

TfL is improving Finsbury Park Tube station



Finsbury Park Tube station is a key interchange in the North London area and we are aware that the current facilities and layout is not ideal. We are therefore working to transform the station over the coming years with increases in accessibility, capacity and security.

Key benefits for customers will include:

- Gated station entrances to improve security and reduce fare evasion
- A larger and more accessible Western station entrance
- Lifts, providing step-free access from street to Piccadilly and Victoria line platforms

As part of these improvements, we have already doubled the spiral staircases which provide an interchange between London Underground and National Rail platforms by installing four spiral staircases where there were previously only two.

Forthcoming works

We are coordinating with the adjacent City North development and works by Network Rail to provide step-free access to its station platforms in an effort to maximise the benefits from these three schemes whilst minimising disruption in the area.

On 20 April Wells Terrace station entrance will close permanently. This will enable City North to commence the construction of their One City North tower and the new, larger, more accessible Finsbury Park station entrance.

Customers wishing to enter and exit the station will be able to access the station via entrances on Seven Sisters Road and Station Place. From Wells Terrace customers will be able to follow a short signed walking route to Station Place. In 2018 the new entrance will open in a similar area to the existing Wells Terrace entrance.

We intend to hold a number of site visits at the station on 16 April. Please email alexpetersday@tfl.gov.uk if you would be interested in this.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What has been done to explore ways of keeping this entrance open for the duration of the works there?

- London Underground (LU) thoroughly investigated how to carry out the improvement work at Finsbury Park Underground station in the safest, most efficient manner possible whilst keeping disruption in the area to a minimum.
- Keeping Wells Terrace entrance open during construction is not possible. The developer will be carrying out piling works in order to construct the tower above the existing Wells Terrace entrance corridor, making it unfeasible to keep this entrance open during construction.

Q: What measures are you taking while the Wells Terrace entrance is closed to relieve overcrowding?

- Safety is London Underground's primary consideration in all aspects of the Finsbury Park improvement work.
- LU will be introducing ticket gates at Station Place and Seven Sisters Road station entrances from 20 April when the Wells Terrace station entrance closes. The new ticket gates will enable station staff to manage the safe flow of customers on the station and on the network, and they will allow for reduced congestion in the passageway entrances.

Q: Can the station/pavements cope with these numbers of people?

- We have undertaken a thorough congestion analysis of the pavement to ensure that the route between Wells Terrace and Station Place, and the Station Place entrance, can accommodate all those using the pavement and Station Place.
- Even during the busiest times of the day at the narrowest points, the pavement is sufficiently wide enough to accommodate these numbers.
- During the spiral staircase works in 2013-14, all interchanging national rail customers accessed the station via Station Place entrance. These numbers are very similar to the number of passengers who use Wells Terrace, and therefore we know that the station has sufficient capacity for these numbers.
- The introduction of gates will also allow us to better manage congestion in the station.

Q: Is there an impact on bus passengers?

- No. Bus routes are not being diverted or changed. Under the current arrangements buses alight at Clifton Terrace where customers enter at Wells Terrace entrance and walk down the corridor inside the station to reach the Tube platforms. From 20 April these buses will continue to alight at Clifton Terrace. Instead of entering at Wells Terrace customers will now walk approximately 100 meters further to access the platforms from the entrance at Station Place.

Q: Why are you gating the station?

- Finsbury Park Underground station is one of the few remaining stations without ticket gates and we have a responsibility both to make best use of public funding by taking steps to reduce fare evasion and to reduce security risks to the station and the Tube network.