

# Old Street roundabout redevelopment

Works update - October 2022



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## What's happening at Old Street?

The heat has been well and truly 'ON' at Old Street over the past few months and the team has been working incredibly hard during record-breaking summer temperatures. Since our last update, we have partially opened the new main station entrance. On the junction itself we have made good progress with the large scale of improvement works we are delivering to the pavements, crossings and cycle lanes.



Aerial view of Old Street junction September 2022

## Thames Water utility works

From **Saturday 8 October 2022**, we will undertake significant utility connection works around the north-east corner of Old Street Junction. This essential work will allow the installation of a new Thames Water connection and must be completed ahead of the new pedestrian crossing and highway works.

**Between 21:00 on Saturday 8 October and 06:00 on Sunday 9 October**, we will undertake adjustment works to traffic lanes at the Old Street Junction. With agreement from Islington council, we will temporarily close City Road south (northbound), Old Street west (eastbound) and City Road north (northbound) overnight, while traffic levels are lighter.

During this time, a single lane will be open for vehicles travelling southbound between City Road north and Old Street east and westbound between Old Street east and Old Street west/City Road south. The junction will be fully operational by 06:00 on Sunday 9 October.

**From Sunday 9 October onwards:** Works to install the new Thames Water connection will continue and take around 16 weeks to complete. During this time, a single lane northbound and two lanes southbound will be open between Old Street east and City Road north.

## New main station entrance progress update

In July this year, we partially opened the new main entrance to the public - providing an interim exit route into Old Street station. This major milestone allowed the layout of Old Street station to form its final configuration, with the new main station entrance and Cowper Street entrance replacing the original subway exits. Works to build the new entrance superstructure, passenger lift and refurbishment of the St Agnes Well shopping concourse will continue until Spring 2023. We look forward to bringing you further updates in these areas as works progress over the coming months.



Interim arrangements at the new main station entrance to Old Street station



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## The future is green...

In the last few months, we have begun planting the new trees, with the first placed on the north-east corner of Old Street junction. This is the beginning of our plan to increase the biodiversity of the area, and we wanted to share more information about what you can expect to see over the coming months.

### Main Station entrance – Green roof

The main station entrance green roof will be a landmark feature of the finished design. The slope of the roof is positioned towards the promenade of light, and the design ties into the tree-like structure of the entrance, where the supporting column and arms mimic the structure of a tree trunk and branches, and the green roof represents the tree canopy. The design aims to maximise the biodiversity value of the surrounding urban area.

A 'green-brown' roof type will be installed. Chosen for its ability to provide a wide range of habitats for insects, bird and other species, green-brown roofs are the most biodiverse type of green roof. They can be planted with a wide variety of grasses and wildflowers suited to dry, nutrient-poor environments. We can't wait to see the finished result!

### Tree Planting

In addition to the new roof, we will also be planting 13 established trees around Old Street junction. These will be a mixture of avenue, legacy and ornamental feature trees.

Our 'Avenue' trees will be 'London plane' trees and will complement the existing avenue planting along Old Street west.

Our 'Legacy' trees will be 'Sweet Gum' trees - a real statement with beautiful red coloured leaves. Four of these trees will be planted along the south-west arm of the junction outside the White Collar Factory.

Our 'Ornamental' trees will be 'Strawberry Trees'. One of these special trees has already been planted on the northeast corner of the junction, and the remainder will take their position next to the 'Avenue' trees along Old Street west - forming an impressive walkway to the new main station entrance and pedestrianised area.

Artist impression of new main station entrance to Old Street station with completed green roof



Left: recently planted Strawberry Tree. One of our 'Ornamental' trees at Old Street junction



A 'London-plane' tree



A 'Sweet Gum' tree

## How do I get in touch?

For general information about the scheme, please visit our project website:  
[Old Street roundabout - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadworks/projects/old-street-roundabout-redevelopment)

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