



East London Transit

Update – June 2009

What is ELT?

East London Transit (ELT) will help to improve access to employment, education, health care and community services for existing and future communities in the Thames Gateway. Running from Ilford via Barking to Dagenham Dock, it will be an important part of the social and economic regeneration of the area. Once complete, passengers using ELT will experience a fast, frequent and reliable journey.

New inset parking bays along ELT route

You may have noticed that inset parking and loading bays are being constructed at various points along the ELT route. The bays require the kerb to be built out in certain areas to create the inset parking bays. This will restrict the informal and sometimes illegal parking that is currently being experienced and that causes delays to buses and other road users. These bays will help to smooth traffic flow and improve bus reliability as road users no longer need to negotiate parked cars on the live traffic lanes.

Changes to the 'Ovalabout' in Bastable Avenue

As part of ELT some changes are being made to the ovalabout in Bastable Avenue. Currently all traffic uses the circular carriageway around the green space. The new design will see buses travelling through the centre of the ovalabout with all other traffic using the existing route around the ovalabout. New bus stops will be installed in the middle of the ovalabout and access to them will be via pedestrian crossings on the northern and southern sides. The bus lanes will be enforced by new CCTV cameras connected to London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Control Centre.



Construction work will include new footway works as well as landscaping, including planting of new trees. Parking will be retained around the ovalabout with the provision of 33 spaces and four disabled bays.

Work on the ovalabout has been scheduled for the summer, primarily during school holidays and should commence in mid-July and be completed early September, so as to provide the least amount of disruption to the neighbouring schools. TfL and Barking and Dagenham Road Safety Officers have had discussions with Thames View Infants and Junior Schools about ways to keep parents, staff and students updated on the changes in this area.

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Progress on site

Ilford Gyrotory and Ilford Lane

Work on the gyrotory has now moved onto the inner ring of the gyrotory, along with works on the eastern kerblineline of Cranbrook Road. Once the work on all the pedestrian approaches to the northern triangular island is complete and the signals are in operation, the pedestrian crossing will be able to be re-opened. There may be further disruption to pedestrian access in order to allow the new traffic signals to be installed, but we will plan these works to cause least disruption and will ensure safe passage for pedestrians.

Barking town centre

Work is progressing well and on schedule in Barking town centre. The works should be completed in November, prior to the busy retail period in December. In order to minimise disruption to businesses during the working week, Skanska will be extending working hours on the weekends of 13/14 June, 20/21 June, 27/28 June and 4/5 July. Working hours for Saturdays will be 08.00 to 15.00 and on Sundays will be 09.00 to 17.00. Paving is currently being installed as well as street furniture such as benches and CCTV columns have also been erected. The Triangular island at the junction of Axe Street has been removed and a new pedestrian crossing installed on Axe Street. The new bus stop foundations have been installed and part of the lighting columns have been erected.

Choats Road

Works have commenced on Choats Road, and the chicanes along the western side have been removed and works on the western most bus stops have commenced.

Staying informed

Website

For more information about the ELT and its progress, visit the TfL website at www.tfl.gov.uk/elt, or your borough websites.

Get in touch

We would love to hear your views on ELT and how the scheme will benefit you. To share a comment with us, ask a question or let us know about issues affecting you, please contact us and we will get back to you to discuss your queries.

For information about the construction of the first phase of ELT, call Skanska Utilities Customer Care Centre:

Freephone: 0800 066 5006 (between 08:00 - 17:00, Monday to Friday). At all other times, please leave a message on the automated service, or speak to the Out of Hours team if your query is urgent.

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