

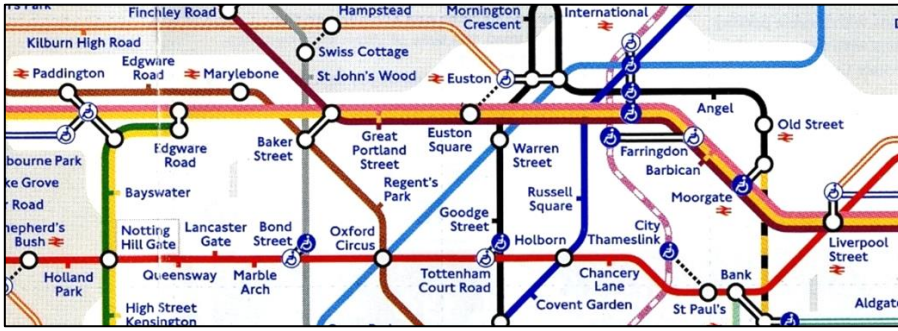
MAP REVIEW – MAY 2022 TUBE MAP

A new version of the 'Tube map' was issued in May 2022 to reflect the start of the Elizabeth Line services between Paddington and Abbey Wood. The diagram has been redesigned by TfL Head of Design Jon Hunter, who reportedly spent 18 months on the project. It is claimed that every part of the map has been altered and includes the typeface, which changes from New Johnston to Johnston 100. The map is now sponsored by Ikea, who paid £800,000 to have an advert included and for their logo to appear at four sites. These notes refer to the leaflet version and there will be subtle differences on the poster and online versions. Among the more obvious changes are:

1. Aldgate East has interchange circle removed.
2. Aldgate has interchange circle removed (presumably as changing between Metropolitan Line and Circle Line can involve stairs).
3. Barking Riverside added and shown as "Opening soon" and River Thames moved north-east in consequence.
4. Barons Court has interchange circles added.
5. Bond Street has blue dagger added due to Elizabeth Line non-stopping.
6. Elephant & Castle now shown as separate LU and NR stations with walking route between.
7. Elizabeth Line added in cased purple between Paddington and Abbey Wood.
8. Emirates name removed from Greenwich Peninsula and Royal Docks.
9. Farringdon area redrawn.
10. Heathrow T 2&3 has blue dagger removed.
11. Heathrow T4 re-opened with blue dagger added
12. Ikea logos added at Ampere Way, Hammersmith, Neasden, North Greenwich and Tottenham Hale.
13. Kennington area redrawn.
14. Kentish Town has NR double arrow added.
15. Liverpool Street area redrawn to indicate need for Elizabeth Line passengers to change for onward journeys.
16. Northern Line Bank branch re-opened and dagger removed at Borough.
17. Paddington area redrawn to indicate need for Elizabeth Line passengers to change for onward journeys.
18. Putney Bridge has interchange circle added for river services.
19. Stratford changed from two blobs to three.
20. TfL Rail renamed Elizabeth Line and changed from cased blue to cased purple.
21. Thameslink straightened through the central area.
22. Turnham Green has interchange circles and red dagger added due to the limited Piccadilly Line service.

The cover artwork is *Twist Out* by Joy Labinjo. The new map was extensively critiqued by ChrisM on the *District Dave* forum, both of whom due credit is given.

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Above: January 2022 map of the central area.

Below: May 2022 map central area with Elizabeth Line added, Liverpool Street and Paddington redrawn, and Thameslink straightened.



Right: The cover of the May 2022 "Tube Map".

Below: January 2022 shows the Bank branch closed and Elephant & Castle as a single station (Left), May 2022 (Centre) and the Bank branch is now open, Kennington has been redrawn, and Elephant & Castle is now separated into LU and NR stations. Barking Riverside added with the River Thames moved north-east in consequence (Right).

