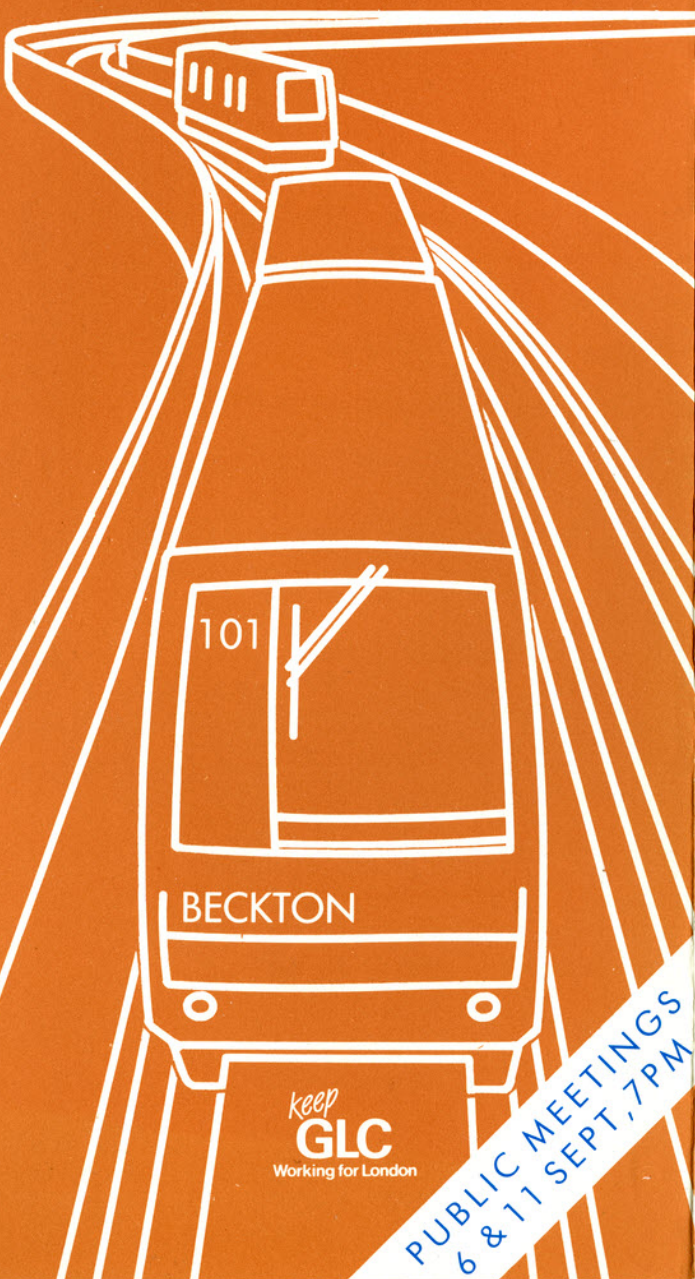


DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY BECKTON EXTENSION



WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

Preliminary works on the Docklands Railway have already begun. Major construction is due to start later this year on the first two routes, one from Tower Hill and the other from Stratford to the Isle of Dogs. It is planned to start carrying passengers by mid 1987.

The Greater London Council, London Regional Transport and the London Docklands Development Corporation are now considering the possible extension of the railway to the Beckton/Royal Docks area. Together with the Boroughs of Newham and Tower Hamlets we would like to hear your views on the alternative routes.

All the parties involved view this extension as being very important. It is intended to provide a high quality, reliable transport service and encourage new development in the area.

The GLC scheme for electrification and service improvement on the British Rail North Woolwich line has already started. This will provide a regular and reliable 20 minute interval 7-day a week service from North Woolwich to Richmond via Stratford and Highbury from May 1985. This improved service will connect with the proposed Docklands Railway extension at Custom House.

THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

Already in use in a number of European and North American cities, Light Rail is a system of quiet, short, electric trains running on their own track at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour. Stations on the Docklands Railway would be unstaffed, simply built and closer together than on the Underground. The system is quieter than ordinary trains and much cheaper to build and maintain.

THE PROPOSAL

The extension would start south of Poplar High Street and then run to the Royal Docks and Beckton area and the East Beckton District Centre via Custom House. There are two main choices in the Canning Town and Beckton areas. We need your views on these alternatives.

CANNING TOWN

Two routes across the River Lea have been considered. These are marked A and B on the plan.

Route A goes north to the Canning Town roundabout. This would serve residents to the north of the East India Dock Road and Barking Road and give easy interchange with buses at Canning Town roundabout.

Route B runs further south across the River Lea. This is more direct, slightly faster and saves developing land along the route.

Both routes then continue parallel to the Victoria Dock Road and North Woolwich line.

BECKTON

From Custom House Station the route goes east across Connaught Road. From here there are two alternatives; each would serve the East Beckton District Centre (ASDA), housing and other development sites in Cyprus and Beckton and the north side of the Royal Albert Dock.

Route C would run north, over or under Strait Road through the Beckton District Park to ASDA and on to Cyprus and the Royal Albert Dock running next to the proposed Cyprus By-pass. This route would directly serve more homes in mid-Beckton. If it were in a tunnel the Park would not be affected, but the cost of this solution would be a relevant factor. The housing on either side of the line could be protected with new landscaping. Footbridges would be built between the areas of housing.

Route D would run east of Connaught Road and along the south side of Strait Road to Cyprus Place. It would then run next to the proposed Cyprus By-pass to ASDA. This route would serve more potential development land on the north side of the Royal Albert Dock but stations would be further away from some housing areas. Either the road or the railway would need to be raised or lowered at each junction. Again the cost of such a solution would be a factor in the decision.

WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS?

In order to open the extension in 1989 it is desirable for London Regional Transport to deposit a Parliamentary Bill for the railway in November 1984.

We therefore need your views by Friday, 14 September 1984. We appreciate this allows only a limited time in which to respond on what is a major addition to the public transport network in your area, but your views will be taken into account. Please fill in and return the attached questionnaire or write to us.

We have also arranged two public meetings for local residents to discuss the plans with GLC officers and members, as follows:

**Thursday, 6 September
1984 at 7.00 pm**
Will Thorne Pavilion
Stansfeld Road
Beckton, E6

**Tuesday, 11 September
1984 at 7.00 pm**
Mayflower Family Centre
Vincent Street
Canning Town, E16

So come and make your views known

For further details ring 01-633 3555.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. There are two possible routes at Canning Town. These are shown on the plan

Which do you prefer? – please tick one box only

Route A ☐

Route B ☐

2. There are four alternatives in the Beckton/Cyprus area. Which do you prefer? – please tick one box only

Route C
above ground ☐

Route C in tunnel
through the park ☐

Route D with
either the road or
railway elevated
at junction ☐

Route D with
either the road or
railway below
ground level at junction ☐

3. Please provide information about any **daily** journeys you make

Destination: Street _____

District _____

Purpose: Work ☐ School ☐

Transport: BR ☐ Tube ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐

Would you use the Light
Railway for this journey? Yes ☐ No ☐

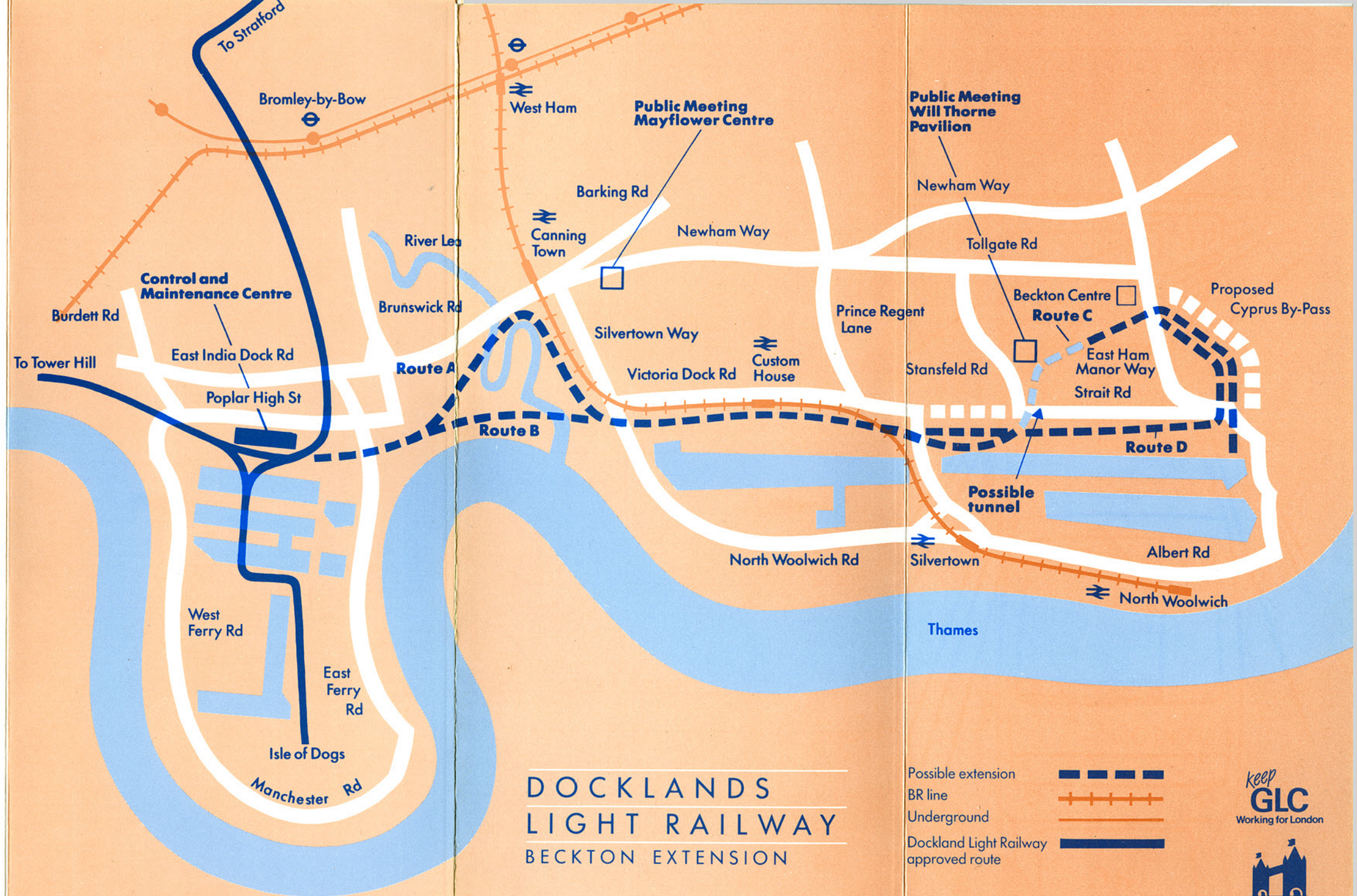
4. In which town or district do you normally do your major weekly shopping?

5. Have you any other comments about the proposed railway?

6. Please write the name of the street where you live

Street _____

District _____



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Possible extension
BR line
Underground
Dockland Light Railway
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