

East London Transit Second Phase

Spring Update



Introduction

The second phase of East London Transit (ELT) will deliver the necessary highway improvements to expand the ELT bus transit system to the new Barking Riverside development. These improvements in River Road, Thames Road, Creek Road and Long Reach Road will upgrade access for existing and future public transport, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

Construction will begin shortly and this leaflet details key milestones and impacts from the construction works on the local area.

Benefits

ELT's second phase will improve access to community services, employment, education and town centres for existing and future communities. We are planning:

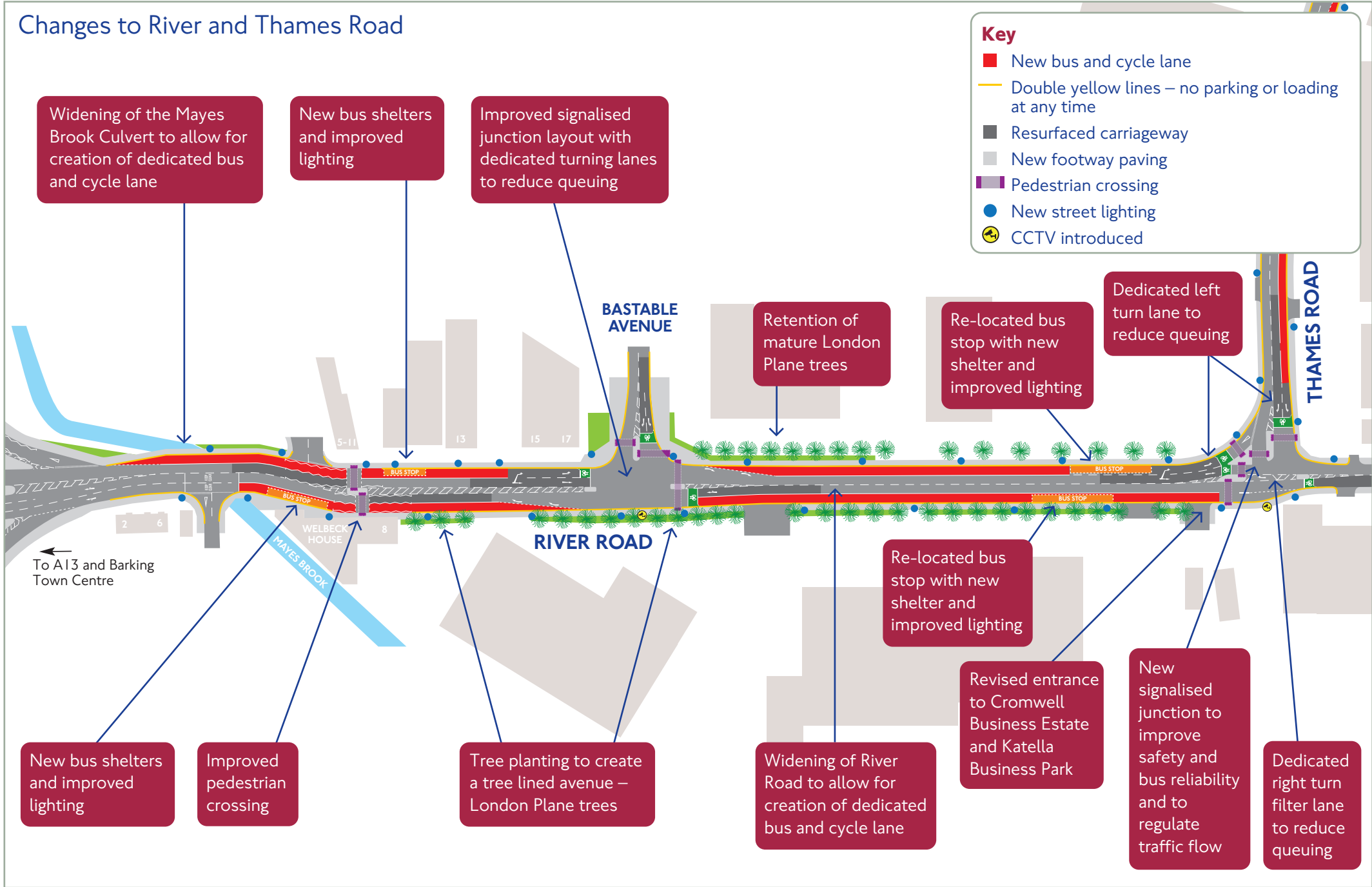
- Changes and enhancements to the road network, while maintaining existing road capacity, including:
 - widening of River Road for dedicated bus lanes to allow for fast, frequent and reliable journeys for existing and future bus services
 - re-aligning of Thames Road to allow for two general traffic lanes and a bus lane in the westbound direction
 - upgrading and improving traffic signals and junctions to help reduce queuing for all road users
 - carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing along River, Thames, Creek and Long Reach Roads to give a smoother ride for cyclists, buses and motorists.

- Improvements to public spaces to provide a more welcoming environment, including:
 - tree planting along River Road
 - new landscaping
 - new street lighting
 - new footways and pedestrian access
 - CCTV cameras to be managed by Barking and Dagenham Council
 - upgrading of four bus stops along River Road using high quality materials and branded shelters with improved real time passenger information

Artist's impression of River Road



Changes to River and Thames Road



Changes to Creek and Long Reach Road

Key

- New bus and cycle lane
- Double yellow lines – no parking or loading at any time
- Resurfaced carriageway
- New footway paving
- New street lighting
- CCTV introduced

New bus and cycle lane and parking restrictions on Thames Road to be implemented only when the transit service is introduced

Widened junction to allow for bus turning movements

New bus stop – bus cage and shelter to be introduced when transit service starts

Change of carriageway levels to improve drainage & lessen flooding in the area

New bus stop – bus cage and shelter to be introduced when transit service starts

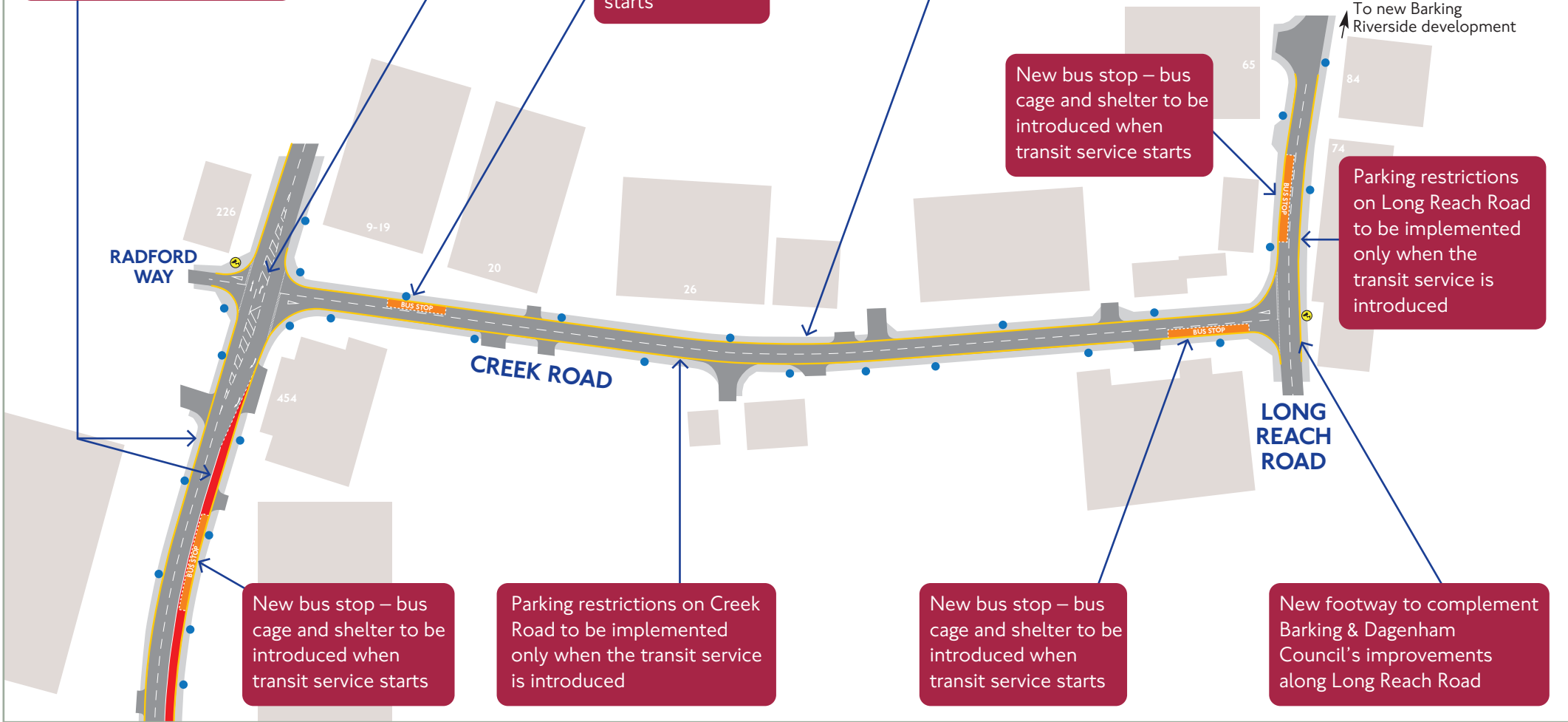
Parking restrictions on Long Reach Road to be implemented only when the transit service is introduced

New bus stop – bus cage and shelter to be introduced when transit service starts

Parking restrictions on Creek Road to be implemented only when the transit service is introduced

New bus stop – bus cage and shelter to be introduced when transit service starts

New footway to complement Barking & Dagenham Council's improvements along Long Reach Road



Scheme Update

Compulsory Purchase Order

We applied for a Side Roads Order (SRO) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for land along the route which we need to make the necessary road widening and junction improvements. The Secretary of State has now confirmed the SRO and CPO and we have been contacting those affected and planning when we will need access.

Transit services

The start date and service levels of the new transit are dependent on the demand created by the construction of homes and related infrastructure at Barking Riverside. We had anticipated sufficient levels of demand for the new transit service by 2013. However, due to the current economic climate, amendments to the construction timetable at Barking Riverside have meant that the proposed start date for transit services has been delayed.

Transit services would be extended into the development when the number of homes occupied indicates that they will be sustainable and good value for money.

We're committed to constructing the highway improvements as originally programmed. This will allow for the expansion of the ELT system once there is sufficient demand. In addition, the 387, EL1 and EL2 services, along with other road users, will benefit from using the upgraded highway.

Parking

After construction, the current on street parking arrangements will continue in Thames Road, Creek Road and Long Reach Road. Any changes will be made on the introduction of the future transit service.

Next steps and key milestones

Work to deliver the second phase of ELT will begin shortly. Below is an overview of the key construction periods.

Advance Works – Welbeck Wharf

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Target Dates*</i>
Re-location of EDF Substation, utilities diversions and tree removal	March 2011 – July 2011

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Works on River Road – including footway excavations, utilities diversions, ducting, removal of chimney and demolition of Elizabethan House and the buildings on the north east corner of River Road and Thames Road.	July 2011 – February 2012
Works on Thames Road – including footway excavations, utilities diversions and ducting	August 2011 – December 2011
Works on Creek Road – including footway excavations, utilities diversions and ducting	September 2011 – November 2011

Main Works

Activity	Target Dates*
Constructing new bridge at Mayes Brook Culvert	Winter 2011/12 – Winter 2012/13
Works on River Road – including road widening, junction improvements, footway works, drainage	Winter 2011/12 – Autumn 2013
Works on Thames Road – including junction improvements, footway works, drainage and re-surfacing	Throughout 2012
Works on Long Reach Road – footway works, drainage and re-surfacing	Early 2012
Works on Creek Road – footway works, drainage & re-surfacing	Spring 2012

* Please note these are provisional dates. Further information will be available once the contractors are appointed.

Artist's impression of River Road/Thames Road junction



Impact on your journey

We have been gathering information about access requirements from businesses in the area. This will help to influence the traffic management plans for the construction period. The plans will be agreed with Barking & Dagenham Council and the emergency services.

We will ensure that River Road remains open to traffic at all times. When lane closures are required, these will take place overnight or at weekends.

Other likely impacts will include (locations and durations will vary):

- local footway closures
- temporary closures of River Road/Thames Road and Thames Road/Creek Road junctions
- closures and single lane working on Thames Road and Creek Road
- overnight closures of A13 slip road.

Local diversions will be in place when closures are required and access requirements will be agreed with affected properties.

To reduce the impact on parking in the area during construction, we will work, as much as is practicable, in one section at a time.

Any changes to bus services will be publicised in the usual way through information in bus stops and on our website: tfl.gov.uk/livetravelnews

We will work hard to ensure minimum disruption to traffic during the two year construction period and more detailed traffic management plans will be available closer to the start of the works.

Keeping informed

We will keep you informed of progress with ELT through regular project updates available on our website or in hard copy on request. The contractor will also provide detailed works notifications to affected frontages. To get in touch, please use the contact details below:

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