

Southwark Connect2

Newsletter

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Connect2 Project in Southwark

Connect2 is a nationwide project run by Sustrans to provide networks of walking and cycling routes through communities, linking transport, residential & commercial areas, schools and public spaces. Funded by Big Lottery Fund, the project won a £50 million public competition in December 2007 to implement 79 schemes across the UK. Southwark Connect2 was awarded £600,000 grant on the condition that the Council completes the project by 31 March 2013.

Southwark's Connect2 route is approximately 8.1 km; extending from Burgess Park (Camberwell) to Durand's Wharf (Rotherhithe) and will create and improve a number of new/existing pedestrian and cycle paths and will be signed as a part of the National Network. The focus of the scheme is the conversion of a disused railway bridge over Rotherhithe New Road, which will connect Stubbs Drive to South Bermondsey Station for pedestrians and cyclists. This connection will provide easy access to the station, public transport, local shops and schools for thousands of local residents and is the top delivery priority for Sustrans and Southwark Council.

The complete scheme will help to create better links for walking and cycling across the borough, making it easier for residents to walk and cycle safely to school, work, shops and green spaces. The improved travel routes will contribute to improve journey times, enhance access, increase

travel choices and support healthier lifestyles.

The Southwark Connect2 has received wide local grass root partnership support from residents, the local community, Living Streets, Southwark Cyclists, and other partners who contributed ideas for the scheme, votes during the national voting campaign and lately, suggestions regarding how the project should be developed and built. An established steering group of key partners meets quarterly to discuss project progress and challenges. Sadly, the partnership recently lost the late Barry Mason (Southwark Cyclist), one of the early advocates for the project.

The South Bermondsey Bridge, and the adjoining land between the bridge and the station, is owned by Network Rail, with other land owned by private freeholders. Southwark Council and Network Rail have been negotiating arrangements for use of its bridge and land. The arrangements have now been reached between the two parties for the Council to lease the bridge and land on a 99-year lease, paving the way for the scheme design and construction to commence; starting with a public consultation which is due to take place at The Links Community Hall, Rotherhithe New Road, SE16 on Thursday 20 October 2011.

The other parts of the Southwark Connect2 route from Burgess Park in Camberwell to Sunderland Wharf in Rotherhithe, are predominantly over existing tracks, paths, pedestrian walkways and highways. The route (in sections) and maps are shown below.

Proposed improvements

The entire route is approximately 8.1km long and the proposed improvements would include:

Section 1 (Burgess Park Link)

Burgess Park (Camberwell) to Trafalgar Avenue/
Glengall Terrace Junction

Proposal: Widening of sections of existing footpaths and improvement to park exit at Trafalgar Avenue in line with on-going development plan for Burgess Park.

Section 2 (Surrey Canal Link)

Trafalgar Avenue/Glengall Terrace Junction (via Glengall, Old Kent and Cooper's Roads) – Rolls Road - Abercorn Way – across Catlin Street – Rotherhithe New Road - Ryder Drive – Verney Road – via Ilderton Road to Surrey Canal Road.

Proposal: Improve sections of existing pedestrian walkway / cycle tracks, improve St James Road under bridge (via Abercon Way to Stevenson Crescent) and footpaths, and new lighting.

Section 3 (The bridge Link)

Stevenson Crescent - Sheppard Drive - Stubbs Drive – (across the Bridge on Rotherhithe New Road) - South Bermondsey Rail Station.

Proposal: Create a new walking and cycling path across Rotherhithe New Road bridge connecting Stubbs Drive with South Bermondsey train station access; new staircase to Rotherhithe New Road, new lighting; CCTV.

Section 4 (Lewisham Section Link)

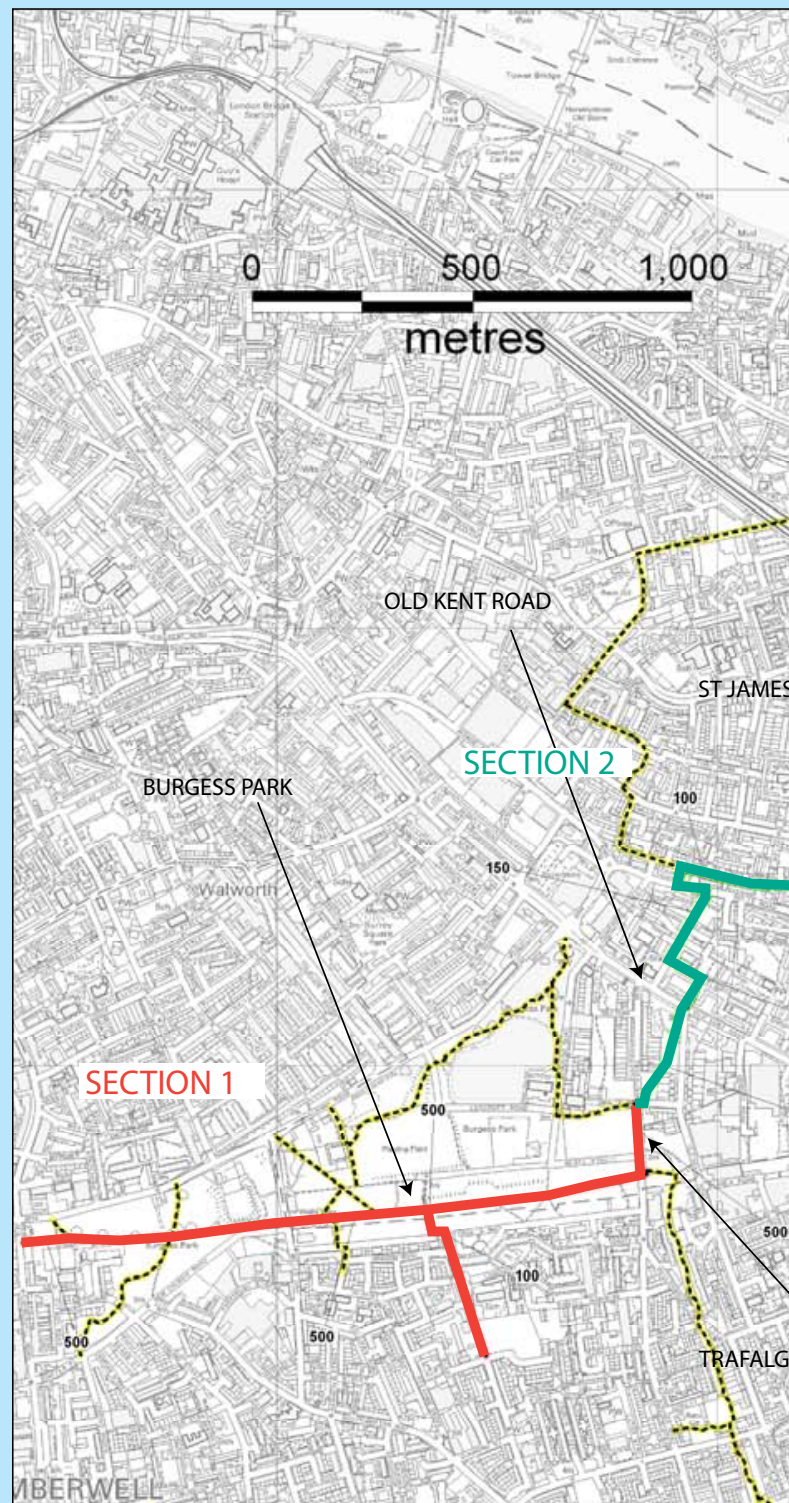
Surrey Canal Road to Oldfield Grove, within LB Lewisham.

Proposal: N/A.

Section 5 (Southwark boundary with Lewisham - Lower Road/Bush Road Link)

Borough boundary of Southwark/Lewisham at Olfield Grove - Lower Road/Bush Road junction

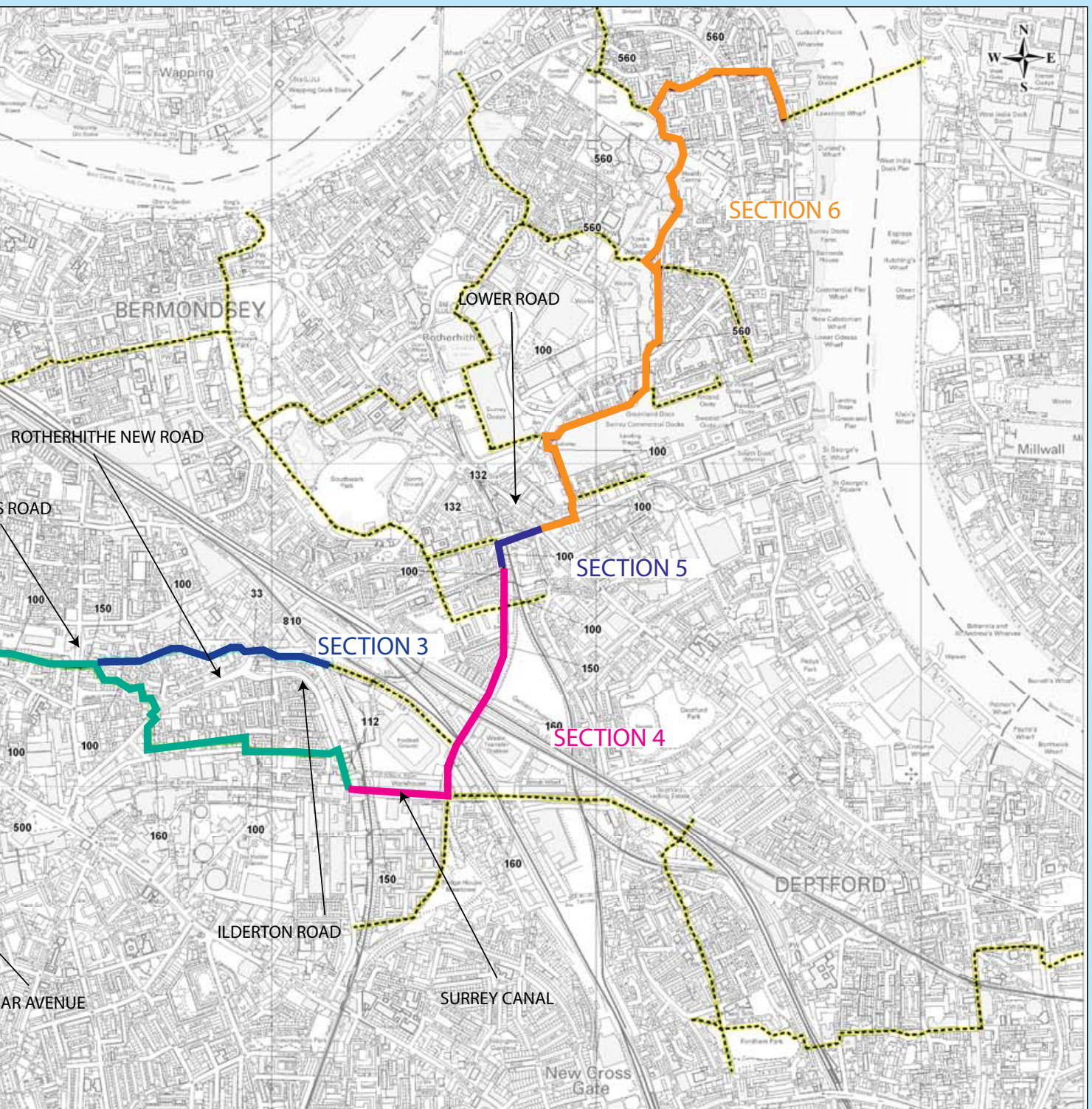
Proposal: Improvement to existing toucan crossing at Bush Road/ Lower Road for easier and safer access for pedestrians and cyclists crossing the roads and junctions



Section 6 (Plough Way to Durand's Wharf Link)

Lower Road junction - Plough Way - Worgan Street – path adjacent to Brunswick quay across Russell Place/Redriff Road - (via Russian Dock woodland across Salter Road) - Rotherhithe Street (via Sunderland Wharf) - Tower Hamlets Link and Greenwich (across River Thames)

Proposal: Improvements in Section 5; improvements to sections of existing footpaths.



"...The disused railway bridge over Rotherhithe New Road connecting Stubbs Drive with South Bermondsey train station access which will be replaced by the new scheme. See proposal overleaf..."

Progress so far:

- Exchanged Head of Terms Agreement with Network Rail for the bridge/ land and in-principle endorsement from directors of Gainsborough 4 Management company to build the bridge link over Rotherhithe New Road;
- Secured separate (additional) funding to carry out the improvements to Lower Road/Bush Road junction;
- Outline design of the proposed improvement to the bridge over Rotherhithe New Road together with a new staircase from Stubbs Drive down to Rotherhithe New Road.



People Power:

A BIG thank you goes to all our partners especially the local residents, Living Streets and Southwark Cyclists who campaigned and voted on-line to support the bid to secure the funding.



What happens next?

- A Public drop-in session will take place on Thursday 20 October 2011 (6.00 – 9.00pm) at The Links Community Hall, Rotherhithe New Road, SE16. Everyone is invited. Please attend to see the latest plans.
- Vote for your favourite local character for the Southwark Portrait Bench to be installed at a location along the Connect2 route using the flyer insert.
- Planning permission will be submitted later in the autumn for the bridge improvement works & new steps;
- The Council will appoint a contractor early next year for the works;
- Local residents will be kept up to date on progress and what is happening through Newsletters, notification letters and other methods.
- Construction works will be completed by January 2013.
- New bridge link and path opened by March 2013.

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Chinese

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Bengali

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করে। যদি আপনি অন্যান্য অনুবাদ অথবা অন্যান্য বিন্যাস
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Arabic

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traduction ou autre formats tel que audio ou en
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dessous.

Somali

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Southwark. Haddii aad u baahan tahay in lagaa
caawiyo in lagu tarjumo ama haddii aad u
baahatid qaabab kale sida cajalad ahaan ama
nuqul ballaaran, fadlan booqo cinwaanka hoos
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etmek için lütfen aşağıdaki adresi ziyaret ediniz.

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