

SOUTH BANK

Delivering the Spine Route

Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road

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WHAT IS THE SPINE ROUTE MASTER PLAN?

The South Bank Spine Route Masterplan sets out preliminary designs to enhance the network of streets around Jubilee Gardens, the South Bank Centre, the National Theatre, and Bernie Spain Gardens.

This multimillion-pound investment will support the economic recovery of Waterloo and the South Bank following the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting this area's status as a thriving cultural and business centre in London.

The ultimate purpose of the Masterplan is to:

deliver a distinctive greener promenade and enhanced key pedestrian and cycle movement corridor that enlivens the public realm, makes it a safe and inclusive place for everyone, and a worthy setting for its famous cultural institutions.

HOW WILL THE MASTERPLAN IMPROVE LOCAL STREETS?

The Masterplan will improve local pedestrian routes by making them safer and more accessible, and in some cases by pedestrianizing them. It will reduce overall vehicle traffic and limit through traffic options for vehicles, making the area compliant with our Healthy Route criteria. Converting these streets into a 'Healthy Route' is in alignment with the Lambeth Transport Strategy and our goals to reduce road danger and make it easier to walk and cycle.

The Masterplan creates the opportunity to connect the streets to surrounding green infrastructure and create a new green corridor by providing green planting and trees along key sections and improving local pedestrian and cyclist routes.

WHAT AREA DOES THE MASTERPLAN COVER?

The Spine Route, highlighted in red below, covers the area between Jubilee Gardens, home to the London Eye, and Bernie Spain Gardens adjacent to the Oxo Tower. The roads involved include Belvedere Road/Chicheley Street, Concert Hall approach, Upper Ground and adjacent connections at Bernie Spain gardens.



WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF THE MASTERPLAN?

Construction across the South Bank Spine route will be phased. The first phase of works was delivered in Spring 2022 around Belvedere Road and Chicheley Street. Traffic restrictions at Waterloo Bridge and Bernie Spain Gardens, required to achieve our Healthy Route Criteria, were implemented in October 2023. The next phase we are undertaking, Phase 3, will be the pedestrianisation and transformation of Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road; construction of this phase will begin in September 2024. Following phases will continue through to Upper Ground and to Bernie Spain Gardens and more details will be shared in due course.

WHAT DOES DELIVERY OF THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROJECT INVOLVE?

Concert Hall Approach will be pedestrianised, with access for deliveries. Planting will be introduced and accessibility increased by re-paving and de-cluttering the space, and by the introduction of new seating. A zebra crossing will be introduced at Belvedere Road to help pedestrians move through the area safely.

Specific measures are:

- Pedestrianisation of Concert Hall Approach with timed entry for servicing
- Re-paving of the whole area to ensure a flush, safe, accessible and high-quality surface
- Pavement widening on Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road
- Introduction of a long bench and planter to the edge of the Whitehouse Apartments, on Concert Hall Approach
- Introduction of planters on Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road
- Introduction of rain gardens on Belvedere Road.
- Improvements to the tree pits, introducing a permeable and flexible surface
- Introduction of public protection measures across the scheme area
- Replacement of existing lighting columns on Concert Hall Approach
- Retention of existing mature trees on Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road

HOW LONG WILL THE WORKS TAKE?

This is a substantial phase of the Spine Route project and works are expected to be completed in Spring 2025. The map below shows the phasing of the works, and what will be happening. We will take every effort to keep disruption to a minimum, however some noise and disruption will occur during the works. If you have any concerns please contact us via SouthBankSpineRoute@lambeth.gov.uk



Fig. Spine Route - Concert Hall Approach and Belvedere Road construction phases

HOW WILL VISITORS BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS?

Pedestrian access to and through the area will be maintained at all times although in certain locations and at certain points it may be restricted. Further details of the arrangements we are putting in place through the construction period – to enable traffic and pedestrian movement – can be found on our engagement platform: <https://haveyoursay.lambeth.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/spine-route-concert-hall-approach-and-belvedere-road>

WILL THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES TO AND THROUGH THE AREA BE AFFECTED?

Except for Concert Hall Approach, where there will be no motor vehicle and cycle access for the entirety of the works and deliveries will be momentarily arranged on Belvedere Road, all local destinations will still be accessible by vehicle, including personal and delivery vehicles. However, at certain times routes to local destinations may need to change as a result of temporary closures or partial closures. More details are available on our GoVocal website and we will share information with stakeholders, residents and businesses in the area, of any major disruption to movement as far in advance as we are able. The Council and its contractors have undertaken a large amount of preparation in order to limit disruption and will do their very best to reduce inconvenience during the build period.

HOW WILL TEMPORARY CLOSURES WORK WITH THE RECENTLY INTRODUCED TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS AT BERNIE SPAIN GARDENS AND WATERLOO BRIDGE?

Recently introduced traffic restrictions at Bernie Spain Gardens and Waterloo Bridge will not be affected by this phase's works. At certain times there may only be one route in to and out of local destinations, rather than a choice of routes. Further details of the arrangements we are putting in place to enable traffic and pedestrian movement are available on our GoVocal website.

DURING WHAT TIMES OF DAY WILL THE WORK BE TAKING PLACE?

In general work will take place Monday to Friday. In particular circumstances, to avoid greater disruption to residents and businesses, work may take place outside of usual operating hours. If this is the case we will give notice to residents and businesses and will share details on our GoVocal website.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WORKS AND ANY UPDATES?

There is a dedicated site - <https://haveyoursay.lambeth.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/spine-route-concert-hall-approach-and-belvedere-road> that will provide all vital information about the work taking place and provide any updates on future phases and any changes that may affect the work.

If you require any more information or have any questions, please email SouthBankSpineRoute@lambeth.gov.uk .