

## **Important**

This booklet is intended for those who have applied to become licensed taxi drivers in London and whose application has been accepted. It supplements the introductory booklet given to you when your application is successful and provides the framework of routes to aid learning the topography of the capital.

If you have not already successfully applied to become licensed you should first read the booklet entitled 'How to become a licensed taxi or private hire driver'.

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# The 'Knowledge of London'

This book is aimed at helping you to gain the necessary Knowledge of London to enable you to qualify as an 'All London' taxi driver.

## What you need to know about London

To achieve the required standard to be licensed as an 'All London' taxi driver you will need a thorough knowledge, primarily of the area within a six-mile radius of Charing Cross.

You will need to know: all the streets; housing estates; parks and open spaces; government offices and departments; financial and commercial centres; diplomatic premises; town halls; registry offices; hospitals; places of worship; sports stadiums and leisure centres; airline offices; stations; hotels; clubs; theatres; cinemas; museums; art galleries; schools; colleges and universities; police stations and headquarters buildings; civil, criminal and coroner's courts; prisons; and places of interest to tourists.

In fact, anywhere a taxi passenger might ask to be taken. These places are also known as 'points'. You need to be able to show that you can travel between any two points in this area over the shortest distance.

## **The equipment you need to learn the ‘Knowledge’**

This Guide to Learning the ‘Knowledge of London’ has become known as the ‘Blue Book’ and provides the basis from which to work.

### ***Routes***

In Annex B there are 320 routes, known as ‘runs’ which you should learn in detail as described below.

### ***Maps***

You will require a large-scale map of London (at least 3 inches to a mile/5cm to 1 km), which includes the area within a six-mile (9.65km) radius of Charing Cross.

### ***Transport***

In order to travel the routes you will need a means of personal transport (experience suggests that a moped or scooter provides the most flexible and convenient transport for applicants).

### ***Call-over partner***

Finally, you need a ‘call-over’ partner; that is someone to put questions to you in the way the examiners will. Helpful as members of your family or friends might be, if they have not done, or are not doing, the Knowledge they are of limited use. Most people on the Knowledge come to realise how important it is to have a call-over partner.

## How to learn the 'Knowledge'

Each of the 320 runs in Annex B has a start and finish point:

- Firstly, using maps, work out the most direct route between the start and finish points.
- When you get to a start point you must first learn the area within a 1/4 mile (400m) radius of that point and make a note of the places of interest/important features you see. You need to learn the roads that join the places you find to the route. Take time and trouble to do this, it is important.
- When travelling along the route take note of any important features you see (Features are not only points of interest, but also include one-way streets, prohibited turns, etc).
- At the end of the run you must investigate the area within a 1/4 mile (400m) radius of the finish point for places of interest and important features.
- Learning the area around the start and finish points of all 320 runs will ensure that you comprehensively cover the area within the six-mile radius of Charing Cross and build up a good working knowledge.
- Remember that because of one-way streets, no right turns, etc., the forward and reverse routes may be different.

**You will need to know both directions.**

- You will not acquire sufficient knowledge simply by studying a map; you will only gain the necessary knowledge by travelling the routes.
- An example at Annex A demonstrates how to set out a route when you are preparing to learn the 'Knowledge of London'. It also lists some points of interest you should find in the ¼ mile radius around both the start and finish points, and some points of interest along this particular route.
- The process illustrated needs to be repeated for each of the 320 runs in Annex B. This will take you some time. There is no substitute for constantly travelling the routes.
- Remember that London is an ever-changing city and 'Knowledge of London' candidates must continually maintain and update their knowledge.
- While you are learning the runs you will need to regularly test yourself by calling over with your partner and practice answering questions in the manner required for one-to-one interviews with a Knowledge of London Examiner.
- When and how to learn the suburban routes at Annex C is addressed on page 10.

## Answering questions on the ‘Knowledge’

Once you pass an initial written examination the remainder of your testing will be by way of one-to-one examinations (known as ‘appearances’) undertaken by a Knowledge of London Examiner. Your first appearance will last about 30 minutes, subsequent appearances about 15 minutes. An outline of the examination system and how you progress through it is at Annex D.

The examiner will first ask you two ‘points’, the locations of which you will need to identify correctly before you will be allowed to call the ‘run’. Having done this you should then give the shortest route between the points. If the places asked for are buildings, sports grounds, or similar, you should begin your answer by saying which side of the road the point will be on when you set off, i.e. “Leave on the left/right”, locating the building according to the direction in which you will be travelling.

Describe the route naming every street travelled along and stating when a change of direction has to be made.

On arrival at the destination you should identify which side of the road the destination is on, i.e. “set down on the left/right”, depending on the direction from which it is approached.

Buildings or side turnings on the route should not be given.

For example, if asked:

“Islington Police Station to the British Museum?”

the correct reply would be:

“Islington Police Station is in Tolpuddle Street, and the British Museum is in Great Russell Street.”



You would then be asked to detail your route between two points as follows:

“Leave on left Tolpuddle Street, left Penton Street, forward Claremont Square, forward Amwell Street, right Margery Street, forward Calthorpe Street, forward Guildford Street, comply Russell Square, leave by Montague Street, right Great Russell Street, set down on right.”

Remember you must know the runs in both directions.

Road works and temporary diversions should be ignored, as they will revert eventually. However, there may be roads from which you are prohibited but are able to be used by taxi drivers e.g. Oxford Street, Tyburn Way etc. These cannot be ignored, as you will be expected to be aware of them and points within them.

Do not waste too much time trying to remember the answers to the questions; if you do not know the answer, say so. This will allow more effective use of the time available.

**Remember, this book is just a guide and the questions you will be asked will not necessarily be precisely the same.**

That is why it will be necessary for you to learn the places of interest around the start, along, and around the finish of the routes listed in Annex B. Questions in the Knowledge of London examinations will be based on such places.

## **Knowledge of suburban London**

When you have shown that you have a satisfactory knowledge of central London you will have to show that you have a good working knowledge of the suburban areas of Greater London.

You will then be advised to learn the routes from Central London to the suburbs and to and from Heathrow and London City Airports represented by the 25 diagrams at Annex C. You will be expected to learn all these routes thoroughly to give you every chance of success. For this you will need a map, which covers the whole of the Greater London area.

## **Advice on attending London Taxi and Private Hire**

Make sure you give yourself plenty of time to arrive early enough for your examination. It is recommended you arrive 20 minutes before your appointment owing to the security arrangements at Palestra and this will also allow you to settle beforehand. If you are late it will not be practicable for you to be examined. Examinations are tied to a booked appointment schedule and any delays would have a knock on effect on other candidates.

Please note that there are no parking facilities at Palestra and there are parking restrictions in the surrounding streets.

Palestra is fully accessible to people with disabilities, however if you have special requirements we will endeavour to accommodate them.

The Licensing Authority encourages licensed taxi drivers in London to dress in a manner that reflects favourably upon their profession as self-employed business people in a service industry. In seeking to become licensed you are, therefore, asked to present a clean and smart appearance when attending Palestra.

## **Additional Information**

When you begin examinations you will be required to pay for each written examination you take and a one-off fee for the one-to-one examinations. For the current fees please contact London Taxi and Private Hire or go to [www.tfl.gov.uk/tph](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tph).

All applicants taking Knowledge of London examinations will be treated equally regardless of ethnic or national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability or learning difficulties. If you have any special needs that need to be taken into consideration during the examination process you should advise a member of London Taxi and Private Hire.

You will be required to undertake and pass a driving test in a taxi before being licensed and this will be undertaken during the latter part of the Knowledge of London testing process. You will be advised when to apply for the driving test, for which a fee will be charged at the time of booking.

If you are convicted of any offence at any time, or if you change your address, or if you develop a medical problem which may affect your ability to drive vocationally (or you are prescribed medication which is not compatible with vocational driving), you must notify London Taxi and Private Hire immediately. If in any doubt about whether you need to notify London Taxi and Private Hire - ask.

When you have met all the conditions of licensing you will be awarded your badge and licence.

## Remember

- Learn the routes in the order shown in the book as these have been set out in a logical sequence to aid learning.
- Ensure the ¼ mile radii at the beginning and end of each route are covered comprehensively.
- You must be able to describe how to join the points of interest you find to the start or end of a route.
- Learn the routes in both directions.
- It is best to have a 'call-over' partner who is also doing the Knowledge.
- You cannot learn the Knowledge from a book or a map. You will require the practical knowledge and experience that can only be gained on the street.
- The time taken to learn the Knowledge will depend on your personal circumstances, ability and commitment.

If you require advice on any of the information given in the Introductory Talk or in this guide then do not hesitate to ask a member of London Taxi and Private Hire who will do their best to assist.



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# Annex A

Setting out a Route and the  
important places adjacent to it

# Annex A

## Example of how to set out a route when you are preparing to learn the 'Knowledge of London'

Firstly use your map in conjunction with each run in this book to decide which is the shortest route between the two points and list it as shown below, using the conventions R for right, L for left, F for forward, etc.

### Islington Police Station to British Museum:

Leave on L	Tolpuddle Street
L	Penton Street
F	Claremont Square
F	Amwell Street
R	Margery Street
F	Calthorpe Street
F	Guilford Street
Comply	Russell Square
Leave by	Montague Street
R	Great Russell Street
	Set down on right.

You should then travel the route you have worked out, noting (and remembering) the places of interest at the start, along and at the end of the route.

The following pages list some of the places of interest to be found on this route. This illustrates the level of detail required on each run.



## Some points of interest within a quarter of a mile radius of Islington Police Station:

Chapel Street - *a one way street*

Chapel Market

Elbow Room Venue

Islington High Street - *no left turn from Pentonville Road*

- *note the local traffic scheme*

Angel Station

Regent House

Liverpool Road

NI Shopping Centre

Old Royal Free Square

Middleton Square

St. Marks Church

Pentonville Road

Angel Centre

Craft Council

Joseph Grimaldi Park

Rosebery Avenue

Lilian Baylis Theatre

Sadler's Wells Theatre

White Lion Street - *partly a one-way street*

Eritrean Embassy

Institute of Housing

Panos Institute

Pride Court

**Some points of interest passed on either the forward or reverse route:**

Bernard Street

Brunswick Shopping Centre

Russell House Hotel

Russell Square Station

Guilford Street - *partly a one-way street*

Celtic Hotel

Coram's Fields

Grenville House Hotel

Guilford House Hotel

Institute of Child Health

President Hotel

Princess Royal Nurses Home

Margery Street

Childrens' Society

Edward Rudolph House

**Some points of interest within a quarter of a mile radius of the British Museum:**

Bayley Street - *one-way street*

My Hotel

Bedford Avenue

St. Giles Hotel

Bedford Place

Haddon Hall Hotel

Lonsdale Hotel

Penn Club

St. Margarets Hotel

Thanet Hotel

Wansbeck Garden Hotel

Bedford Square

Architectural Association

Bloomsbury Square

Pied Bull Yard

Bloomsbury Street

Gresham Hotel

Radisson Edwardian Bloomsbury Street Hotel

Morgan Hotel

Office of the Official Receiver

Bloomsbury Way

The Kingsley Hotel  
Swedenborg House

Charing Cross Road

Centre Point  
Confederation of British Industry

Endell Street

Swiss Church in London

Great Russell Street - *partly a one-way street*  
- *no right turn into Bloomsbury Street*

Barbados High Commission  
Barbados Tourist Board  
Congress House  
Jurys Great Russell Street Hotel  
Kenilworth Hotel  
London Central YMCA  
Newspaper Society  
Trades Union Congress

High Holborn - *note the one-way streets in the area*

Arab Press House  
British Gaming Board  
Cuban Embassy  
Oasis Sports Centre  
Shaftesbury Theatre

Keppel Street

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Malet Street

Senate House (University of London)

Montague Street

Blooms Hotel

Montague on the Gardens Hotel

Ruskin Hotel

White Hall Hotel

New Oxford Street

Commonwealth House

Russell Square

Hotel Russell

Imperial Hotel

South Crescent

Building Centre

Southampton Row

Bedford Hotel

Bloomsbury Park Hotel

Imperial Hotel

St. Giles College

Waverley House Hotel

Store Street  
College of Law

Stukely Street  
City Literature Institute

Tottenham Court Road - *note where you can and cannot turn  
off this one-way street*  
Dominion Theatre  
Time Out

The lists above, while they are not complete, illustrate for one particular run, the level of knowledge you will be expected to acquire. They were correct at the time of printing.





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# Annex B

The lists of the 320 Routes  
you must learn

# List 1

- 1 Manor House Station, N4 to Gibson Square, N1
- 2 Thornhill Square, N1 to Queen Square, WC1
- 3 Chancery Lane Station, WC1 to Rolls Road, SE1
- 4 Pages Walk, SE1 to St. Martin's Theatre, WC2
- 5 Australian High Commission, WC2 to Paddington Station, W2
- 6 Lancaster Gate, W2 to Royal Free Hospital, NW3
- 7 Fitzjohn's Avenue, NW3 to Fitzhardinge Street, W1
- 8 Ritz Hotel, W1 to Battersea Park Station, SW8
- 9 Ponton Road, SW8 to Camberwell Grove, SE5
- 10 Knatchbull Road, SE5 to Surrey Quays Station, SE16
- 11 Timber Pond Road, SE16 to Grocers Hall Court, EC2
- 12 Barbican, EC2 to Mile End Station, E3
- 13 Beaumont Square, E1 to Cannon Wharf Business Centre, SE8
- 14 New Cross Station, SE14 to National Maritime Museum, SE10
- 15 Maze Hill Station, SE10 to West Ham Lane, E15
- 16 West Ham Station, E15 to Dalston Kingsland Station, E8

# List 2

- 1 Graham Road, E8 to Hanover Gate, Regent's Park, NW1
- 2 Baker Street Station, NW1 to Halkin Street, SW1
- 3 Lowndes Square, SW1 to Hurlingham Club, SW6
- 4 Fulham High Street, SW6 to Powis Square, W11
- 5 Walmer Road, W11 to Wales Farm Road, W3
- 6 Old Oak Lane, NW10 to Charing Cross Hospital, W6
- 7 Ravenscourt Park, W6 to Gwendolen Avenue, SW15
- 8 Manor Fields, SW15 to Bedford Hill, SW12
- 9 Nightingale Lane, SW12 to Carlyle Square, SW3
- 10 The Boltons, SW10 to Campden Hill Square, W8
- 11 Woodsford Square, W14 to Chiswick Mall, W4
- 12 Turnham Green Station, W4 to Oxford Gardens, W10
- 13 Golborne Road, W10 to Pennine Drive, NW2
- 14 Tilling Road, NW2 to Chetwynd Road, NW5
- 15 Kentish Town Station, NW5 to West Smithfield, EC1
- 16 Armoury House, EC1 to Tower Bridge, SE1

# List 3

- 1 Sumner Street, SE1 to Mostyn Road, SW9
- 2 Stockwell Park Road, SW9 to West Dulwich Station, SE21
- 3 Frank Dixon Way, SE21 to Cedars Road, SW4
- 4 Clapham North Station, SW4 to Mitcham Lane, SW16
- 5 Ambleside Avenue, SW16 to Sydenham Hill, SE26
- 6 Stanstead Road, SE23 to Milkwood Road, SE24
- 7 Brixton Water Lane, SW2 to Forest Hill Road, SE22
- 8 Barry Road, SE22 to Kennington Cross, SE11
- 9 Kennington Station, SE11 to Nunhead Station, SE15
- 10 Lyndhurst Way, SE15 to Royal Circus, SE27
- 11 St. Julian's Farm Road, SE27 to St. George's Hospital, SW17
- 12 Tooting Bec Station, SW17 to Dulwich Wood Park, SE19
- 13 Crown Dale, SE19 to Crofton Park Station, SE4
- 14 Ravensbourne Park, SE6 to Lewisham Station, SE13
- 15 Belmont Hill, SE13 to Pepys Road, SE14
- 16 Sanford Street, SE14 to Lime Street, EC3

# List 4

- 1 Shadwell Station, E1 to The Oval, SE11
- 2 Lorrimore Square, SE17 to Central Criminal Court, EC4
- 3 Southwark Bridge, EC4 to Goldsmith's Row, E2
- 4 Cambridge Heath Station, E2 to Mudchute Station, E14
- 5 Billingsgate Market, E14 to Lauriston Road, E9
- 6 Morning Lane, E9 to Silvertown Way, E16
- 7 Star Lane, E16 to Oliver Road, E10
- 8 Spitalfields Market, E10 to Manse Road, N16
- 9 Albion Road, N16 to Hornsey Rise, N19
- 10 St. John's Way, N19 to Woodstock Avenue, NW11
- 11 Wentworth Road, NW11 to Muswell Hill Road, N10
- 12 Fortis Green, N2 to West Green Road, N15
- 13 South Tottenham Station, N15 to Rushmore Road, E5
- 14 Lower Clapton Road, E5 to Market Road, N7
- 15 Holloway Road Station, N7 to Turnpike Lane, N8
- 16 Tottenham Lane, N8 to St. Edmunds Terrace, NW8

# List 5

- 1 St. John's Wood Station, NW8 to Brompton Oratory, SW7
- 2 Melton Court, SW7 to Southfields Station, SW18
- 3 Buckhold Road, SW18 to Arundel Terrace, SW13
- 4 Verdun Road, SW13 to Victoria Drive, SW19
- 5 Wimbledon Park Road, SW19 to Plough Road, SW11
- 6 Broomwood Road, SW11 to Philbeach Gardens, SW5
- 7 West Brompton Station, SW5 to East Acton Station, W12
- 8 Sawley Road, W12 to Warrington Crescent, W9
- 9 Maida Vale Station, W9 to Dollis Hill Station, NW10
- 10 Brent Magistrates' Court, NW10 to Finchley Road Station, NW3
- 11 Fortune Green Road, NW6 to South Grove, N6
- 12 Bishopswood Road, N6 to Westbury Avenue, N22
- 13 Mayes Road, N22 to Highbury Grove, N5
- 14 Petherton Road, N5 to Monument Way, N17
- 15 Downhills Park Road, N17 to East Finchley Station, N2
- 16 Lyttelton Road, N2 to Harringay Greens Lanes Station, N4

# List 6

- 1 Aldwych, WC2 to Gloucester Road Station, SW7
- 2 Cornwall Gardens, SW7 to Norfolk Square, W2
- 3 Leinster Square, W2 to Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, WC1
- 4 British Museum, WC1 to Elspeth Road, SW11
- 5 Battersea Arts Centre, SW11 to Imperial War Museum, SE1
- 6 Jubilee Gardens, SE1 to Royal London Hospital, E1
- 7 Arbour Square, E1 to Sadler's Wells Theatre, EC1
- 8 Myddleton Square, EC1 to Golden Square, W1
- 9 Palladium Theatre, W1 to Devonshire Square, EC2
- 10 Moorgate Station, EC2 to Canonbury Station, N1
- 11 Canonbury Square, N1 to Townshend Road, NW8
- 12 St. John's Wood High Street, NW8 to Victoria Coach Station, SW1
- 13 Buckingham Palace, SW1 to Loughborough Junction Station, SW9
- 14 Brixton Market, SW9 to Portland Street, SE17
- 15 Penton Place, SE17 to Narrow Street, E14
- 16 West India Dock Road, E14 to Brookmill Road, SE8

# List 7

- 1 Deptford Station, SE8 to Honour Oak Park, SE23
- 2 Perry Vale, SE23 to Champion Hill, SE5
- 3 Kings College Hospital, SE5 to Poplar High Street, E14
- 4 Glenworth Avenue, E14 to Theatre Royal, Stratford, E15
- 5 Stratford Station, E15 to London Chest Hospital, E2
- 6 Bethnal Green Station, E2 to Jamaica Road, SE16
- 7 Salter Road, SE16 to Lewisham Park, SE13
- 8 Ladywell Station, SE13 to East Dulwich Station, SE22
- 9 Overhill Road, SE22 to Marylebone Station, NW1
- 10 Warwick Avenue Station, W9 to Haverstock Hill, NW3
- 11 Primrose Hill Road, NW3 to Donnington Road, NW10
- 12 Craven Park, NW10 to Linden Gardens, W4
- 13 Burlington Lane, W4 to West Hill, SW15
- 14 Lacy Road, SW15 to Olympia, W14
- 15 Oakwood Court, W14 to Carlton Vale, NW6
- 16 Chevening Road, NW6 to Queen's Gate, SW7



# List 8

- 1 Royal College of Music, SW7 to Crouch Hill Station, N4
- 2 Harringay Station, N4 to Whitestone Pond, NW3
- 3 New End Square, NW3 to Priory Road, N8
- 4 The Broadway, N8 to Spring Hill, E5
- 5 Warwick Grove, E5 to Angel Station, N1
- 6 York Way, N1 to North Hill, N6
- 7 Highgate Station, N6 to Seven Sisters Station, N15
- 8 Vartry Road, N15 to Oakley Square, NW1
- 9 Euston Station, NW1 to Brixton Prison, SW2
- 10 Streatham Hill Station, SW2 to East Putney Station, SW15
- 11 Dryburgh Road, SW15 to Vicarage Crescent, SW11
- 12 Albert Bridge, SW11 to Streatham Common, SW16
- 13 Leigham Avenue, SW16 to Half Moon Lane, SE24
- 14 Dulwich College, SE21 to Vauxhall Bridge, SW8
- 15 Fentiman Road, SW8 to Wandsworth Prison, SW18
- 16 Swandon Way, SW18 to Landor Road, SW9

# List 9

- 1 Clapham Common Station, SW4 to Cleveland Square, W2
- 2 Royal Oak Station, W2 to Barons Court Station, W14
- 3 Shortlands, W6 to Edith Grove, SW10
- 4 Elm Park Gardens, SW10 to Exmoor Street, W10
- 5 Pangbourne Avenue, W10 to St. John's Wood Park, NW8
- 6 Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8 to Willesden Green Station, NW2
- 7 Dollis Hill Lane, NW2 to Sterne Street, W12
- 8 Lime Grove, W12 to Burton Court, SW3
- 9 Ormonde Gate, SW3 to Leman Street, E1
- 10 Wapping Lane, E1 to Canning Town Station, E16
- 11 East India Station, E14 to London Fields Station, E8
- 12 Homerton Station, E9 to Houndsditch, EC3
- 13 Tower Gateway Station, EC3 to Twelve Trees Crescent, E3
- 14 Parnell Road, E3 to North Greenwich Station, SE10
- 15 Blackwall Lane, SE10 to Southampton Way, SE5
- 16 Queens Road Peckham Station, SE15 to Raymouth Road, SE16

# List 10

- 1 Redriff Road, SE16 to Bagley's Lane, SW6
- 2 Seagrave Road, SW6 to Rectory Lane, SW17
- 3 Tooting Broadway Station, SW17 to Jeffreys Road, SW4
- 4 Wandsworth Road Station, SW8 to Ennismore Gardens, SW7
- 5 Montpelier Square, SW7 to Balham Hill, SW12
- 6 Wandsworth Common Station, SW12 to Norwood High Street, SE27
- 7 Sunnyhill Road, SW16 to Honor Oak Road, SE23
- 8 Townley Road, SE22 to Grange Road, SE1
- 9 Stamford Street, SE1 to Stamford Hill, N16
- 10 Cazenove Road, N16 to Malden Road, NW5
- 11 Torriano Avenue, NW5 to The Bishop's Avenue, N2
- 12 Aylmer Road, N2 to Mackenzie Road, N7
- 13 Caledonian Road Station, N7 to Alexandra Palace, N22
- 14 Muswell Hill, N10 to Avenell Road, N5
- 15 Highbury Fields, N5 to Ruckholt Road, E10
- 16 Abbey Lane, E15 to Balls Pond Road, N1

# List 11

- 1 Highbury Corner, N1 to Trinity Street, SE1
- 2 Lambeth High Street, SE1 to Hall Road, NW8
- 3 Boundary Road, NW8 to Northampton Square, EC1
- 4 St. John's Square, EC1 to St. James's Square, SW1
- 5 St. Stephen's Club, SW1 to De Vere Gardens, W8
- 6 Vicarage Gate, W8 to Cadogan Gardens, SW3
- 7 Cheyne Walk, SW3 to Pembridge Square, W2
- 8 Bayswater Station, W2 to St. George's Square, SW1
- 9 Victoria Station, SW1 to Liverpool Street Station, EC2
- 10 Leonard Street, EC2 to Thessaly Road, SW8
- 11 Union Road, SW8 to Red Lion Square, WC1
- 12 Mecklenburgh Square, WC1 to Eastcheap, EC3
- 13 Blackfriars Station, EC4 to Bryanston Street, W1
- 14 Grosvenor Square, W1 to Amelia Street, SE17
- 15 Black Prince Road, SE11 to Agar Grove, NW1
- 16 Hawley Road, NW1 to Bryanston Square, W1

# List 12

- 1 Savile Row, W1 to Spa Road, SE16
- 2 Rotherhithe Station, SE16 to Bow Church Station, E3
- 3 Knapp Road, E3 to Burwell Road, E10
- 4 Church Road, E10 to Dunloe Street, E2
- 5 Arnold Circus, E2 to Salmon Lane, E14
- 6 Cabot Square, E14 to Vallance Road, E1
- 7 Cannon Street Road, E1 to Major Road, E15
- 8 Carpenters Road, E15 to Clapton Station, E5
- 9 Downs Road, E5 to Princes Circus, WC2
- 10 St. Martin's Lane, WC2 to Fulham Broadway Station, SW6
- 11 Eel Brook Common, SW6 to Phillimore Gardens, W8
- 12 Lexham Gardens, W8 to Church Road, SW13
- 13 Barnes Bridge Station, SW13 to Bromyard Avenue, W3
- 14 Acton Central Station, W3 to Kilburn Priory, NW6
- 15 Priory Road, NW6 to Chepstow Road, W2
- 16 Oxford Square, W2 to Latimer Road Station, W10

# List 13

- 1 Kensal Road, W10 to Kings Cross Station, N1
- 2 Rodney Street, N1 to Hampstead Heath Station, NW3
- 3 Belsize Park Station, NW3 to Tollington Way, N7
- 4 Holloway Prison, N7 to Golders Green Station, NW11
- 5 Meadway Gate, NW11 to Park Road, N8
- 6 Hornsey Station, N8 to Stoke Newington Station, N16
- 7 Lordship Road, N16 to Farringdon Station, EC1
- 8 Lever Street, EC1 to Hackney Town Hall, E8
- 9 Broadway Market, E8 to Camberwell Church Street, SE5
- 10 Camberwell Road, SE5 to Lancaster Avenue, SE27
- 11 Gipsy Road, SE27 to Vassall Road, SW9
- 12 Wiltshire Road, SW9 to Clapham Junction Station, SW11
- 13 Latchmere Road, SW11 to Elmbourne Road, SW17
- 14 Franciscan Road, SW17 to Wimbledon Park Station, SW19
- 15 Earlsfield Station, SW18 to Dawes Road, SW6
- 16 Parsons Green Station, SW6 to South Lambeth Road, SW8

# List 14

- 1 Silverthorne Road, SW8 to Belsize Square, NW3
- 2 Swiss Cottage Station, NW3 to Middleway, NW11
- 3 North End Road, NW11 to Christchurch Avenue, NW6
- 4 Queen's Park Station, NW6 to Camden Street, NW1
- 5 York Gate, NW1 to Hyde Park Gardens, W2
- 6 Paddington Green, W2 to Askew Road, W12
- 7 Linford Christie Stadium, W12 to Cadogan Square, SW1
- 8 Ebury Bridge Road, SW1 to Elgar Street, SE16
- 9 The New Den, SE16 to Greenwich South Street, SE10
- 10 Greenwich Market, SE10 to Doggett Road, SE6
- 11 Breakspears Road, SE4 to Limeharbour, E14
- 12 Abbott Road, E14 to Fenchurch Street Station, EC3
- 13 Brick Lane, E1 to Kinglake Street, SE17
- 14 Rodney Road, SE17 to Kender Street, SE14
- 15 Meeting House Lane, SE15 to Molesworth Street, SE13
- 16 Howson Road, SE4 to Evelyn Street, SE8

# List 15

- 1 New Cross Gate Station, SE14 to West Side Clapham Common, SW4
- 2 King's Avenue, SW4 to Lower Richmond Road, SW15
- 3 Dover House Road, SW15 to Brompton Square, SW3
- 4 Petyward, SW3 to Merton Road, SW18
- 5 Allfarthing Lane, SW18 to Drewstead Road, SW16
- 6 Streatham Place, SW2 to Waldram Park Road, SE23
- 7 London Road, SE23 to Peckham Rye Station, SE15
- 8 Peckham Park Road, SE15 to Tulse Hill, SW2
- 9 Lambeth Town Hall, SW2 to Lambeth Palace, SE1
- 10 Marshalsea Road, SE1 to Tollington Road, N7
- 11 Tufnell Park Road, N7 to St. Ann's Road, N15
- 12 Turnpike Lane Station, N15 to Malvern Road, E8
- 13 Albion Square, E8 to Upper Holloway Station, N19
- 14 Archway Station, N19 to Gloucester Gate, NW1
- 15 Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1 to Sheldon Avenue, N6
- 16 Highgate Cemetery, N6 to Stoke Newington Church Street, N16



# List 16

- 1 Clissold Park, N16 to Wilmington Square, WC1
- 2 University College Hospital, WC1 to Carlton Hill, NW8
- 3 Delaware Road, W9 to Camden Square, NW1
- 4 Park Square East, NW1 to Weston Street, SE1
- 5 Tanner Street, SE1 to Artillery Row, SW1
- 6 Warwick Square, SW1 to York Road, SW11
- 7 Battersea Church Road, SW11 to Goodge Street Station, W1
- 8 Half Moon Street, W1 to Fairhazel Gardens, NW6
- 9 Victoria Road, NW6 to De Beauvoir Square, N1
- 10 Penn Street, N1 to Portland Place, W1
- 11 Cavendish Square, W1 to Metropolitan Tabernacle, SE1
- 12 London Bridge Station, SE1 to Squirries Street, E2
- 13 Sidney Square, E1 to Covent Garden Station, WC2
- 14 Surrey Street, WC2 to Peckham Rye, SE15
- 15 Consort Road, SE15 to Ministry of Defence, SW1
- 16 Parliament Square, SW1 to Golden Lane, EC1

# List 17

- 1 Finsbury Circus, EC2 to Wick Road, E9
- 2 Well Street, E9 to Finsbury Park Station, N4
- 3 Tollington Park, N4 to Forest Road, E8
- 4 Hackney Central Station, E8 to Sidmouth Street, WC1
- 5 Cartwright Gardens, WC1 to Thomas Moore Street, E1
- 6 Glamis Road, E1 to Wordsworth Road, N16
- 7 Aberdeen Road, N5 to Old Street Station, EC1
- 8 Moorfields Eye Hospital, EC1 to Landsdowne Way, SW8
- 9 Caldwell Street, SW9 to Burntwood Lane, SW17
- 10 Streatham Cemetery, SW17 to Queen's Ride, SW13
- 11 Stevenage Road, SW6 to B.B.C. Television Centre, W12
- 12 Glenthorne Road, W6 to Sutherland Grove, SW18
- 13 Huguenot Place, SW18 to Sloane Square Station, SW1
- 14 Lupus Street, SW1 to Thornton Road, SW12
- 15 Boundaries Road, SW12 to Peterborough Road, SW6
- 16 Townmead Road, SW6 to Old Compton Street, W1

# List 18

- 1 Tottenham Court Road Station, W1 to Flood Street, SW3
- 2 Royal Hospital, SW3 to Ilderton Road, SE15
- 3 Sumner Road, SE15 to Central Hill, SE19
- 4 Gipsy Hill Station, SE19 to Christchurch Road, SW2
- 5 Herne Hill Station, SE24 to Waterloo Station, SE1
- 6 Webber Street, SE1 to Brockley Station, SE4
- 7 Adelaide Avenue, SE4 to Sydenham Hill Station, SE21
- 8 Kirkdale, SE26 to Southwark Crown Court, SE1
- 9 St. Paul's Station, EC1 to Pancras Road, NW1
- 10 Cumberland Market, NW1 to High Street Kensington Station, W8
- 11 Kensington Mall, W8 to Iverson Road, NW6
- 12 Brondesbury Park Station, NW6 to Holland Park Station, W11
- 13 Arundel Gardens, W11 to Kensal Green Station, NW10
- 14 High Street, NW10 to Temple Fortune Hill, NW11
- 15 Brent Cross Station, NW11 to Gospel Oak Station, NW5
- 16 Highgate Road, NW5 to High Street, N8

# List 19

- 1 Cholmeley Park, N6 to Cricklewood Station, NW2
- 2 Shoot Up Hill, NW2 to Gloucester Avenue, NW1
- 3 Holmes Road, NW5 to Shepherdess Walk, N1
- 4 Essex Road Station, N1 to Hackney Wick Station, E9
- 5 Old Ford Road, E3 to Tiller Road, E14
- 6 Chrisp Street, E14 to Museum of London, EC2
- 7 Great Eastern Street, EC2 to Shacklewell Lane, E8
- 8 Amhurst Road, E8 to Fortess Road, NW5
- 9 Kentish Town West Station, NW5 to Lisson Grove, NW8
- 10 Abercorn Place, NW8 to Three Kings Yard, W1
- 11 Paddington Street, W1 to Fernhead Road, W9
- 12 Chippenham Road, W9 to Queen's Club Gardens, W14
- 13 West Kensington Station, W14 to Cambridge Road, SW11
- 14 Bolingbroke Grove, SW11 to Munster Road, SW6
- 15 Chelsea Harbour Drive, SW10 to Marsham Street, SW1
- 16 Belgrave Square, SW1 to Bouverie Street, EC4

# List 20

- 1 Cannon Street Station, EC4 to Southgate Road, N1
- 2 Pitfield Street, N1 to Junction Road, N19
- 3 Brownswood Road, N4 to West Hampstead Station, NW6
- 4 Chichele Road, NW2 to Royal Crescent, W11
- 5 St. Mark's Road, W11 to Fitzroy Square, W1
- 6 Mortimer Street, W1 to Blythe Road, W14
- 7 Warwick Gardens, W14 to Harlesden Station, NW10
- 8 Chamberlayne Road, NW10 to Conningham Road, W12
- 9 South Africa Road, W12 to Brondesbury Station, NW6
- 10 Kilburn Lane, W10 to Bolton Gardens, SW5
- 11 Earl's Court Station, SW5 to Regency Street, SW1
- 12 Lambeth North Station, SE1 to Finborough Road, SW10
- 13 Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, SW10 to Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2
- 14 Leicester Square, WC2 to The Guildhall, EC2
- 15 Bancroft Road, E1 to St. Peters Street, N1
- 16 Copenhagen Street, N1 to Charing Cross Station, WC2



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# Annex C

Suburban Routes

## Annex C

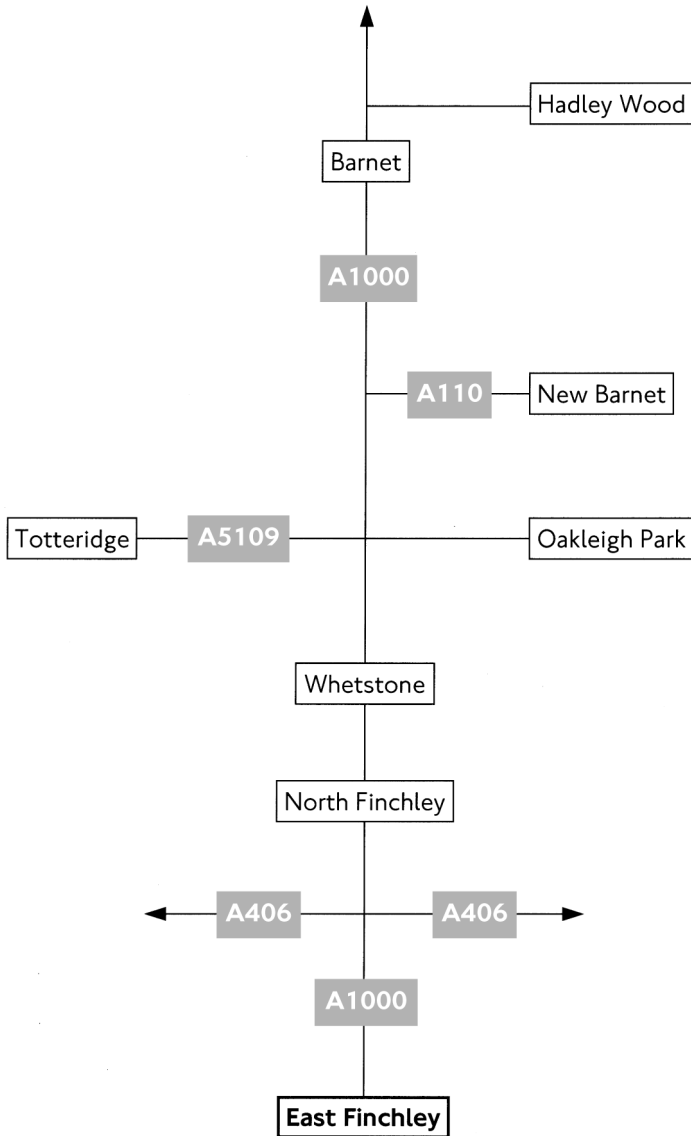
On the following pages are 25 diagrams representing routes from Central London to the suburbs and to and from Heathrow and London City Airports. The start of each run is indicated in bold at the bottom of the page and you will be expected to know the route from the start to any of the other places named.

The route to each suburb should end at the High Street or main thoroughfare.

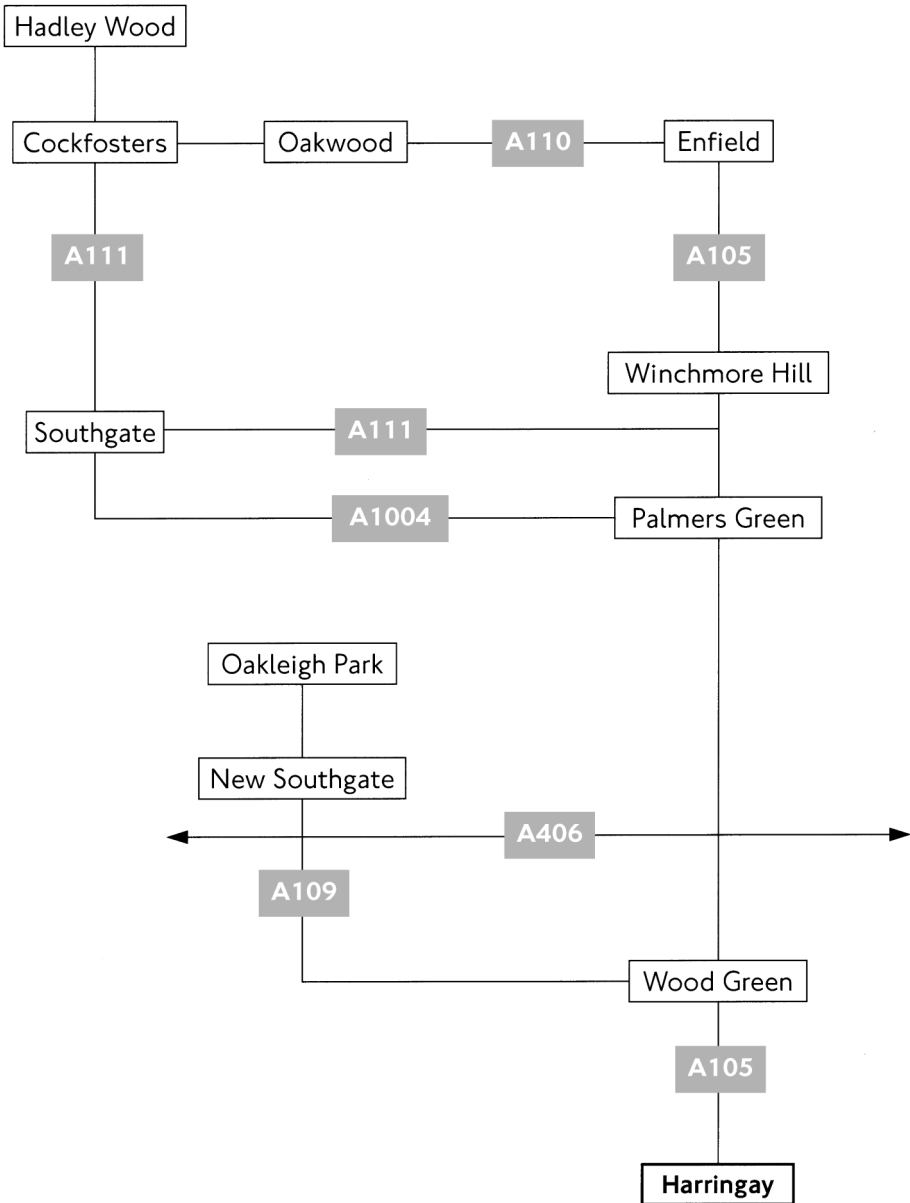
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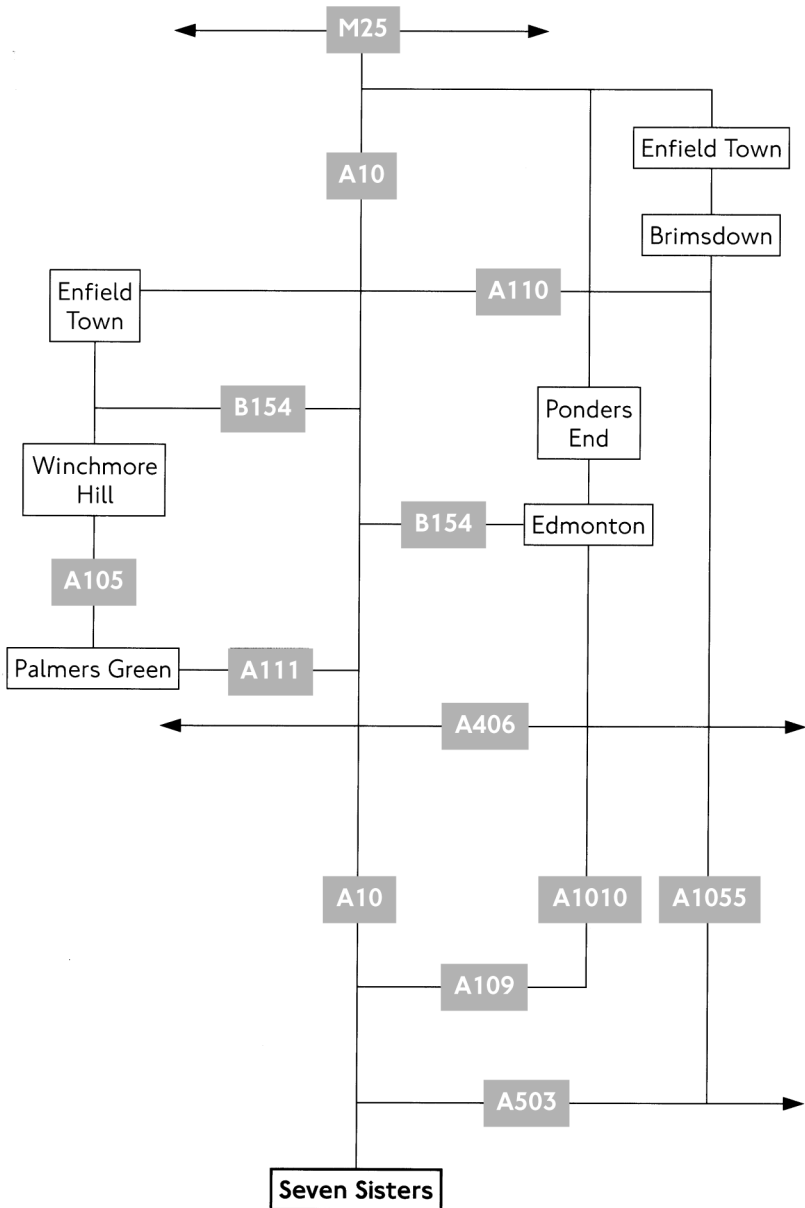
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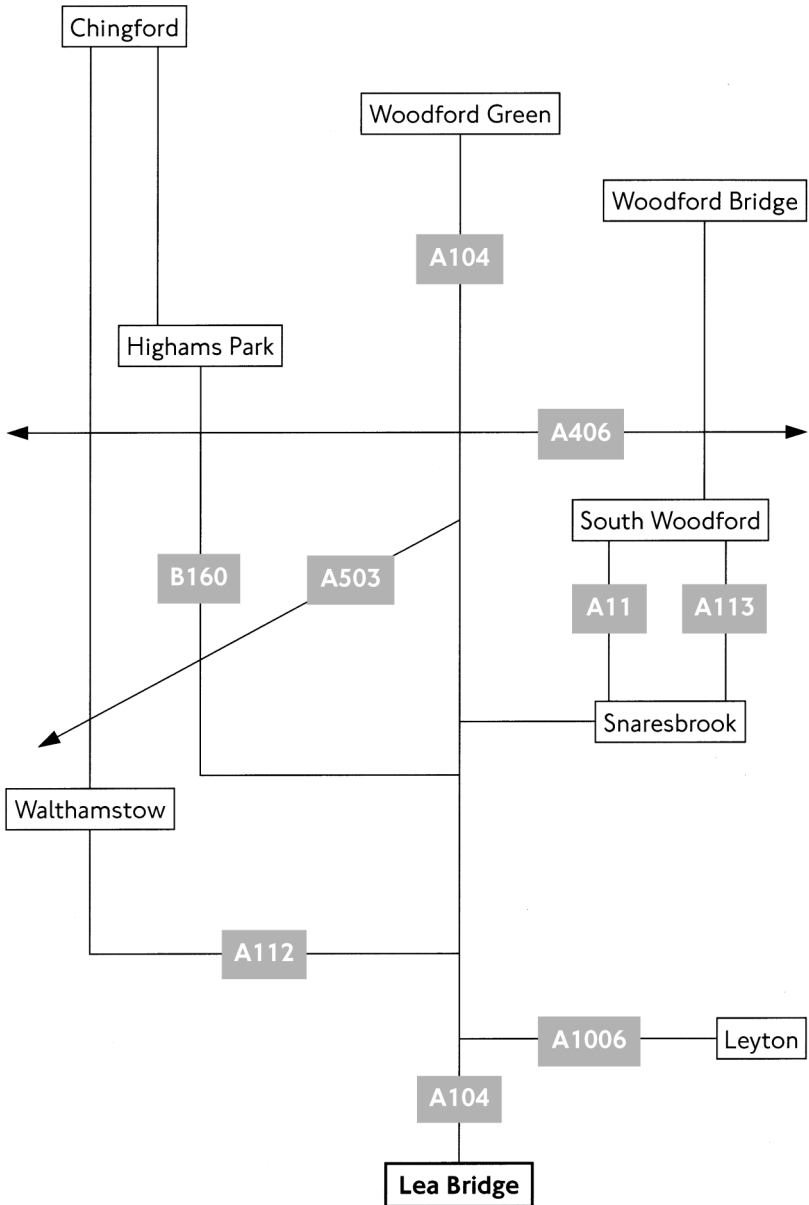
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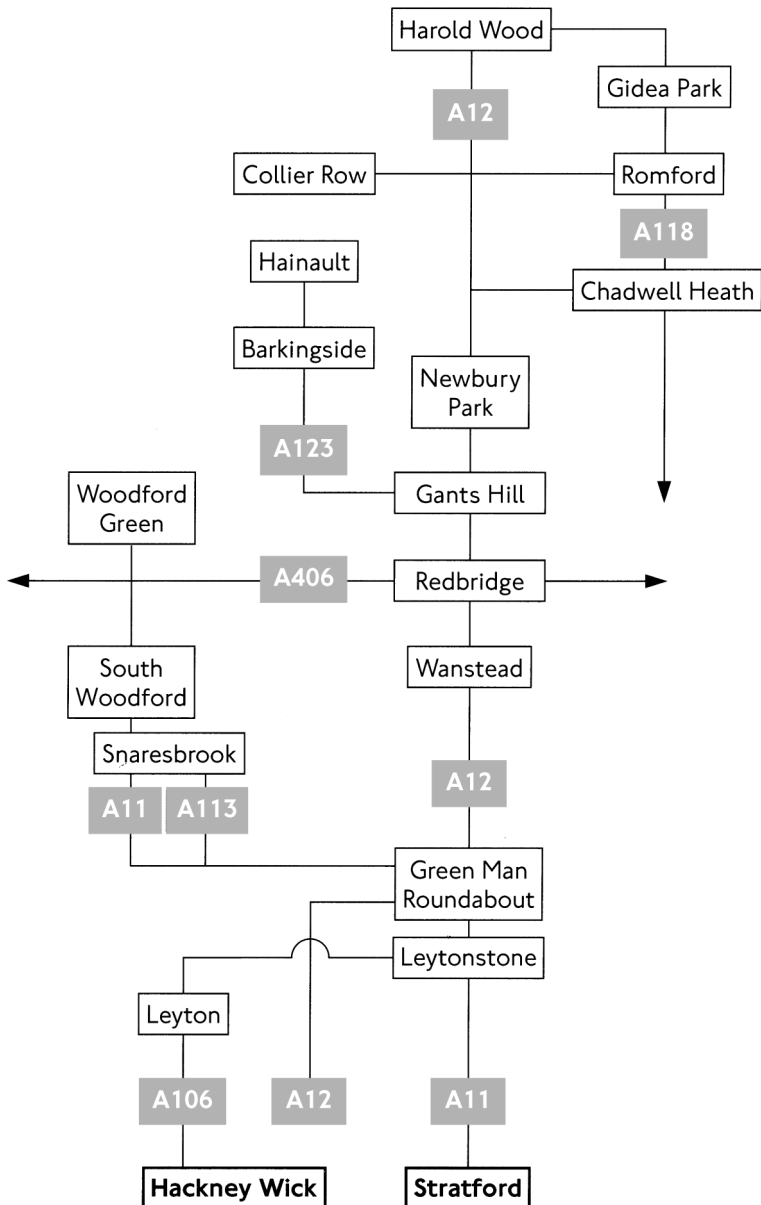
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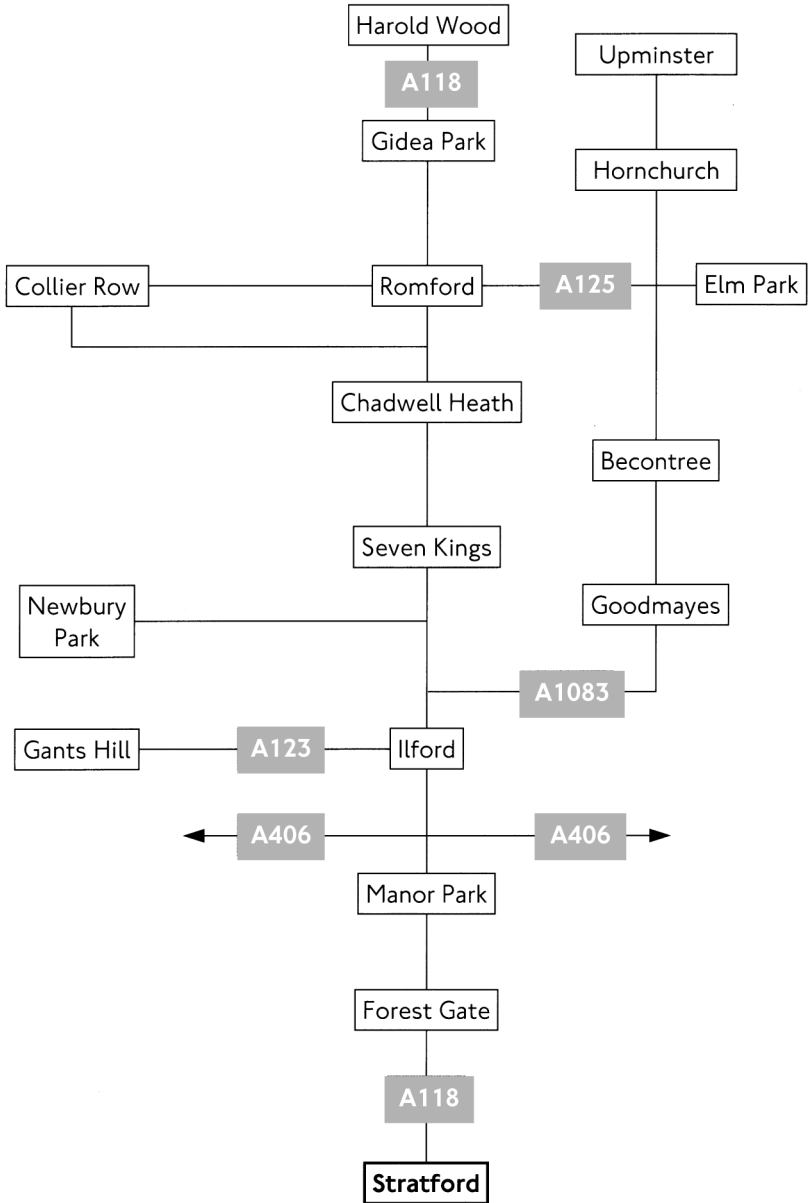
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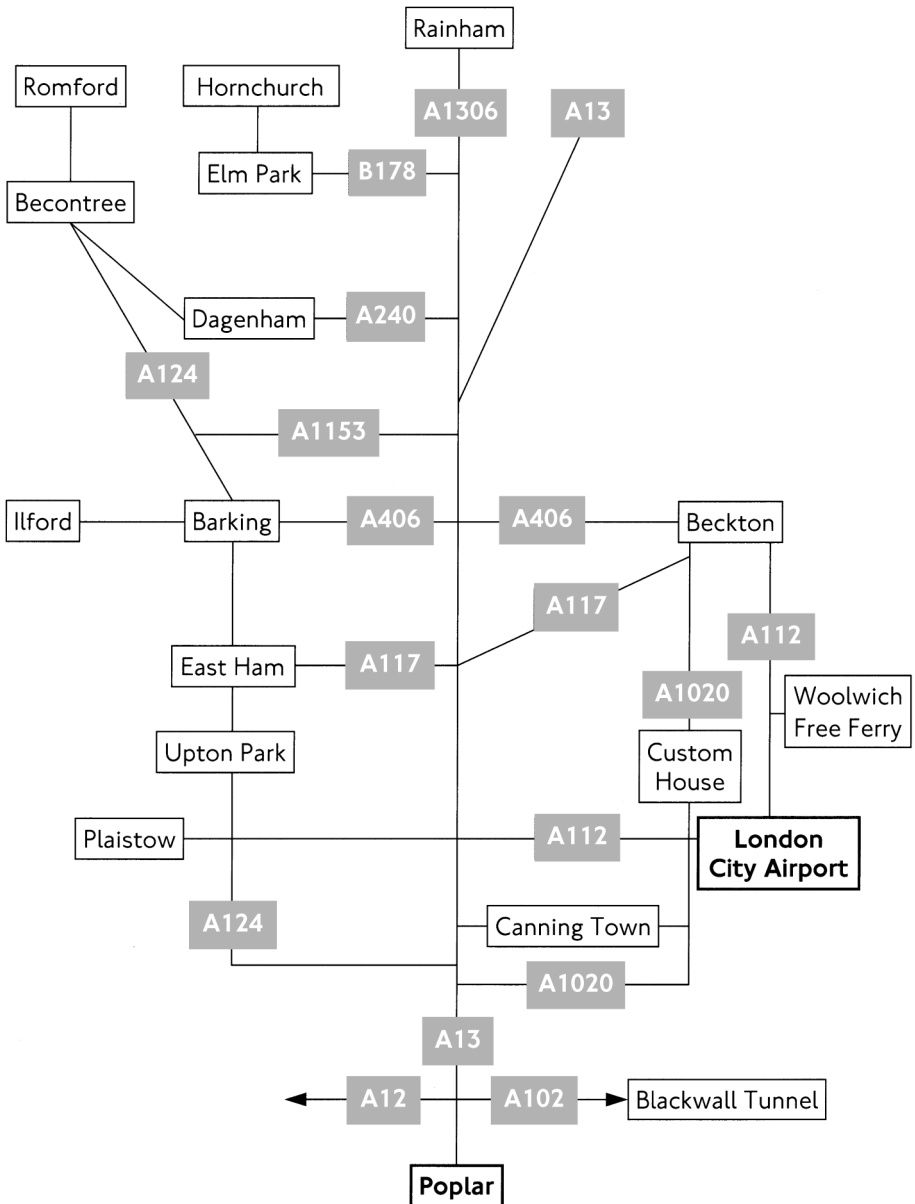
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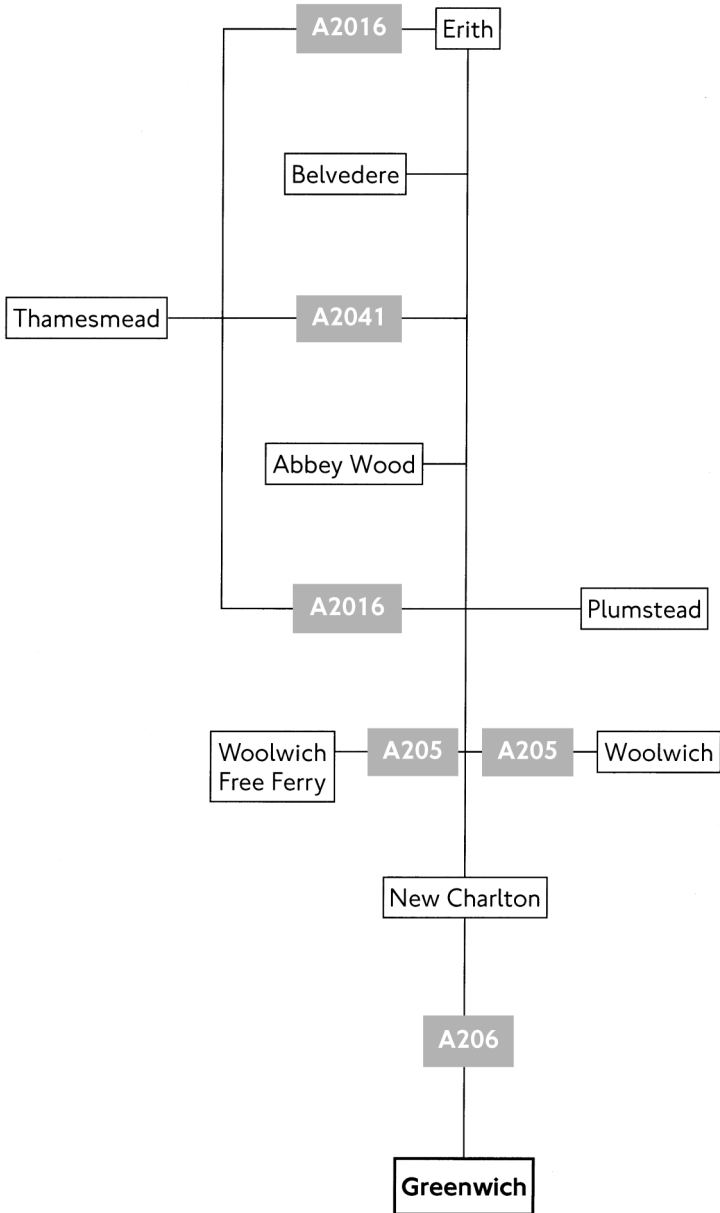
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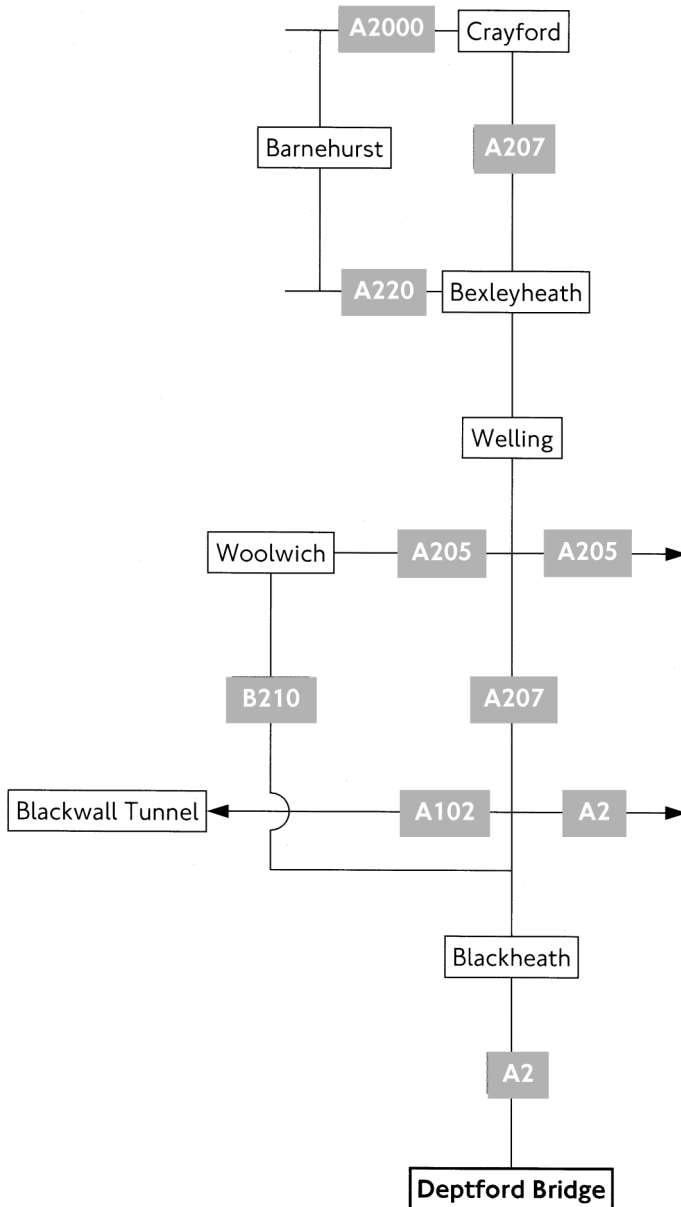


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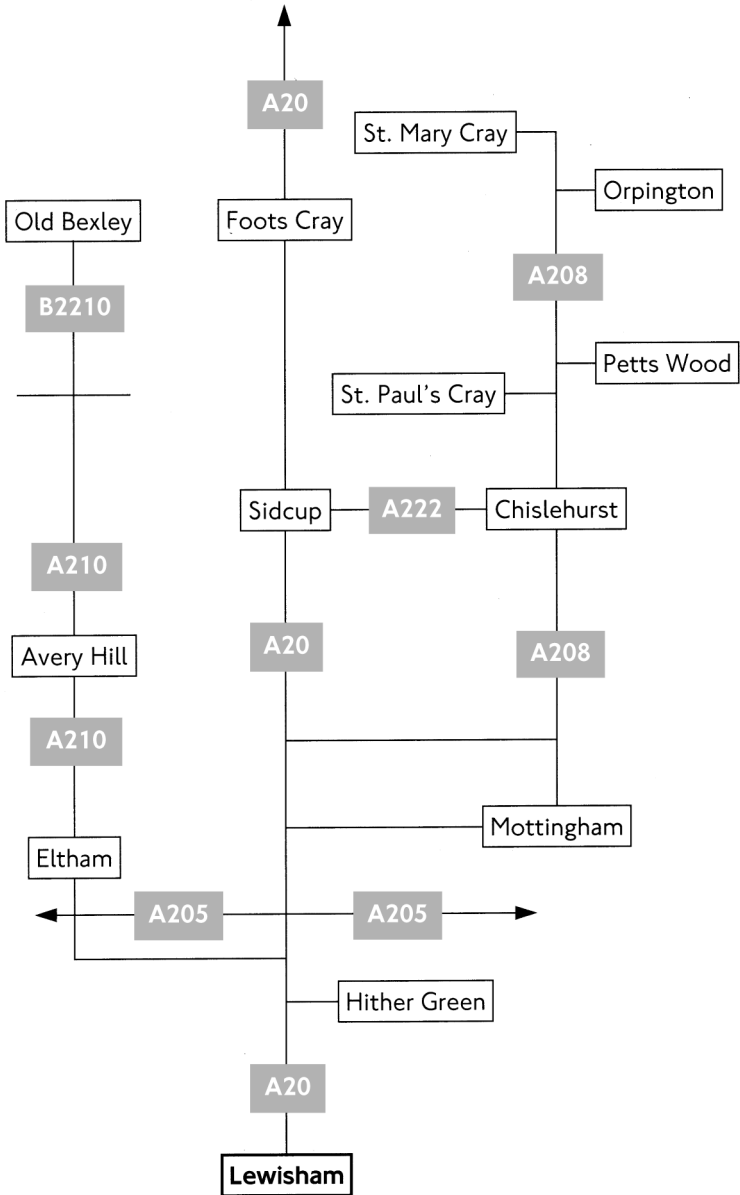




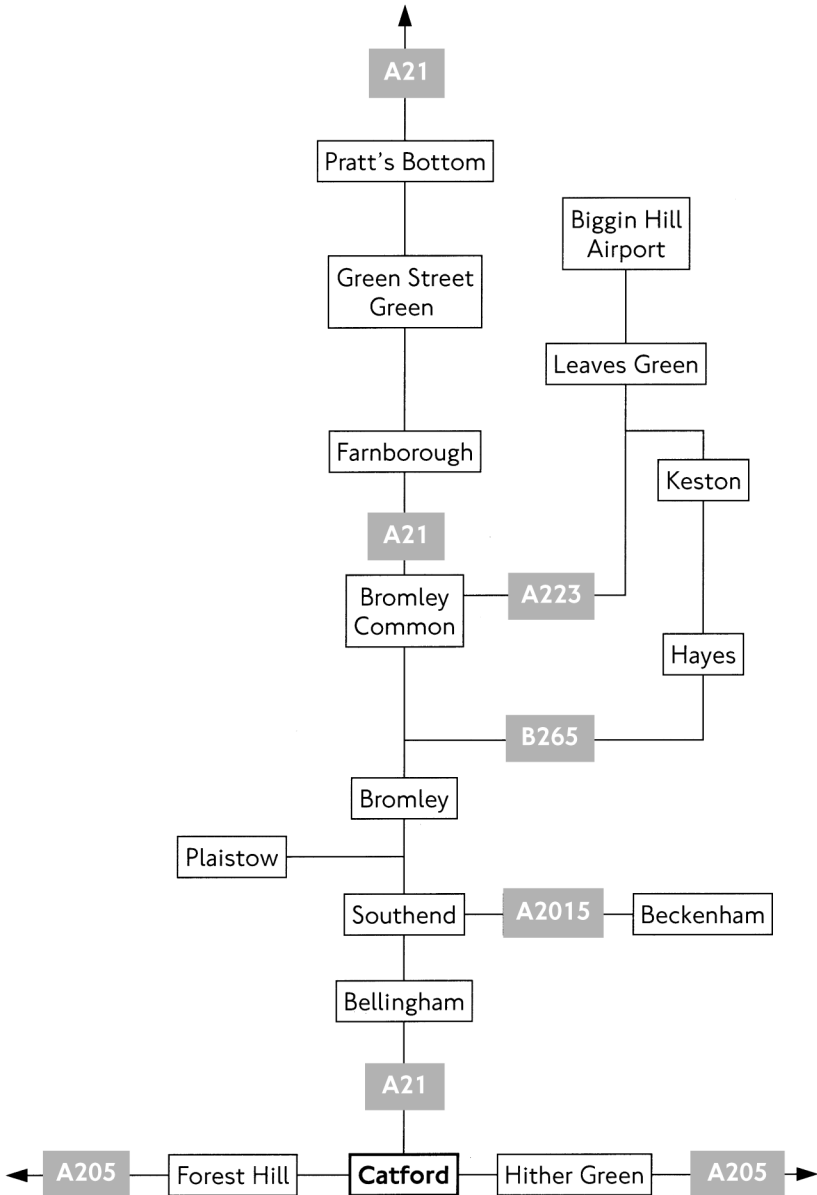
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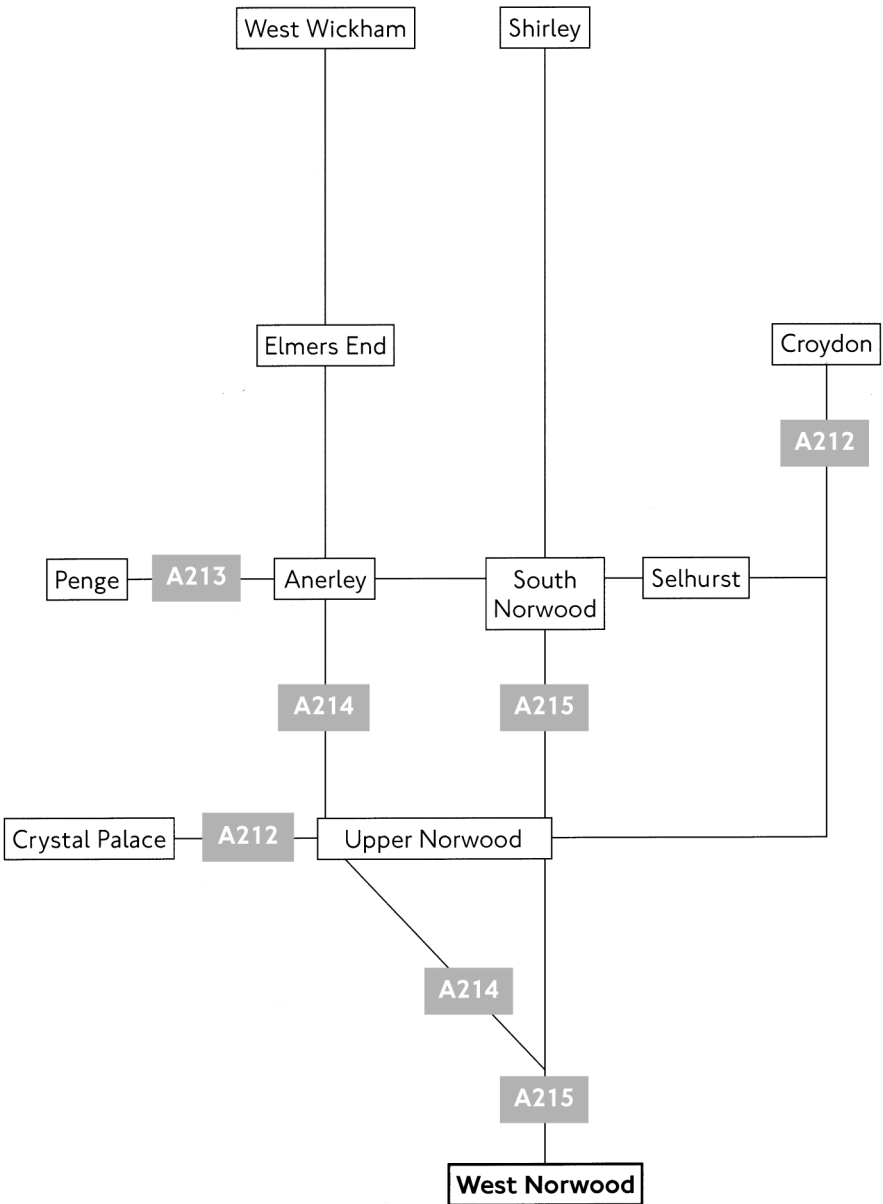
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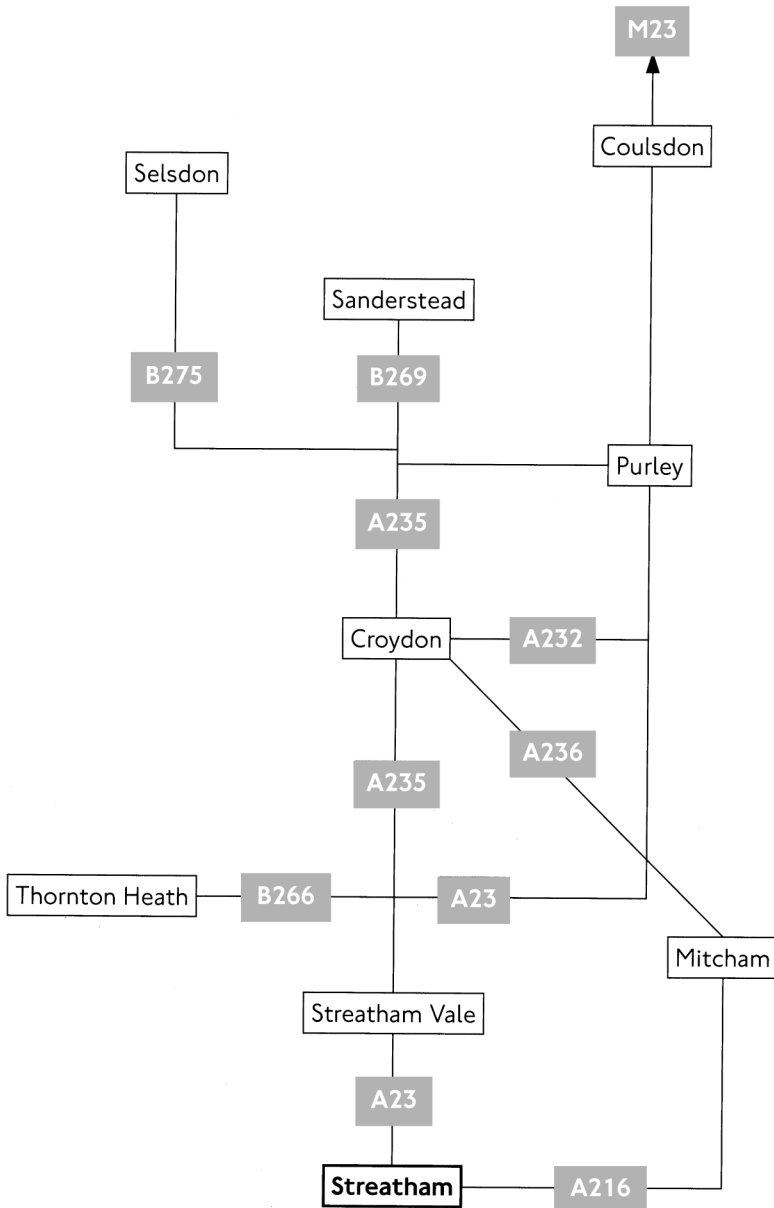
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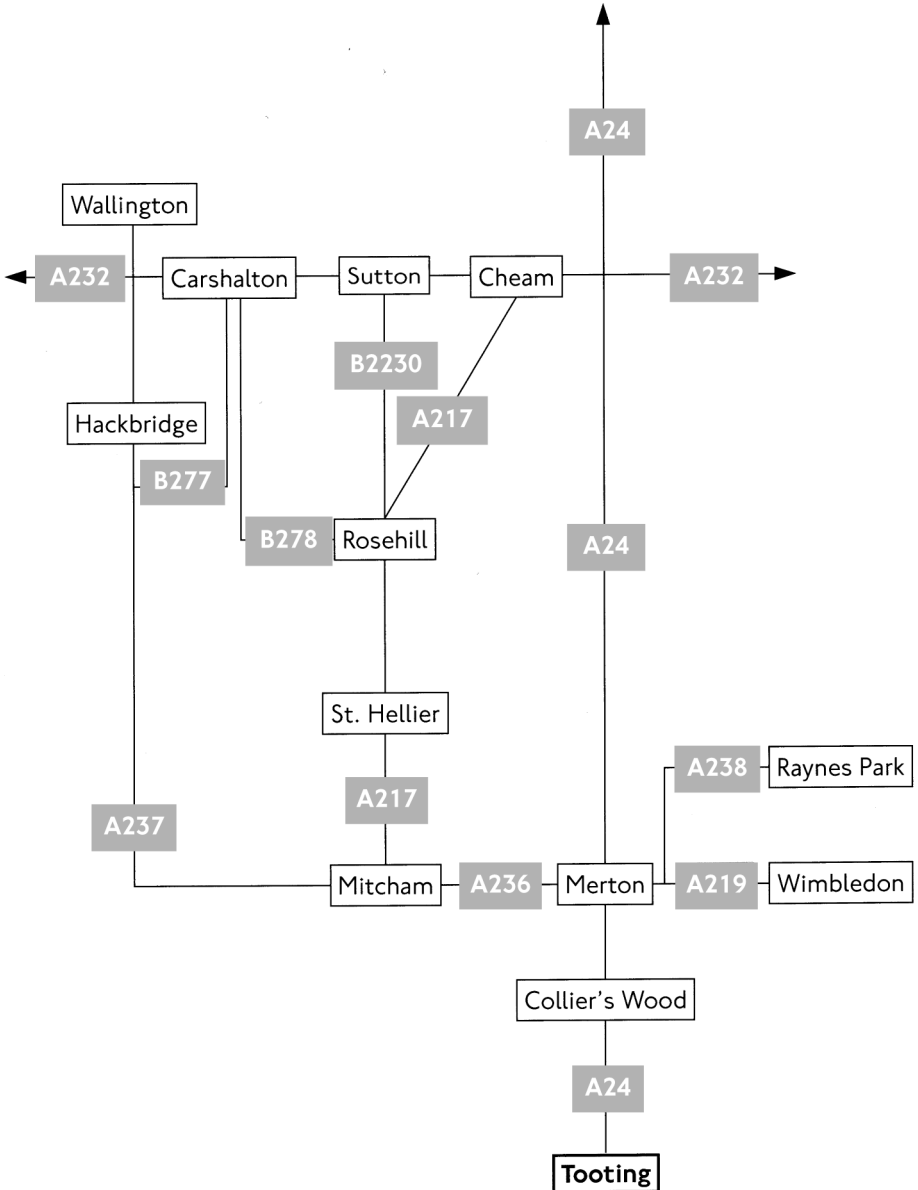
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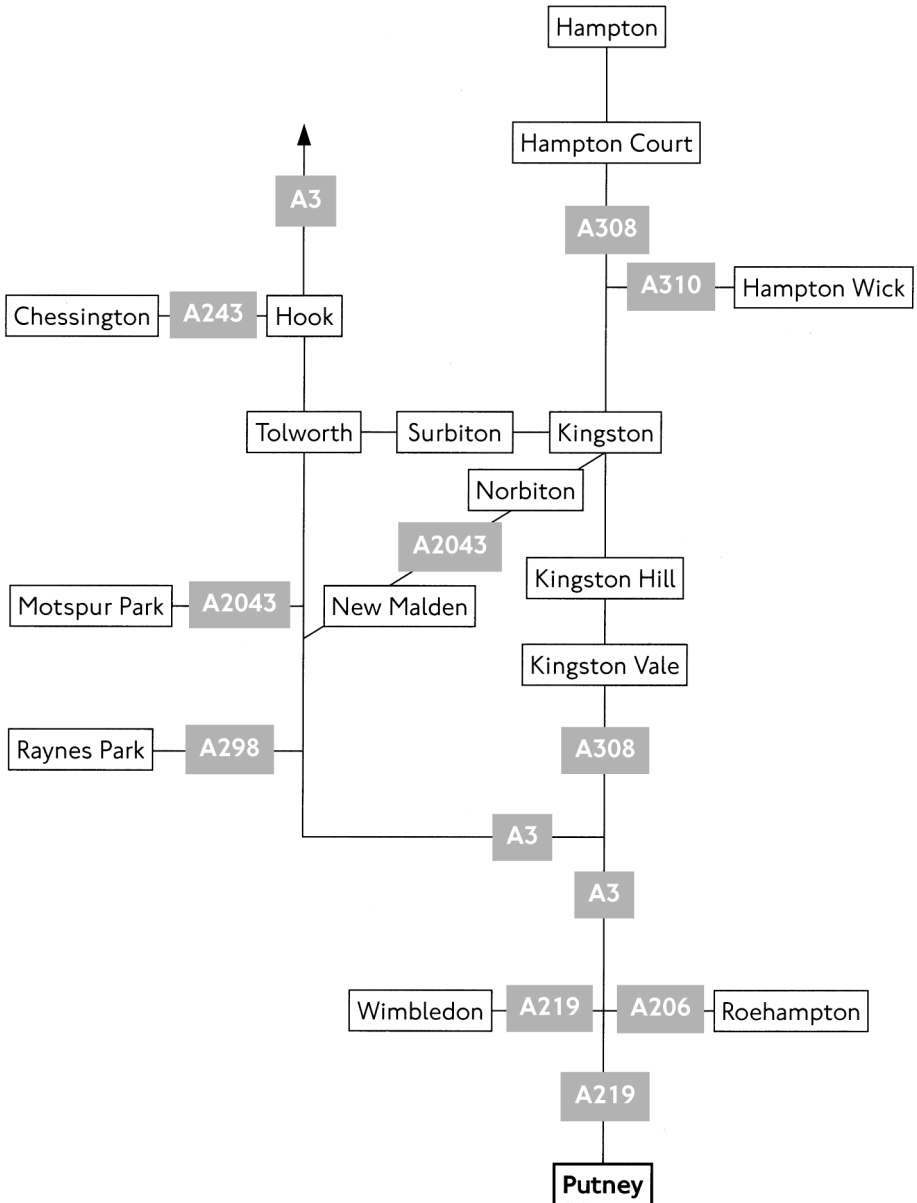
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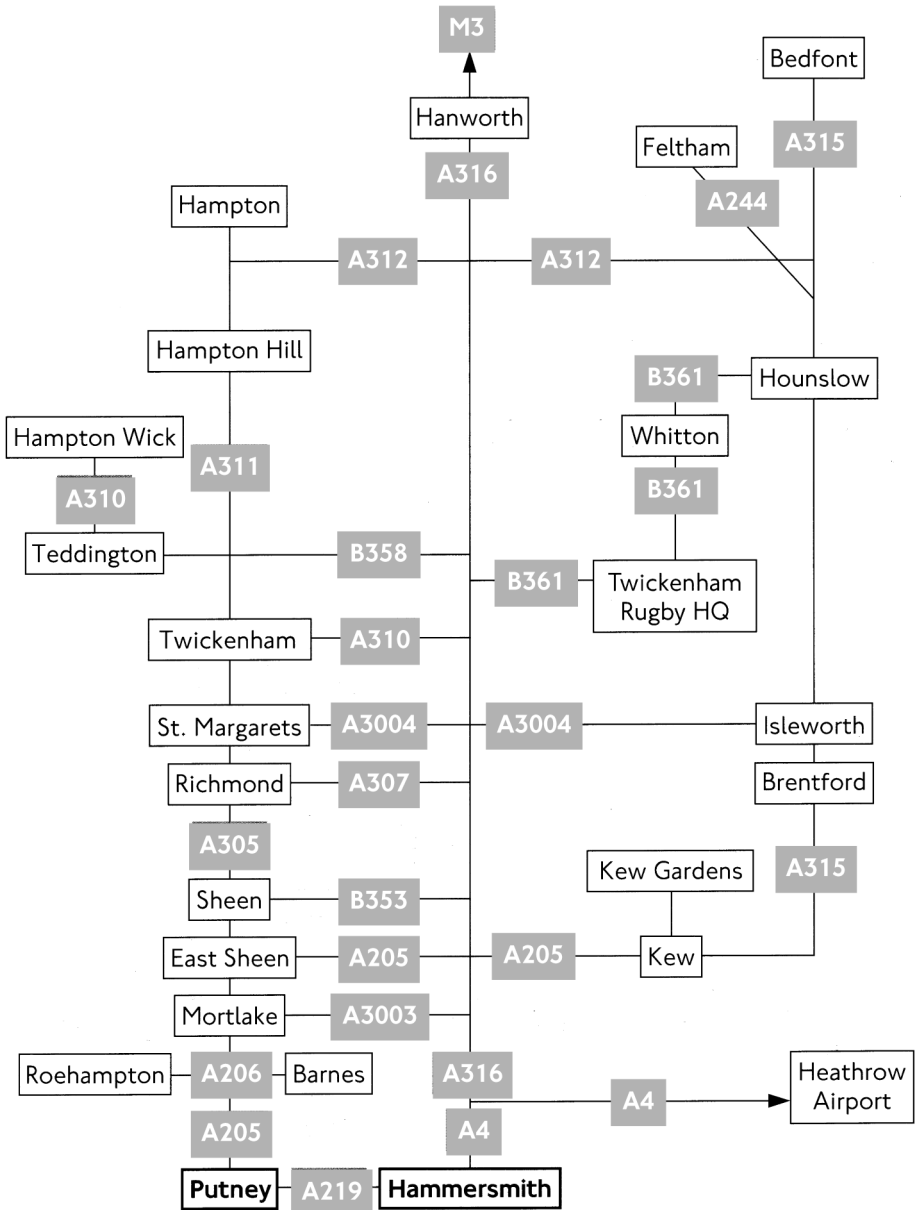
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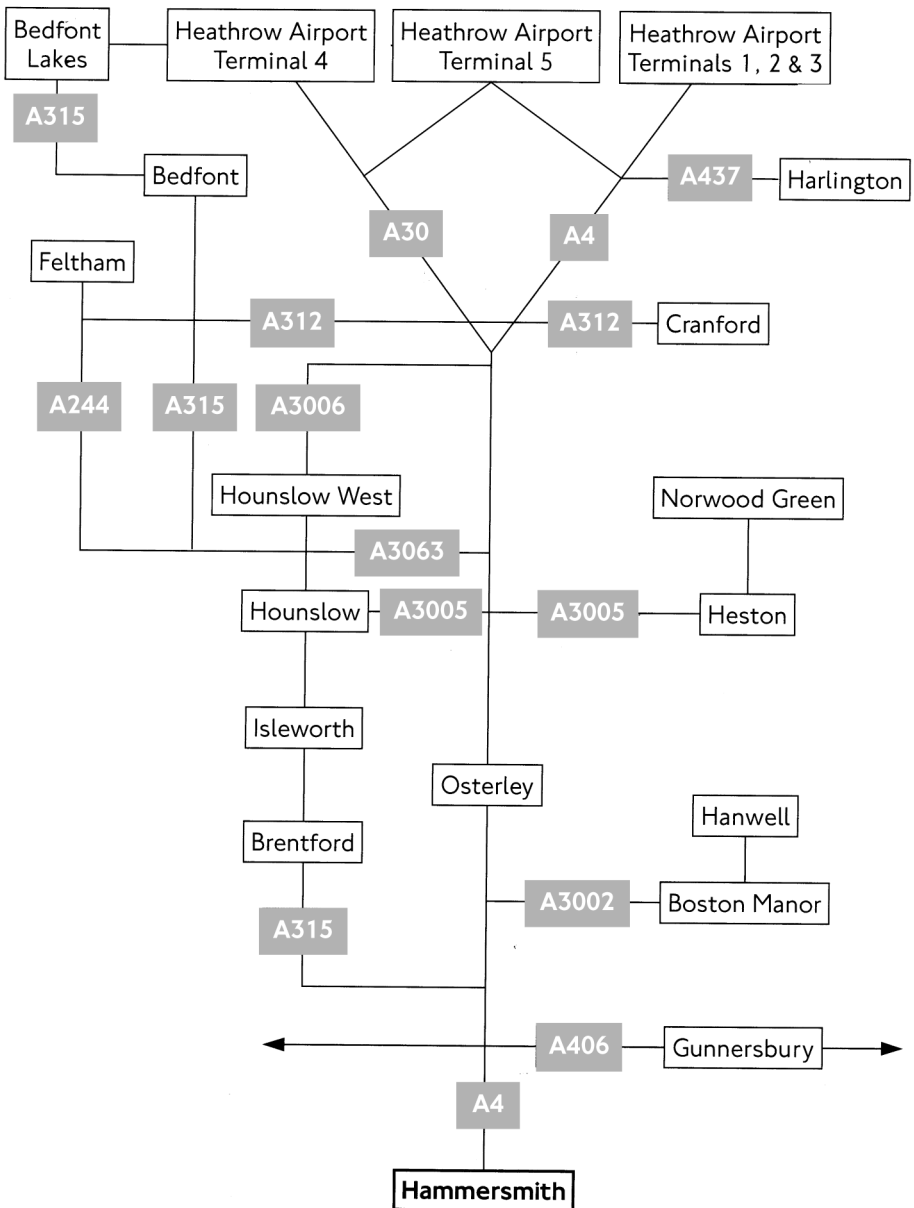


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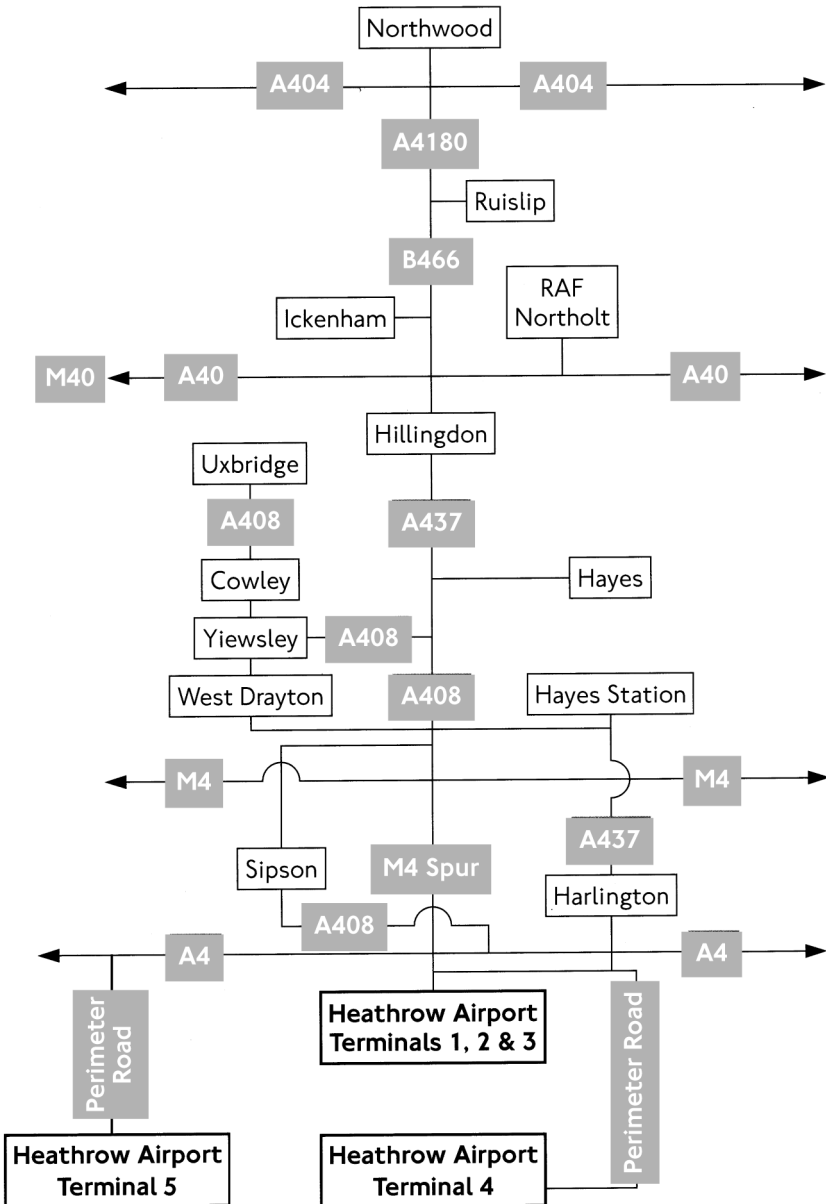




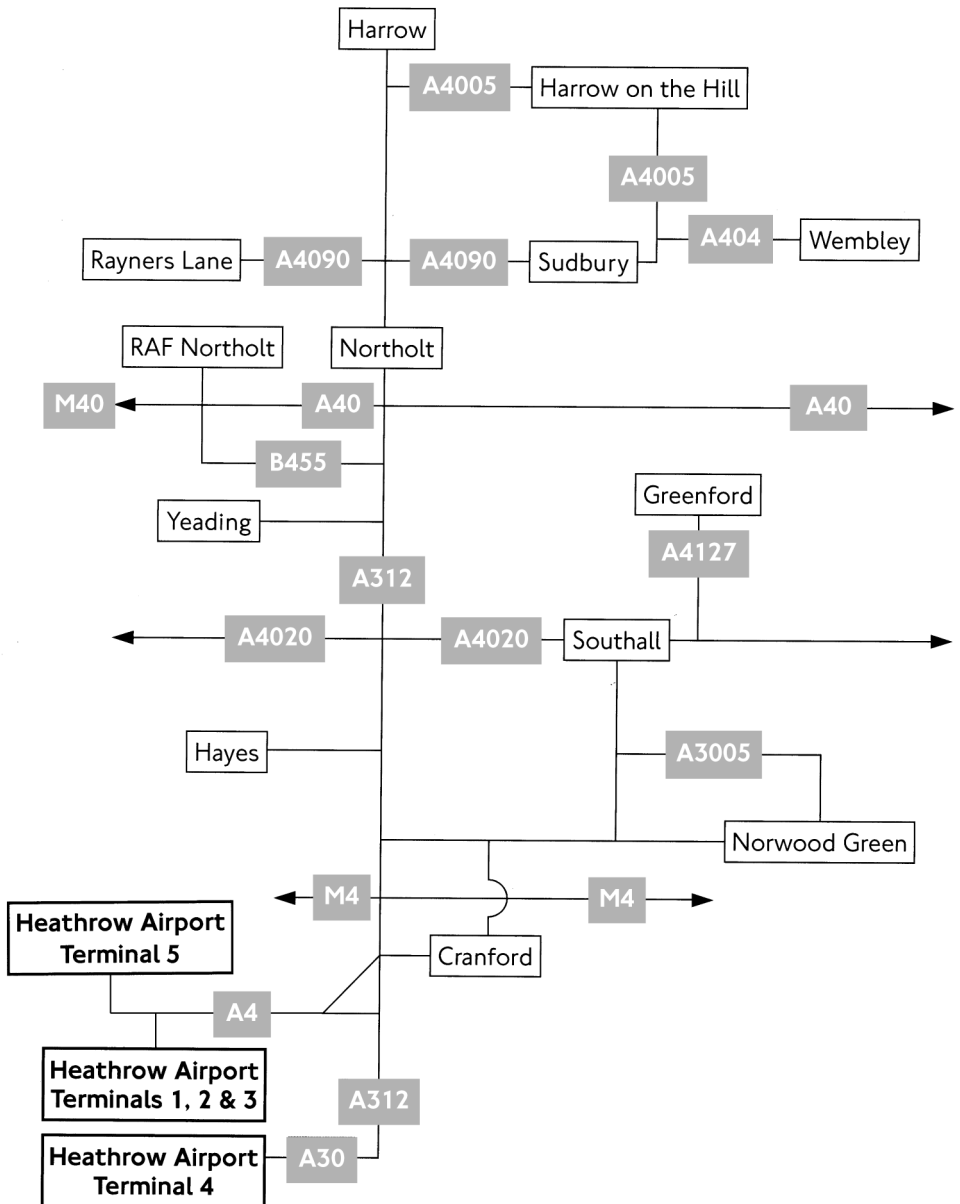
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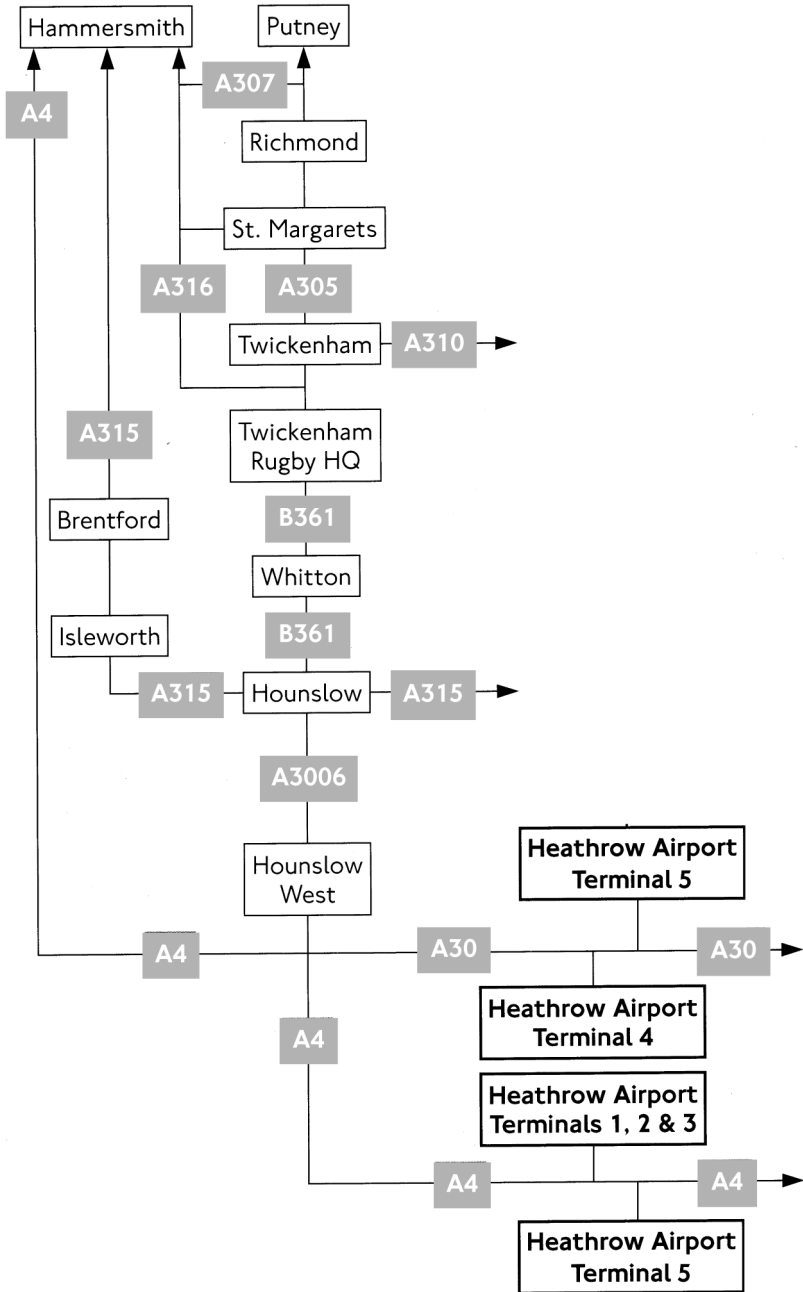
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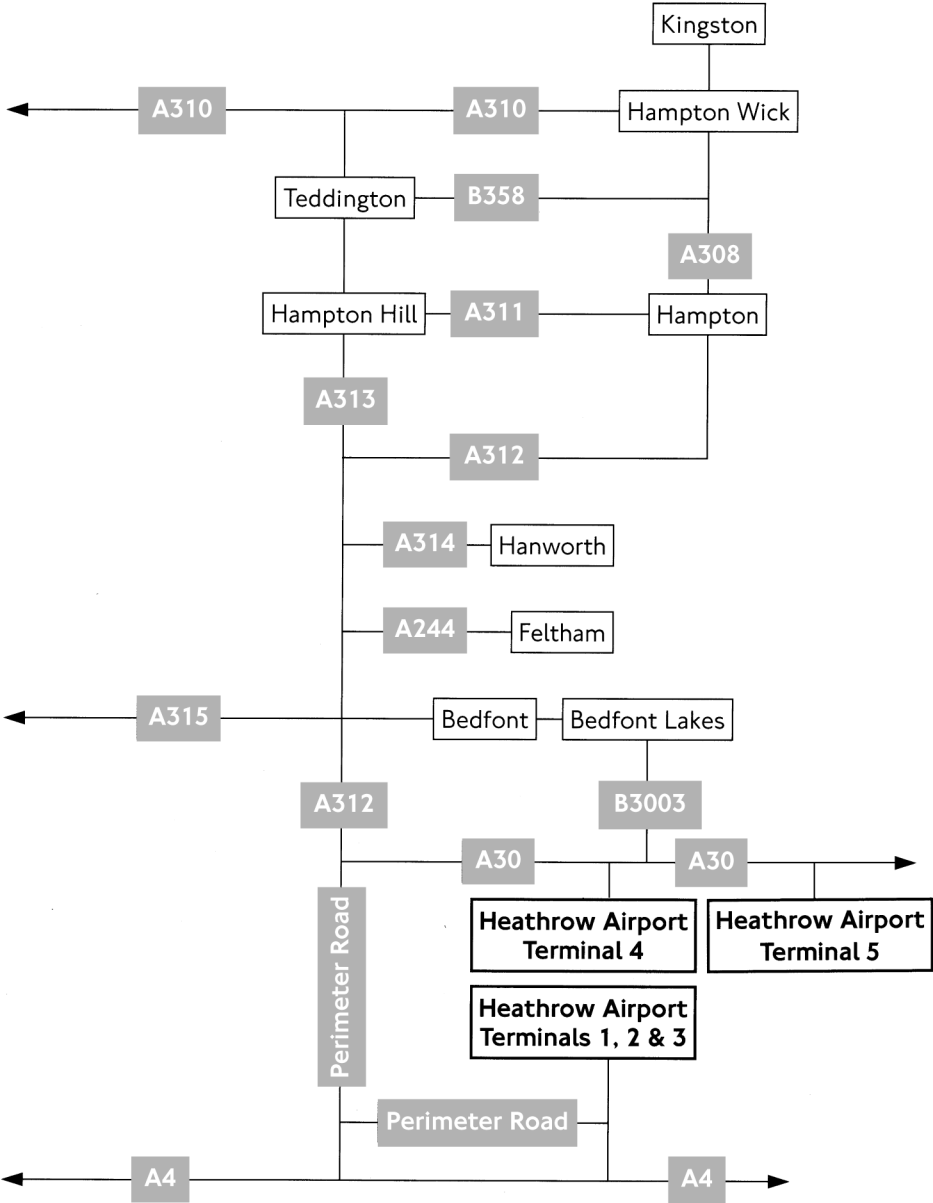
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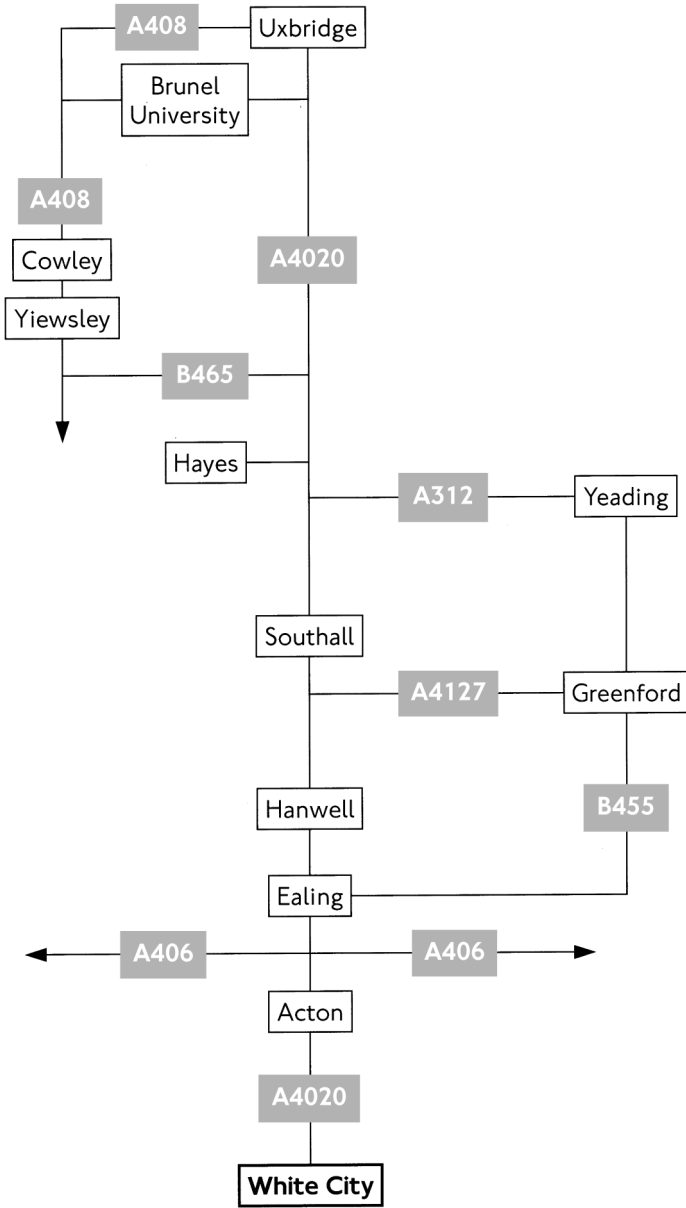
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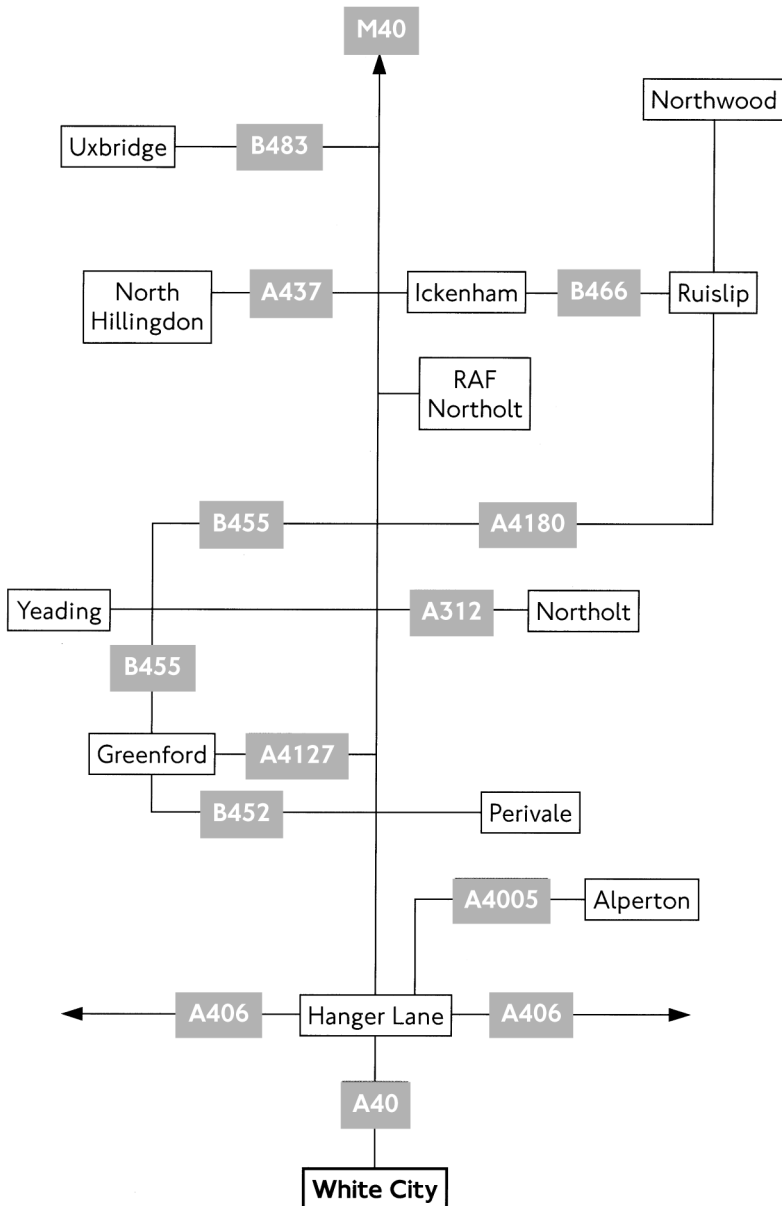
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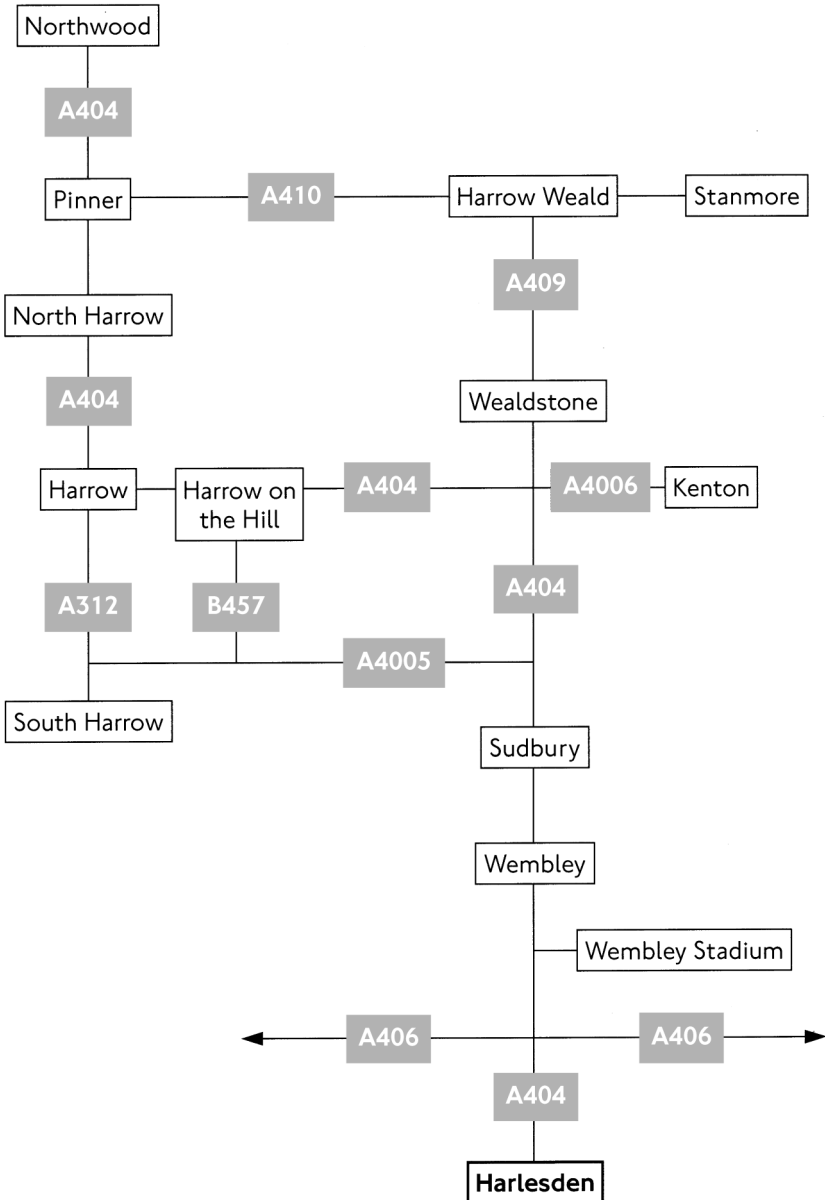
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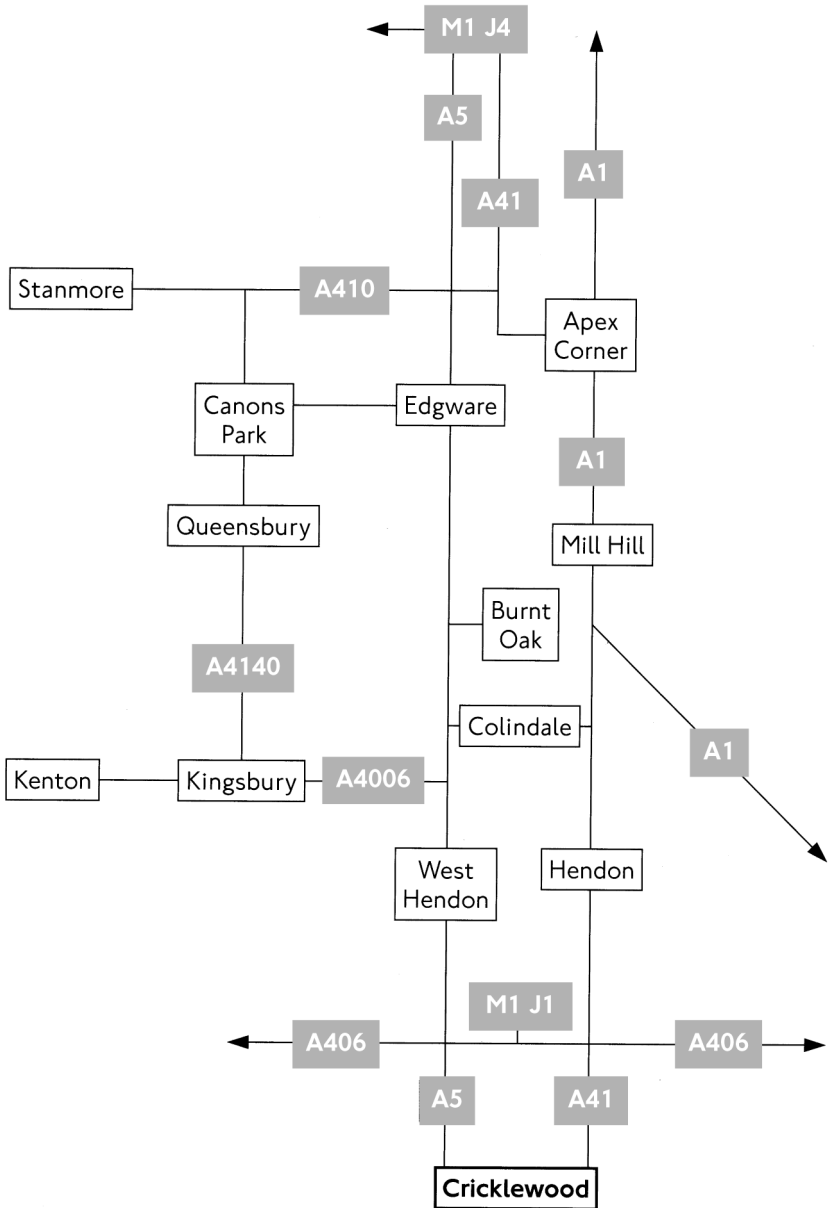


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# Suburban Route 25





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# Annex D

The 'Knowledge of London'  
examination system

# Annex D

## The 'Knowledge of London' examination system All London applicants

- After completing the first five lists (80 routes) in Annex B you will have the option to attend LTPH to undertake a self-assessment. A Knowledge Examiner is on hand to deal with any queries you may have. It allows you to check that you are learning the Knowledge in the right way and to the proper standard. You should leave with a fuller understanding of what is required when learning the Knowledge of London and the nature of the examinations. LTPH does not record the results of these self-assessments.
- Once you have learnt all 320 routes in Annex B you will be tested on your Knowledge in a series of examinations.
- The first examination is a written examination that consists of questions based on the routes in Annex B and points within the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile radii of the start and end points of those routes. The pass mark is 60%. If you are successful you will progress to one-to-one examinations; if you are unsuccessful you will be able to re-sit the examination at a later date.
- At each one-to-one examination you are asked four questions in the same form as the example on page 8. The examiner records the questions asked and their assessment of the answers.
- A correct answer is one that gives the right location of both the start and finish points and the shortest route between the two without any mistakes. You will be marked down if, for example:
  - the start and/or finish points cannot be located and alternatives have to be asked;
  - incorrect street names are given;

- the route is not the most direct available
  - the route involves making banned turns or U-turns, contravening 'no entry' signs or travelling the wrong way down one-way streets.
- At the end of the examination your overall performance is graded and the grades are translated into points, which, when accumulated in each stage of one-to-one examinations, will allow you to progress to the next stage.
  - The grading system is:

<b>Exceptional</b>	Grade AA	12 points
<b>Very Good</b>	Grade A	6 points
<b>Good</b>	Grade B	4 points
<b>Satisfactory</b>	Grade C	3 points
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	Grade D	0 points

- A total of 12 points is needed to progress to the next stage.
- If you accumulate four D grades, regardless of the number of points already gained in a stage you will go back to the beginning of that stage.
- If on the second attempt at the stage you again accumulate four D grades you go back to the beginning of the previous stage.
- The examiners are allowed to award one U (for untested) grade. This can take account of a performance that has been affected by illness, domestic problems, etc., treating each case on merit.

- There are four stages of one-to-one examinations:

## **Basic**

Questions will be based on routes listed at Annex B, although the start and finish points may be varied to include places of interest either on the route or within the ¼ mile radius of either end.

## **Intermediate**

The start and finish points will again be places of interest associated with the routes listed at Annex B, however, the questions will be designed to allow you to show that you can link and combine these routes. This will enable you to prove that you can cope with more complex routes.

## **Advanced**

The questions will no longer be linked to the routes at Annex B but will be designed to allow you to demonstrate that you have a thorough and up to date knowledge of Central London. At this stage you will be expected to identify and link any two points of interest in the six mile radius of Charing Cross.

The marking system for these three stages is identical.

As you progress from one stage to another the intervals between examinations become shorter. Initially, examinations can be up to eight weeks apart, reducing to three weeks at the Advanced stage.

## **Suburban London**

On acquiring 12 points at the Advanced stage you progress to the suburban London examination (see page 10), This is a single one-to-one examination, which you are simply required to pass. Should you fail you can re-sit the examination after a short interval.

- In the interests of fairness, you are examined by different Knowledge Examiners in rotation. Therefore, during the one-to-one examination stages you will be seen by a variety of examiners.
- The examination system is designed to allow you the opportunity to prove that you have the necessary knowledge to give a good service as a taxi driver. However, whilst there is no intention to cause unnecessary pressure, as you progress through the examination system not only will you have to demonstrate a higher level of knowledge but the precision and fluency of your answers will be expected to improve.
- A more detailed description of the Knowledge of London examination system can be obtained from LTPH or found at **[www.tfl.gov.uk/tph](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tph)**.

