



Acquiring land and buildings



Where could land or buildings be needed?

Crossrail is a major engineering and construction project. If it is approved by Parliament, much of the work outside the Central Area would make use of existing track and stations.

However, to build the new railway to meet industry standards and ensure that there is an improvement in the standard and frequency of service, it would be necessary to acquire some land and buildings in certain areas.

Land or buildings would be needed to construct new station facilities, ventilation shafts and emergency intervention points in the Central Area and for various operational reasons on the surface routes such as the depot.

What authority do you have to acquire land or buildings?

If Crossrail goes ahead, approval would be given through an Act of Parliament. The Act would grant powers of "compulsory purchase" to acquire land or buildings required to build the railway.

What about the tunnels?

Crossrail would require over 20 kilometre of tunnels between Paddington in the west and Bow and Plumstead in the east. The majority of these tunnels would run deep below the ground.

How would I know if I am affected?

Over the past 2 years, the Crossrail team has been identifying addresses along the line of the proposed route and trying to contact owners who could be affected. This is an ongoing task.

Where we have made contact, we have been able to explain the process and begin to discuss individual circumstances.

It is not possible to address all the issues in a leaflet.

How would land and buildings be valued?

There are strict legal requirements governing compulsory purchase and Crossrail would work to ensure that these were followed.

Would there be compensation?

Owners are entitled to compensation when their land or building is purchased using compulsory purchase powers.

What happens next?

The Crossrail team is preparing all the material needed to present the proposals to Parliament in order to seek approval to build the new railway. Actively consulting and discussing issues surrounding buildings or land is an important part of this process. Over the coming months, we aim to speak to everyone who could be affected – above and below ground – to assess their individual circumstances.

Further information

If you would like further information, please contact the Crossrail team. You can either phone the help desk on 0845 602 3813, e-mail us on helpdesk@crossrail.co.uk, send a message through our web site at www.Crossrail.co.uk or write to us at, Consultation Team, FREEPOST NAT6945, London SW1 0BR.

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