

## NEW ESUBs

Essential Travel Only	
Piccadilly Heathrow Terminal 5 ↔ Cockfosters	Every 6 mins
Bakerloo	Every 15 mins
Central	Every 3 mins
Circle	Every 15 mins
District	Every 4 mins
DLR	Every 10 mins
H'smith & City	Every 15 mins
Other lines	6 of 8
Jubilee	Special service

Check tfl.gov.uk for lifts and stations

One of the new generation of Electronic Service Update Boards (ESUBs) seen at Canary Wharf on 26 May 2020. Just how accurate the information was is open to question ...

**Photo: Kim Rennie**

Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines) and the Barking Riverside extension project. Station enhancement projects at Knightsbridge, Paddington and Tottenham Hale also remain under the Emergency Budget proposal.

## WILDLIFE AT NEASDEN



*There has been a Duck nesting by No.558 points in Neasden Depot, so trains couldn't be run from two roads in or out via the north end, until the eggs hatched and they moved out!*

**Photo: Steve Smith**

## MAJOR PROJECTS RESTART

Work is to restart work on major infrastructure projects in June, including the upgrade at Bank station and the Northern Line Extension to Battersea. TfL applied a "safe stop" to its major project activities at over 300 construction projects in March following the coronavirus lockdown, which resulted in a major downturn in TfL revenues.

Despite work restarting on most projects, TfL has announced a £525M decrease in its capital spending programme for 2020/21, in an Emergency Budget proposal released ahead of the board meeting in early June. (TfL agreed a 1.6bn funding package with government on 19 May 2020). Under the revised budget, annual spending on new capital investments will be reduced from £1.3bn to £808M. Spending on its renewals programme has also been reduced by £201M, down from £531M to £330M.

Other major projects set for a "phased restart" in June include the 4LM project (to upgrade the Circle, District,

and the Barking Riverside extension project. Station enhancement projects at Knightsbridge, Paddington and Tottenham Hale also remain under the Emergency Budget proposal.

## CROSSRAIL



Crossrail work resumed in early-June. Seen in Old Oak Common Depot sidings are a mix of seven- and nine-car trains of Class 345 Stock. The operation of Class 345 trains to Heathrow, which was approved on 13 May 2020, is still awaited to replace the Class 360s. While Terminal 4 is closed at present, they will operate to and from T5. See also NF 70/20, this issue.

**Photo: Crossrail**



## MILL HILL EAST

We have featured the Place of Safety points at East Ham and Newbury Park in previous issues of *Underground News*, but two have appeared at Mill Hill East, one opposite each driving cab, one of which is seen (*Left*).

**Photo: Brian Kemp**

## AMERSHAM



**Right:** Although work on step-free access at Amersham station continued for a short while after 'lock-down', work resumed on 26 May 2020, following the easing of lockdown restrictions. During the first week of June, most of the scaffolding on Amersham station new footbridge came down. The lift tower on the southbound platform is now completely visible, but some remains on the other lift tower. It is assumed that work on other step-free projects will have resumed by the time this issue goes to press.

**Photo: Antony Badsey-Ellis**

## 1938 TUBE STOCK ON THE ISLAND



**Above:** As illustrated in the January 2020 issue of *Underground News*, unit 008 was then recently fitted with a 'coffee cup' antenna for 5G. It has since been replaced by one with three slots as seen here at Sandown on 15 June 2020. Unit 004 (withdrawn in October 2019) also had a 'coffee cup' aerial.

**Below:** Unit 008 again on the same date, showing a small notice that the guard's door is for his use only, and at the bottom of the glass is home-made artwork celebrating the NHS.

**Both photos: Paul Bradley**

