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Dear Occupier

## **Improving Elephant and Castle: Works start April 2015**

Elephant and Castle is the site of one of London's biggest regeneration projects. Transport for London (TfL) is working with the Greater London Authority, London Borough of Southwark and local developers to ensure the Elephant and Castle transport interchange is transformed to complement the regeneration of the wider area.

The project is being undertaken as part of TfL's Road Modernisation Plan, the biggest investment for a generation consisting of hundreds of projects to transform junctions, bridges, tunnels and pedestrian areas. Working with London's boroughs, it will make our roads safer and more reliable, and London will be a better place in which to live, work and travel.

The northern roundabout at Elephant and Castle is dominated by motor vehicles and has one of the highest numbers of road collisions of any road junction in the Capital. We want to improve facilities for all road users and enhance the local environment.

We consulted on our plans for Elephant and Castle last year and over 80 per cent of members of the public who responded stated they supported the key elements of our proposed design.

### **What we are doing**

Construction will start in April 2015 and should be completed by summer 2016.

Some early works are already underway: we are carrying out enabling and investigative works at the junction of London Road and St George's Road with the northern roundabout. We have coordinated with the team working on the North-South Cycle Superhighway and are making use of its road closures to do this work. We are also erecting temporary storage and working facilities and a works office on the island in the middle of the gyratory.

The first phase of the improvement project is planned to start in early April 2015, when we begin to remove the existing kerbs around the roundabout. The lane closest to the roundabout will be closed during these works.

This will be followed by the second phase of works in early June 2015 when we plan to remove the first of the subways.

We will write to you again, before the second phase of works commences, to provide you with further details.

### **How you may be affected**

We will work hard to minimise the impact of the works on pedestrians, cyclists and road users.

Throughout the works, traffic will continue to be able to pass through the junctions around the Elephant and Castle northern roundabout. However, lane closures will be needed at various times during the works and these will make journeys through the roundabout slower at certain times.

There will also be periods when subways will be closed before the new, direct surface level crossings are opened. In these instances, the nearest alternative crossing will be signposted.

We will continue to coordinate our works with the construction of the North-South Cycle Superhighway to minimise disruption. Details on the North-South Cycle Superhighway can be found at [tfl.gov.uk/northsouth](https://tfl.gov.uk/northsouth).

## Working hours

We aim to minimise disruption and noise, and the majority of the works will take place on weekdays between 08:00 and 18:00. To limit the work's impact on traffic through the roundabout and on pedestrians, we will try to complete the works as quickly as possible. This means we may need to carry out some night and weekend works; when this is necessary, you will be notified nearer the time. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Planning your journey

At different times during the project, the works will affect journeys through Elephant and Castle and we advise road users to check [tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews](https://tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews) before they travel.

## Planning your deliveries and servicing

Lane closures at certain times may make it necessary for local businesses to retime their deliveries or servicing. We advise you to check [tfl.gov.uk/elephant](https://tfl.gov.uk/elephant) for details on upcoming works. You can also check [tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews](https://tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews) for current traffic information. To find out how other businesses have changed the way they make or receive deliveries and how we are working to make deliveries safer and more efficient visit [tfl.gov.uk/freight](https://tfl.gov.uk/freight).

## Find out more

Please contact us if you would like to know more, using the details at the top of this letter. For more information about the Elephant and Castle northern roundabout project please visit [tfl.gov.uk/elephantandcastle](https://tfl.gov.uk/elephantandcastle). For the latest travel information please visit [tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews](https://tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews) or follow [@tfltrafficnews](https://twitter.com/tfltrafficnews) on Twitter.

Yours faithfully



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