



TfL Commitment 8: Kennington station

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1. Context

Concerns have been raised on how TfL propose to deal with increased usage of Kennington station, in terms of: a) crowding at platform level; b) safety; and c) congestion at ticket hall level.

2. Proposed Commitments

a) Crowding at platform level:

- two additional cross passages will be constructed linking each pair of platforms (i.e. four in total) in order to provide increased cross-platform interchange capacity;
- this capacity will be sufficient to ensure that conditions at platform level in 2031 are better than they would have been without the NLE;
- all reasonable endeavours will be made to minimise adverse impacts to the local area and operation of the station during the construction of the cross passages; and
- the cross passages will be in public use ahead of the opening of the NLE.

b) Safety:

- TfL will continue to meet regularly with the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) to discuss issues relating to fire and emergency planning for the whole of its network, including Kennington station;
- TfL will continue to operate the London Underground network to the highest safety standards (for which it already has an excellent track record);
- TfL will ensure that Kennington station continues to be operated safely;
- TfL will continue to review fire and evacuation procedures at Kennington station as a result of the NLE and wider changes to the network; and
- TfL will consult the LFEPA and update any safety procedures and implement any measures deemed necessary.

c) Congestion at ticket hall level:

- the NLE would have a minimal impact at entry/exit level at Kennington station.
However, separate to the NLE, in the light of growing passenger numbers due to future population and employment growth across London, TfL intends to progress a scheme which reconfigures the existing station to reduce congestion at ticket hall level through the creation of a new exit route and the optimisation of the capacity of the existing lifts;
- this scheme will be implemented as part of a wider programme of improvements to the Northern line including the NLE, the two Northern line upgrades and other station enhancements.

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For further information please refer to tfl.gov.uk/nle or click on the following links:

- Factsheet G: Impact of the Northern line extension on the Northern line and Kennington station.
- Section 7.2 of our transport Proof of Evidence (668 KB).