

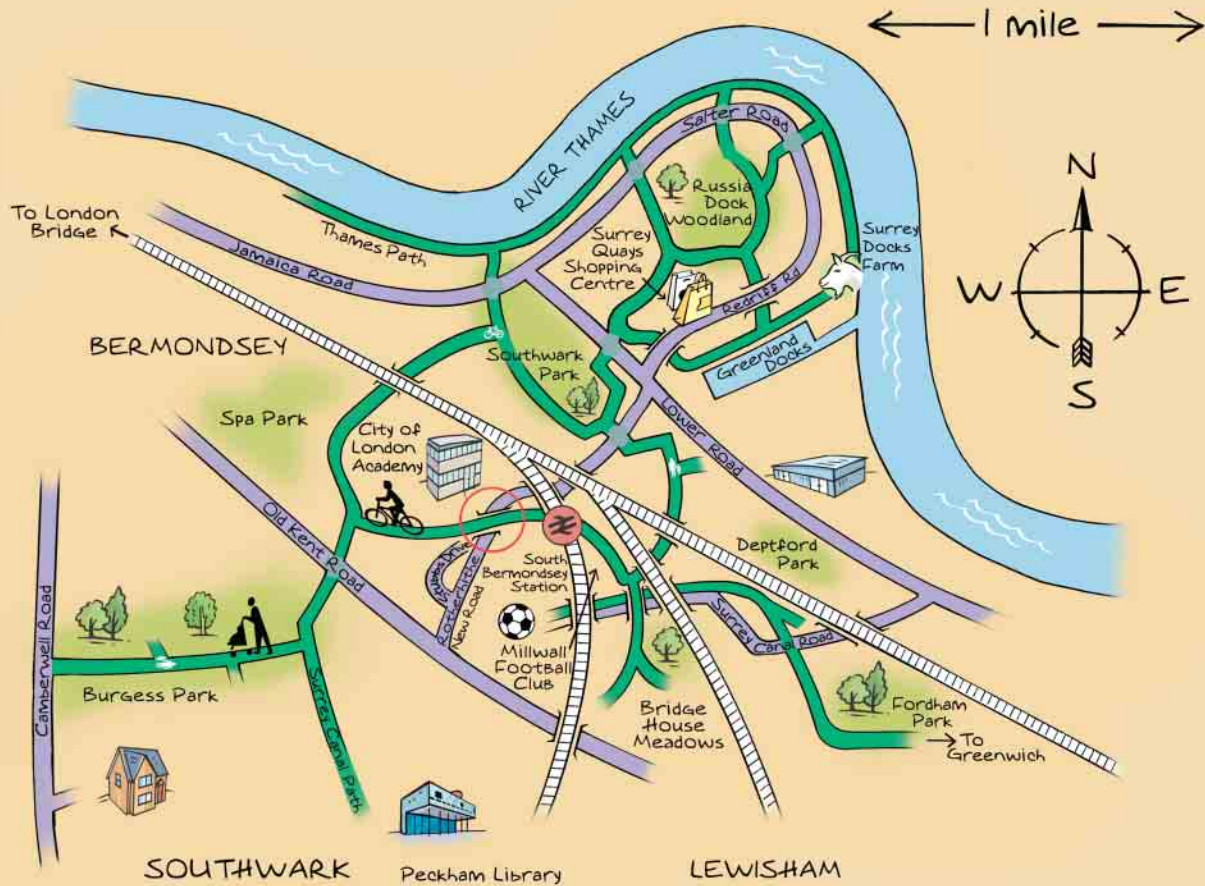
Connect2 in **Bermondsey** - new foot and cycle bridge scheme



Bandstand, Southwark Park

“Opening up the disused rail bridge for pedestrians and cyclists will make it easier for them to access the area's wonderful waterways, parks and docklands. The disused bridge is sandwiched between some of the most exciting regeneration projects in the country and is set to become a living landmark, integral in bringing our community closer together.”

Councillor Lisa Rajan, Executive Member for Environment & Transport, Southwark Council



In Bermondsey busy roads and railway lines separate many people from their work, schools, shops and open spaces. The Connect2 Project aims to create a safe, direct walking and cycling route to take you between Rotherhithe New Road in Southwark and Surrey Canal Road in Lewisham.

We plan to turn a disused railway bridge near to South Bermondsey station into a safe crossing over the Rotherhithe New Road. This traffic-free route will then continue past Millwall Football Club to the site of the proposed Surrey Canal Station, over Surrey Canal Road and onwards to Bridge House Meadows.

The bridge is key to creating a well connected network of footpaths and cycle paths that will make it possible for you to make your everyday journeys by foot or bike. There will be over 20 kilometres of routes, many of which are located through the high quality open spaces of Southwark and Lewisham. Access will be improved to the Thames Path and to the historical docklands of Rotherhithe with its diverse population of birds and other wildlife.

We plan to work closely with the local community to plant more greenery, create community artwork along the path, and install attractive seating and signs. We will create an environment that encourages people to walk and cycle more and to enjoy their own community and open spaces.

The planned paths will link to local facilities in and around Bermondsey, including the Blue Market (pictured below) and South Bermondsey station



Have you ever wondered what life would be like if we travelled in ways that actually improved our health and the environment? We'd have safer communities, cleaner air and a better quality of life.

Connect2 is a real chance to achieve this in Bermondsey. We are working with Southwark Council, Lewisham Council and other local organisations to make the plans outlined on the opposite page happen. But we also need you to get behind the scheme because Connect2 is one of the projects competing for a single grant of up to £50 million from the Big Lottery Fund's Living Landmarks: The People's Millions competition. Local support is really important in making sure Bermondsey has the best possible chance of being part of Connect2 and of gaining the support we need to succeed in the Living Landmarks: The People's Millions competition.

Just think, if we are successful, Bermondsey could be one of many communities across the UK where Connect2 will make a real difference to the lives of local people.

How you can help

What you could do to make a difference:

- tell us what you think about the scheme
- get involved by volunteering your time or expertise
- encourage local businesses, organisations or individuals to support the scheme
- attend any meetings about the planned scheme
- join the action group or campaign and get involved

If you can help in any way call our Connect2 information line on 0845 058 13 73.

Connect up with other Connect2 communities

You can link up with other Connect2 communities in your region and around the UK by going to:

www.sustransconnect2.org.uk

Tell us your views

We'd like to know what you think about the plans and welcome your comments. You can quickly and easily do this on our website at www.sustransconnect2.org.uk on the Bermondsey project page. Or you could call the Connect2 information line on 0845 058 13 73.

Find out more

For more information about Connect2, your local scheme and who to contact if you would like to get involved:

Phone our information line on 0845 058 13 73

Email us at connect2@sustrans.org.uk

Visit our website at www.sustransconnect2.org.uk

Write to us at Connect2, Sustrans, 2 Cathedral Square, College Green, Bristol BS1 5DD.

Partner organisations

In Bermondsey Connect2 is a partnership between Sustrans, Southwark Council, Lewisham Council, South Bermondsey Partnership, Living Streets, Southwark Cyclists, Lewisham Cyclists, London Cycle Network and has benefited from the support of Groundwork South East London.



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