

TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS



TRANSPORT

01 A detailed Transport Assessment is being undertaken which will form part of the planning application. This involves a thorough review of the existing transport conditions as well as an assessment of the impact of the development on the highway network and public transport services. As part of this process, St James and its team are working closely with officers from Wandsworth and Transport for London to understand and try to resolve local transport issues.

EXISTING TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

Existing Users

02 The existing industrial estate has a number of businesses on site including a FedEx depot. The site generates almost 900 vehicle movements in a day and over 200 vehicle movements in the busiest hour. There are a mix of vehicles using the site which include cars, vans and large lorries.

Trains & Tube

03 The site is within walking distance of a range of public transport options. There are two mainline stations (Battersea Park and Queenstown Road) as well as Vauxhall Interchange which offers London Underground (Victoria Line), rail services and a bus station.

Buses

04 There are two bus routes which operate along Nine Elms Lane (156 and 344), with a combined frequency of 17 buses per hour in each direction. These services provide access to Vauxhall Bus Station which provides 11 bus routes with over 100 buses per hour in each direction.



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Parking

05 A parking provision of 0.7 spaces per apartment will be provided within a basement car park. This is intended to balance the expected demand and the requirements of the planning policy to reduce car use.

Cycling

06 Each apartment will have at least one secure cycle parking space, with an additional allowance for visitors.

Deliveries

07 Deliveries and waste collection will also take place in the basement freeing up more space to deliver improvements to the public realm.

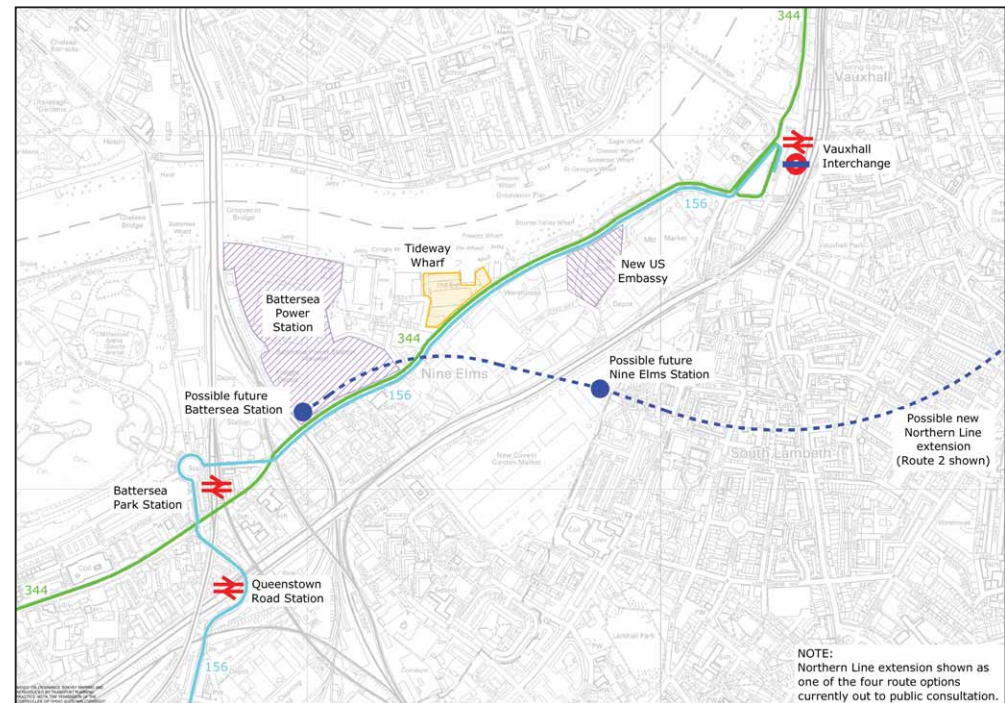
Green Travel Plan

08 The proposals are expected to generate a similar level of traffic to the existing use, particularly during the peak hours, when traffic conditions are at their busiest. Therefore, traffic conditions are not expected to change as a result of the proposals. A detailed assessment of the impact on public transport is being undertaken in partnership with London Buses and London Underground.

St James is committed to delivering sustainable development and we have delivered successful Travel Plans on many of our sites. The purpose is to encourage sustainable patterns of travel, which helps to deliver a reduction in car use and reduces the impact of the development on the surrounding area. The Travel Plan will include measures such as:

- Travel information packs providing details of local amenities, public transport services, walking and cycling routes as well as guidance on journey planning tools and benefits of using sustainable modes of travel to help residents make informed choices
- Improvements to the public realm and walking routes in the local area
- Secure cycle parking for all residents
- Vouchers to assist residents with purchasing bicycles
- A cycle hire scheme for residents
- A contribution towards improvements to local bus services
- Pre-paid Oyster cards to encourage use of local buses
- A contribution towards improvements to capacity at Vauxhall Station
- A car club on site which will be accessible to all local residents

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WIDER TRANSPORT PROPOSALS

09 The development forms part of the wider Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea Opportunity Area. There are aspirations to deliver wide scale regeneration across the area including approximately 16,000 new homes and 27,000 new jobs.

10 This will inevitably have significant transport implications. Transport for London has commissioned a study into the transport implications of the various development options which showed that the existing transport infrastructure would require significant improvements to accommodate the highest proposed growth. The proposed package of improvements includes:

- Improvements to the interchange capacity at Vauxhall Station
- A significant new transport intervention, with the most effective option being an extension to the Northern Line
- Enhancements to existing bus routes
- New bus routes serving Nine Elms Lane
- Improvements to the permeability of the area for pedestrians and cyclists and enhancements to the environment along Nine Elms Lane
- Possible new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the River Thames

11 As part of our commitment to the DIFS St James will be making significant contributions towards improving highways infrastructure in the area.