

Northern line Tube extension work to begin in 2015, confirms Boris Johnson

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Plans to extend both the Northern and Bakerloo Lines has been announced (Picture: AP)

Boris Johnson has released some details about the proposed additions to the Tube network, with construction of the Northern line extension to Battersea due to begin in 2015 and alterations on the Bakerloo line set to follow.

The London Mayor confirmed the news through his Twitter account when replying to a user who had asked whether he planned to extend the Tube network.

‘Yes we are going to extend the Northern line with work beginning by 2015. Bakerloo to follow,’ the Mayor wrote.



Mayor of London Boris Johnson confirmed work on the Northern line would begin in 2015 (Picture: AFP/Getty)

The proposed new Northern line route would involve two new stations in the Nine Elms and Battersea areas of south London, with the latter serving the currently unused site of the former Battersea Power Station – one of the capital’s best-known landmarks.

The iconic building is expected to be redeveloped soon following its sale last year – with the buyers contracted to contribute £100m towards the cost of the line extension. The new section of track will run as a branch of the line extending from Kennington.

Earlier this week, Mr Johnson had talked up the idea of extending the Bakerloo line after work had finished on the Northern Line.

This route would potentially include new stations in Peckham and Camberwell – a large transport hub that is currently served only by buses.

‘It is the new extension of the Northern line that is making possible the development of Battersea. We can do the same for south-east London,’ he added.

He said the work on the Bakerloo line would be a £2billion project, but the news was welcomed by Southwark Council leader Peter John.

‘Camberwell is less than three miles from Westminster but it can take you over an hour on the bus. That is not good for London’s economy,’ said the councillor.

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