

Thames Super Sewer

The Trust has responded on behalf of members to the Phase 2 Consultation for the Thames Water Tunnel, in particular in regard to potentially very serious traffic and road disruption over some five to six years during construction works (in Chelsea and Fulham) on Chelsea Embankment, Cheyne Walk and the Lot's Road area, as well as The King's Road.

Whether in order to influence the 3rd May Mayoral Election or because the Phase 2 consultation has raised more profound concerns over the whole costly project, Boris Johnson has recently entered the fray on this matter quite dramatically. The Mayor has always been keen to clean up the Thames and recognises that large infrastructure projects create jobs. But there is now mounting concern about the spiralling costs and the severe disruption for many people in some parts of London which is clearly worse than what was initially anticipated. He has said that he will not tolerate disruption and will defend Carnwath Road and reject any damage to the quality of life of residents in Fulham. Boris has therefore written to Caroline Spelman asking for a swift stock take of the Thames Tunnel, asking her to appoint a suitable independent expert to assess where we are and make sensible and sensitive recommendations on how to proceed.

Whilst the Mayor's recent intervention is at odds with earlier GLA support for the Tunnel, we welcome his further letter to Thames Water on 27 March, in which he expressed the view that there were five areas of the overall Thames Tunnel project that should be re-examined, including Carnwath Road. Significantly, he urged the company to "look harder" for alternatives to road use when carrying out the tunneling work. The Trust has in particular proposed that the excavation and construction phases in Chelsea should avoid road access and rather be made using river borne logistic facilities.

Cheyne Walk Trust Committee

The Committee seeks to represent members to best effect in the objectives of working to ensure that Chelsea riverside continues to be an attractive and enjoyable place in which to live and in seeking both to protect and enhance its many qualities as a residential area.

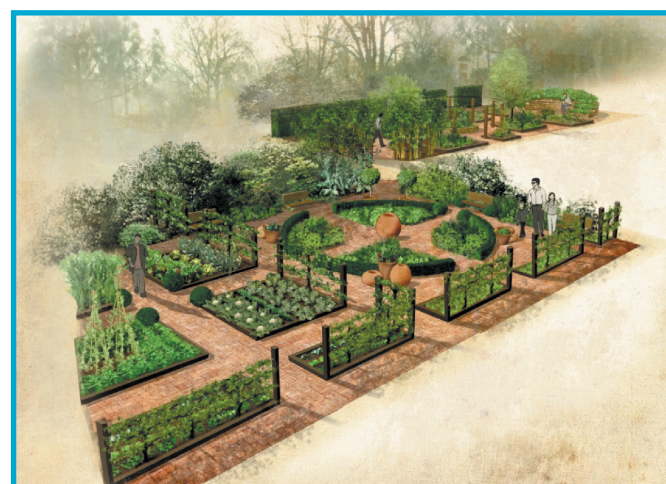
We would welcome wider member representation on your committee, in particular if you are interested in planning issues and/or involvement with our newsletter. We meet informally every two months or so, hence it is not too onerous a commitment. If you are interested please contact David Waddell on 0207 352 9353 or by email to Chmn@cheynewalktrust.org

Something New at London's Oldest Botanic Garden

Chelsea Physic Garden is creating an inspiring new half-acre garden which is opening to the public on the 23 May 2012.

The **Garden of Edible and Useful Plants** will display an extraordinary range of plant species on which humanity depends; from forest fruits and land restoration plants to superfoods and plants used for hygiene, science and the arts. The new garden will showcase a diverse collection of productive and functional plants, incorporating both the beautiful and bizarre.

The design, which features a series of interlinked spaces, is inspired by 18th century potagers and Chelsea Physic Garden's historic layout. Raised beds house the plant displays and their explanatory information panels, while other areas are dedicated to teaching and secluded seating spaces. Exciting new features include a compact vineyard, a living plant amphitheatre and a stone pier to view Robert Fortune's tank pond. The garden is bound together with traditional clay paving bricks and green oak arches which lead visitors through the plantings.



View of New Edible and Useful Gardens at Chelsea Physic Garden.

THE CHEYNE WALK NEWSLETTER is issued to Cheyne Walk Trust members. The Cheyne Walk Trust represents the interests of Chelsea Riverside residents in maintaining and enhancing the historic area in which they live.

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RBK&C BATTLES UNDERGROUND

Most of our members will be aware of local concerns (shared also in Mayfair and Kensington) over Subterranean Development of residential houses and the ongoing efforts to bring some sensible restraints and controls both to what might be permitted and, more specially, to minimise the collateral damage, disruption and disturbance to adjacent neighbours. In our last October 2011 newsletter we described the work on the Localism Bill undertaken by the Considerate Basement Development Group and the Vanguard Bill being taken forward by the residents of Markham Square. These efforts continue though the outcomes remain uncertain.

The encouraging news is that the Council of RBK&C, in addition to assisting the Markham Square Association in drafting its Vanguard Bill, has now, within preparation of its Core Strategy (which replaces the Urban Development Plan or UDP), undertaken a review of the planning policy framework which concerns the development of basement extensions within the Royal Borough. You can read more of this and contribute to the consultation before 8th June 2012 on the Council's website:

<https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/BasementsIssues/consultationHome>

The aim is to consult and produce a draft Policy in September 2012 for publication by January 2013 for further examination and eventual submission in March 2013.

The Council is organising a consultation event to discuss the basement development issues paper. This will take place on Thursday the 24th May at 6.30pm in the Small Hall, Kensington Town Hall in Hornton Street. Please advise

the Council if you plan to attend. This can be done by telephoning the Planning Policy hotline on 020 7361 3879, or by sending an email to: planningpolicy@rbkc.gov.uk

The Trust considers that key concerns for most residents focus on controlling the impact of these schemes on adjacent neighbours and ensuring that adequate safeguards are introduced to control the noise, dust and disruption of excavation and construction works and to ensure collateral damage is prevented but more importantly, where it does occur, that it will be quickly and properly remedied and/or compensated such as through the mechanism of a compulsory deposit against possible damage placed in escrow by the applicant and/or developer.

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Annual General Meeting 2011

The Trust's 2011 AGM was held on 15th November in the Picture Gallery of the National Army Museum in Royal Hospital Road by kind permission of the Director, Janice Murray.

The event was well attended and following the Annual Report, approval of Accounts and Election of the Committee for 2011, the Director of the National Army Museum advised members of a funding appeal and plans to rebuild the NAM on the existing site to provide expanded and much improved facilities and displays, a submission had been made for a National Lottery Heritage Fund award and the scheme would also require substantial additional funds raised by the NAM Appeal.

The guest speaker was popular and well known artist Ken Howard OBE RA, who opened his talk with an excerpt of a film about his painting called The Way I See It and went on to speak most entertainingly about his career and experiences. He encouraged members who were interested to take up drawing and emphasised the importance of learning to see properly through repeated practice, advocating that novices simply discard their first thirty or forty drawings, after which they might expect to make some progress.

The NAM Picture Gallery proved a very popular venue for the AGM and the following reception. Fortunately we will be able to return there for the next AGM on 13th November 2012 when the guest speaker will be eminent local architect Paul Davis, who designed the much praised Duke of York's Square project in Sloane Street and also the conversion of the Christian Science Church to the Europa award winning Cadogan Hall, both for Cadogan Estates. Amongst current projects he is working on the conversion of the former Naval & Military Club at Cambridge House in Piccadilly into a very large private residence and his talk will be about designing homes for the super prime market in the UK and overseas.

Queens Diamond Jubilee River Pageant

At high water on the afternoon of Sunday 3 June 2012, up to a thousand boats will muster on the River Thames in preparation for Her Majesty The Queen to lead the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant and journey down river from Putney to Tower Bridge. It will travel under 14 bridges, feature 20,000 people on the water and take 90 minutes to pass any given point.

The flotilla spectacle - a tribute to Britain's maritime history - will be the largest seen in modern times on the river Thames and will include Dunkirk little ships, historic steam boats and tugs, rowed shallops and Dutch barges, pleasure boats and passenger ships.

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family will take centre-stage on board the specially commissioned Spirit of Chartwell. More than a million people are expected to line The Thames to witness the Queen pass in her royal barge. If you can't find a good spot, 50 big screens along the pageant's route will make sure everyone should get a view.

Residents should be warned that there will be extensive security road closures and traffic controls on the 3rd June from 7AM to 10PM (at latest). Residents with parking permits will be able to access their homes by car but routine traffic including busses will be excluded from closed routes. If you plan to receive guests it is suggested that you provide them with an e-mail or written invitation including your address, which will expedite their access should closures be put in place. Cheyne Walk and Chelsea Embankment, Oakley St, Beaufort St and Old Church St will be closed to normal traffic. Albert Bridge will be closed to all access. Chelsea Bridge and Battersea Bridge will be open for pedestrian crossing access only but not for stationary viewing from the pavements. The King's Rd will remain open. Full details of restrictions will be available from 17th May on the official website:

www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org

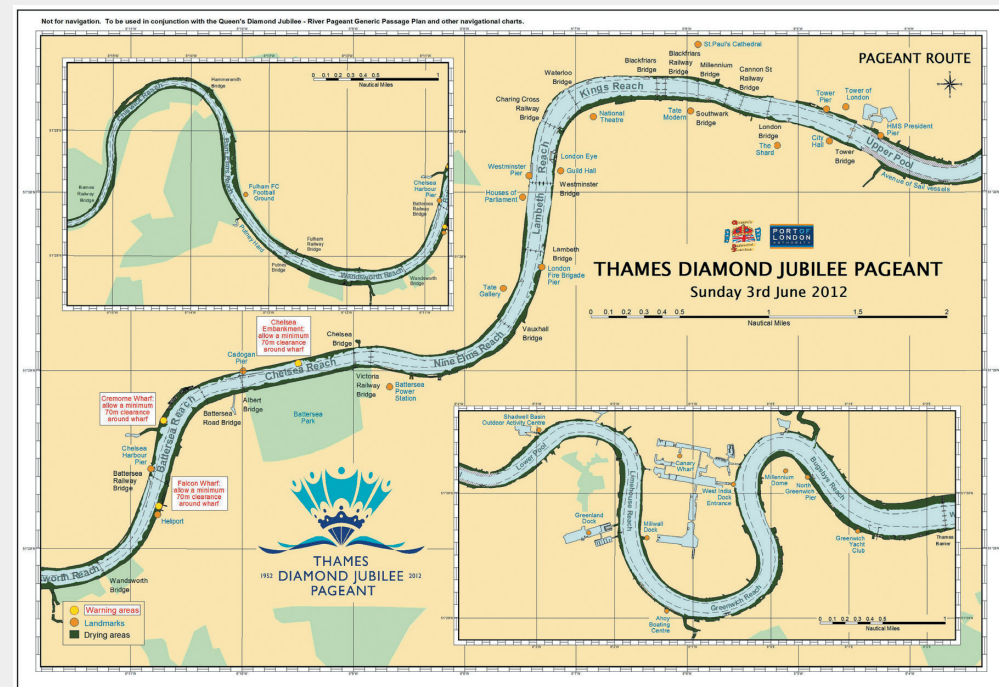
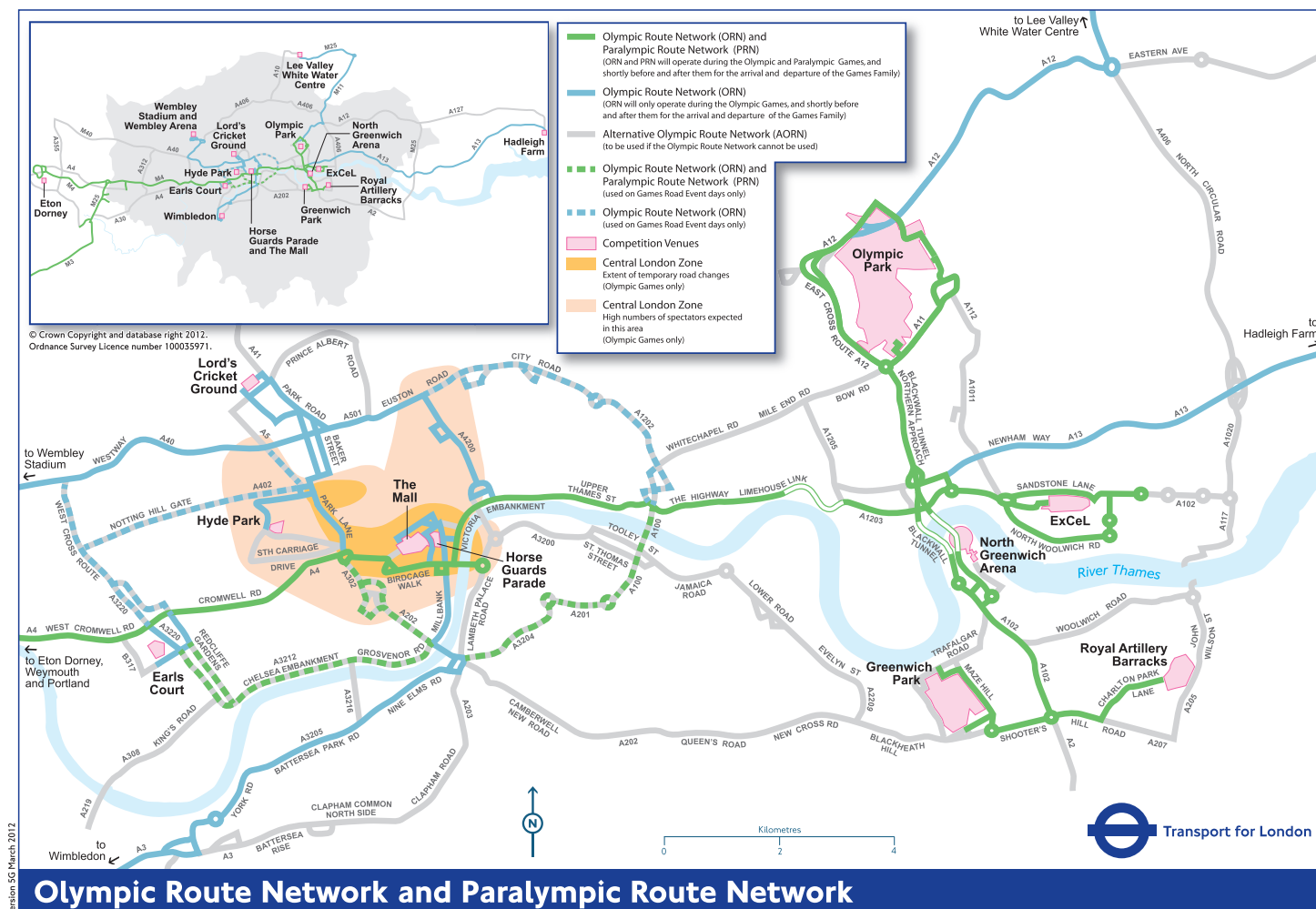


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Above: Royal Barge Gloriana in trials
Left: Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant Route

Olympic Route Networks



The Olympic Route Network (ORN) and Paralympic Route Network (PRN) are the networks of roads to enable key participants, such as athletes, officials and media to travel safely, securely and efficiently between competition and training venues and their accommodation.

In most instances, these roads will be open to all road users and kept clear of obstructions and non-emergency roadworks. However some restrictions will apply, such as no parking or stopping and changes to the permitted turns at some junctions. If you ignore these restrictions, a Penalty Charge Notice is likely to be issued or vehicles may be towed.

Route Networks in the Royal Borough

In the Royal Borough, there are a number of roads designated as part of these routes:

Olympic Route Network (ORN)

- A40 Westway: Limited impact in the Royal Borough. Games Lanes may push some traffic onto alternative routes.
- A4 Cromwell Road: Games Lanes in both directions, middle lanes.

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- No Games lanes.

Road Events Olympic Route Network (REORN)

- A3220 Warwick Road to A40 Western Avenue Northern Roundabout.
- A402 Holland Park Roundabout to Marble Arch.
- Vauxhall Bridge Road to Old Brompton Road.
- No Games Lanes so general traffic will still be able to use this route.
- Temporary measures such as waiting, parking and loading restrictions that normally only apply on weekdays.

Dates and Times

- ORN operation 27 July-12 August.
- PRN operation 29 August-9 September.
- REORN operation 28 and 29 July (road cycle races), 4 and 7 August (Triathlon).
- Restrictions in operation from 6am to midnight.