



East London Transit

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What is ELT?

East London Transit (ELT) is helping to drive regeneration in the Thames Gateway by providing a fast, frequent and reliable service from Ilford via Barking to Dagenham Dock. ELT will help connect people and communities by improving access to employment, education, health care and community services.



Traffic management during construction

You may have noticed along Ilford Lane and Bastable Avenue that Skanska has a temporary two way traffic light control system in operation. Temporary traffic lights are needed at certain places as the carriageway width during construction does not allow for two way traffic flow. Side roads within the sections controlled by temporary traffic lights will also need to be closed to prevent conflicting traffic movements. Signed diversion routes are in place to help people plan their journeys.

Several roads along Ilford Lane are affected by these temporary road closures over the coming weeks. These roads include St Luke's Avenue, Khartoum Road, Mortlake Road, Hickling Road, Mayville Road, Jersey Road, Henley Road and Hampton Road.

In Bastable Avenue access to Chelmer Crescent, Charlton Crescent and Curzon Crescent will be temporarily closed. One junction of each will be closed at a time to make sure that access to Bastable Avenue is maintained. Laminated signs on lampposts will let local residents know when the junction closure will change.

Be sure to take notice of information signs and diversion signs placed in your street.

Skanska and TfL appreciate the cooperation and patience from everyone along the route, particularly along Ilford Lane and Bastable Avenue while these improvement works are done.

Progress on site

Bastable Avenue

Works have continued along the northern footway with majority of the works almost complete. Final works being carried out at the turnaround at Abridge Way. Works have also commenced on the southern footway at the junction of River Road.

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Ilford Gyratory and Ilford Lane

Construction of ELT has had a very visible presence around Ilford Gyratory and along Ilford Lane, as TfL's contractor progresses along the route completing substantial civil infrastructure works. These works include drainage, laying new kerbs, footway paving and constructing inset parking and loading bays. These areas will need to be revisited to complete the works including installation of bus stops, bus shelters and lighting.



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. We have commenced paving in the town centre starting at Station parade. Bus stop kerbs have been installed along Ripple Road. A road closure into Ripple Road from the junction of Axe Street was required on 10 May to allow Skanska to remove the triangular island at the junction of Axe Street and Ripple Road. Further traffic signal control will be required at Ripple Road Gyratory on consecutive Sundays in order to carry out work on narrow sections of the Gyratory.

Construction work can be disruptive to businesses, local residents and visitors, however we are doing everything possible to keep any disruption and inconvenience to an absolute minimum. When ELT opens in early 2010 the project will bring buses directly into the retail hub of Barking, improving access for the local community and benefiting local retailers.

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.

For general information about the scheme, contact TfL:

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