

Crossrail 2

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London Cycling Campaign is the capital's leading cycling organisation with more than 12,000 members and 40,000 supporters. We welcome the opportunity to comment on these plans. The following are our general concerns regarding the potential benefits to and impacts on cycling, arising from Crossrail 2.

1. Crossrail 2 rolling stock design should ensure maximum possible capacity for cycling carriage. Many of the stations proposed are in areas with attractive leisure cycling potential, and a higher proportion of cycle carriage spaces would enable cyclists to more easily travel to and from central London outside of peak hours with their bicycles, access Crossrail 2 stations for leisure purposes and travel through London using Crossrail 2.
2. In Holland, around 40 percent of train passengers use bicycles to get to and from their local "home" train station. TfL has an opportunity to easily increase cycling modal share in London, by ensuring Crossrail 2 stations feature exemplary, international levels and quality of cycle parking – built to anticipate future demand, rather than service current demand.
3. In a similar vein, it's also vital local councils involved and TfL give appropriate consideration to safe space for cycling on routes from surrounding residential areas and other suitable locations to access each station. In central London, the project offers significant opportunities to improve nearby main roads and routes lacking in appropriate cycling infrastructure.
4. Finally, such a large construction project will carry its own issues – in terms of HGV/lorry movements, construction sites and temporary site works. It's obviously important that everything that can be done to mitigate disruption and increased risks to cyclists from such issues is considered. We call on TfL to specify "direct vision" lorries for all Crossrail 2 construction (as well as ensuring operators are CLOCS compliant etc.), and to work with London Cycling Campaign and relevant local borough groups on a regular basis to ensure safety is maximised and disruption is minimised throughout the construction period.