it can be used by those with reduced mobility including wheelchair users and people with pushchairs, as well as bicycles.

### Will it be noisy?

Cable car systems emit very little noise and are powered electrically, so produce low levels of emissions.

For more information please contact us at one of the following:

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TfL would like your views on the proposed cable car for London. Please complete the short questionnaire below, seal at the sides and return to the postage paid address provided.

**1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?:**

Please tick one box per statement

It would be an exciting new feature for London

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

It would support the economy in the area

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

It would be a valuable addition to the transport options available, particularly when large events are on

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

It would provide a great way to get across the River Thames

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

It would bring jobs and tourists to the area

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

It would help people to walk and cycle more in this part of London

Strongly agree  Agree  Undecided  Disagree  Strongly disagree

**2. Do you have any comments about the proposed cable car? Please use the box below.**

Longer responses can be sent separately to the address overleaf or emailed to [cablecar@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:cablecar@tfl.gov.uk)

**3. Do you live or work close to the proposed site of the cable car?**

Live  Work  
 Both  Neither

What is the first half of your home postcode (for example, E16)?

**4. In what capacity are you responding to this consultation?**

As an individual  
 As a representative of a business  
 As a representative of an organisation

Are you:

Male  Female

What is your ethnic background (please tick one)

Asian/Asian British  White  
 Chinese  Mixed ethnic background  
 Black/Black British  
 Other ethnic group

What is your age group? (please tick one)

Under 16  16–24  
 25–44  45–64  
 65+

**TfL may wish to contact you again about the cable car proposal. If you are happy to be contacted, please provide your email address below:**

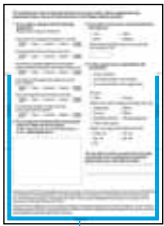
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Responses to the consultation may be made publicly available, but any personal information will be kept confidential. You do not have to provide any personal information, but this information may help TfL to better understand the range of responses. For example, responses may be analysed by postcode to help identify local issues.

## Mailing instructions

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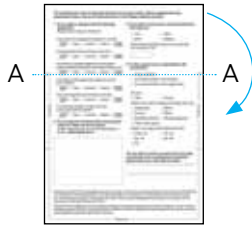
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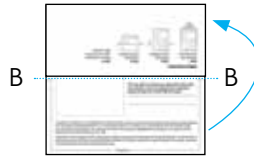
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### Step 3

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### Step 4

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