

Olympic and Paralympic Route Network – Victoria Embankment and Aldwych

How this could affect you

The roads remain open for use by general traffic, but to keep traffic moving on this priority route, there will be temporary changes to the way the roads can be used.

Kingsway Tunnel to Temple Place

Games vehicles will use the route around Aldwych to travel between the Embankment and Euston Road via the media hub in Russell Square. The route is expected to operate during the Olympic Games only and shortly before and after for the arrival and departure of the Games Family. The proposed changes include:

- Reversal of the traffic flow in Kingsway Tunnel between Kingsway and Waterloo Bridge
- Closure Temple Place east of Surrey Place
- Arundel Street will only be open to Games vehicles and for local access
- Games Lane to operate 24 hours a day on:
 - The eastern section of Aldwych at the junction with The Strand
 - The right hand lane of The Strand between Aldwych junctions
- Traffic direction on Surrey Street reversed to become one way northbound only
- Melbourne Place to become two way and closed at the junction with Aldwych

To reduce delays to Games vehicles on the ORN bus lanes and some bus stops will be suspended. Taxi ranks, as well as coach, motorcycle and diplomatic parking bays will be relocated.

Lambeth Palace Road to Tower Hill

The route from Lambeth Palace Road to Tower Hill will facilitate movement from the West End to competition venues such as the Olympic Park, in east London. The route is expected to operate during the Olympic and Paralympic Games and shortly before and after for the arrival and departure of the Games Family. The proposed changes include:

- Games Lanes from 6am – midnight in both directions (locations and exceptions are detailed on the enclosed maps)
- 24hr eastbound Games Lane from Great Tower Street to Trinity Street
- Closure of Westminster Bridge westbound to general traffic. Buses and cycles will still be able to access the Bridge in both directions

To reduce delays to Games vehicles on the route there will be:

- A series of banned left and right hand turns
- A number of suspended pedestrian crossings, parking bays, coach parking bays, bus stops, bus lanes and cycle lanes
- Changes to existing taxi, loading and stopping operations
- Savoy Place will be closed as a through road

Key impacts across both maps:

- Motorists will be advised to find alternative routes where necessary, and signed diversion routes will be in place at heavily used junctions
- Temporary changes to traffic signal timings will be needed when the ORN is being used by Games vehicles to ensure the smooth flow of traffic. This may affect traffic on the approaches to the ORN and motorists are advised to consider alternative routes, as well as reducing their overall need to travel by car during Games time
- There will be bus and coach diversions in place and where possible suspended stops will be relocated

Please visit tfl.gov.uk/ORN for full details of proposed changes.

Key points to note

- The proposed road changes are temporary and required to meet the needs of the London 2012 Games. They will operate 24 hours a day unless otherwise stated
- The time required for installing and removing some physical measures will be advised at a later date and may extend the period that the changes are in place
- Parking, loading and waiting controls remain unaltered unless otherwise stated
- The design may change if the needs of the London 2012 Games alter

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Olympic and Paralympic Route Network?

The Olympic Route Network/Paralympic Route Network (ORN/PRN) is part of London's successful bid to host the 2012 Games. It is made up of a number of roads that link all competitions and key venues, so that athletes, officials, media and others working at the Games can get to events easily and on time.

A number of temporary traffic changes will be needed to make sure the ORN/PRN remains open and free from congestion. These changes might include different traffic signal timings, side road closures to general traffic or the suspension of parking, loading and waiting bays.

Does this mean roads on the ORN/PRN will be out of bounds to everyone except Games traffic?

No. In most cases, roads on the ORN will remain open to general traffic. Some roads will also have a designated Games Lane, which will only be available to the Olympic Family, including athletes, officials, media and others working at the Games, and emergency vehicles. When this happens, there will be another lane available for general traffic. You should, however, expect general traffic around the ORN/PRN to be more congested and should bear this in mind when you plan your journey.

How long will the ORN/PRN be in operation?

The ORN and associated traffic changes will operate during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and shortly before and after them for the arrival and departure of the Games Family. Some sections will last for a shorter period because they will not be needed for the Paralympic Games.

Will restrictions on the ORN apply 24 hours a day?

Restrictions on the ORN will vary from place to place, but will generally apply 24 hours a day. Hours of operation for Games Lanes are typically 6am – midnight unless otherwise stated. Once finalised, information about all the changes will be published locally and on the TfL website.

Will the ORN/PRN be in use between the Olympic and Paralympics?

There is a transition period between the end of the Olympic Games and the start of the Paralympic Games. During this time, thousands of athletes, officials and spectators will be leaving and arriving in London. The operating times and dates of the ORN/PRN are being reviewed and exact details will be confirmed in nearer the time though it is expected that most restrictions will be removed in between the two periods.

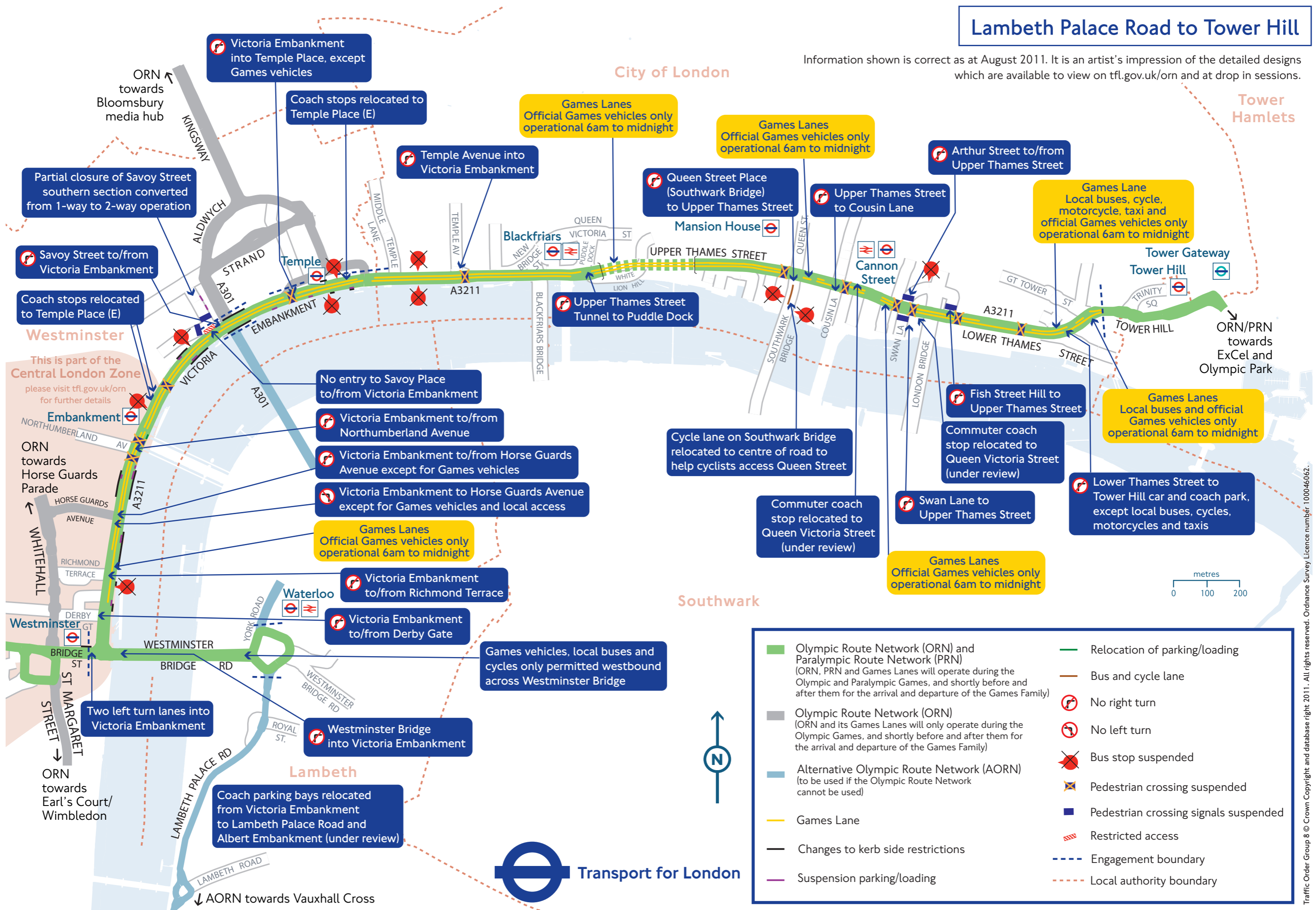
Why is special treatment being given to VIPs, rather than residents and businesses?

The ORN and PRN were a core part in the success of London's bid to host the 2012 Games. It is a tried and tested approach that has been used to transport the Olympic Family in previous Games in Sydney, Athens, Beijing and Vancouver. The ORN/PRN ensures the people who 'make the Games happen' can reach their venues in time for their events. London wants to make sure all those who have worked so hard to compete in the Games are given the best possible chance to succeed.

The work carried out to produce the ORN/PRN will mean that Londoners will benefit in the longer term from better traffic signalling, a new Traffic Coordination Centre and new CCTV and junction upgrades, which will make it easier to move through London.

Lambeth Palace Road to Tower Hill

Information shown is correct as at August 2011. It is an artist's impression of the detailed designs which are available to view on tfl.gov.uk/orn and at drop in sessions.



	Olympic Route Network (ORN) and Paralympic Route Network (PRN) (ORN, PRN and Games Lanes will operate during the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and shortly before and after them for the arrival and departure of the Games Family)		Relocation of parking/loading
	Olympic Route Network (ORN) (ORN and its Games Lanes will only operate during the Olympic Games, and shortly before and after them for the arrival and departure of the Games Family)		Bus and cycle lane
	Alternative Olympic Route Network (AORN) (to be used if the Olympic Route Network cannot be used)		No right turn
	Games Lane		No left turn
	Changes to kerb side restrictions		Bus stop suspended
	Suspension parking/loading		Pedestrian crossing suspended
			Pedestrian crossing signals suspended
			Restricted access
			Engagement boundary
			Local authority boundary



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