

# Route Guide & Hazard Awareness

BLACKWALL STATION - COMMERCIAL ROAD - ALDGATE TOWER HILL - BANK - ALDWYCH - TRAFALGAR SQUARE



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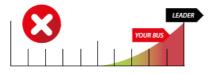
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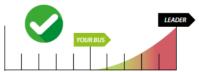
MAKE NOTES ALONG THE WAY!

## CHANGEOVER | BLACKWALL AND ALDGATE

Changeovers will take place at the bus stand at Blackwall and on Mansell Street (towards Blackwall) and Aldgate High Street (towards Trafalgar Square). Always communicate in advance with iBus if you are late for any reason.







Route 15 is a high frequency route. Headway is a measurement of the distance or time between buses. You can tell that you are on the correct Headway by using the iBus Headway indicator in the cab.

IMPORTANT: You must keep your bus as close to the middle of the indicator as possible. Take action and drop back if you are closing in to the bus in front.

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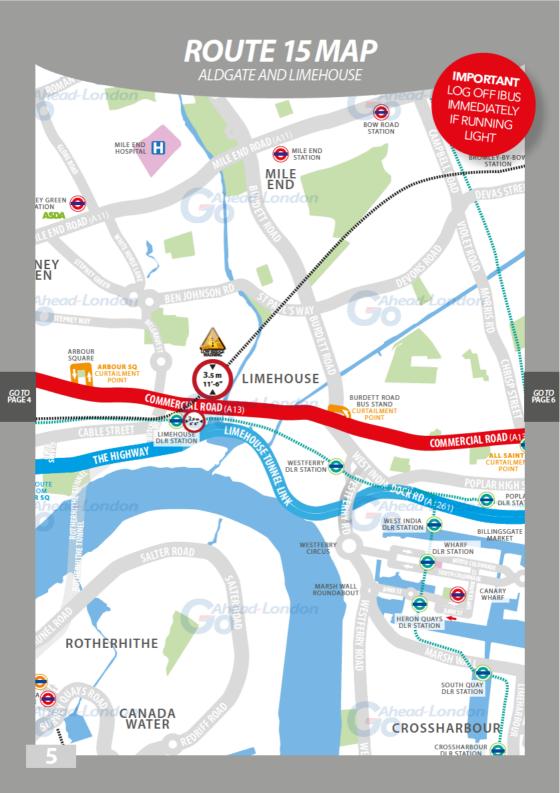
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# RUNNING LIGHT

**RUNNING OUT OF SERVICE** 

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## **TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE:**

- From Henley Road garage, turn left onto Factory Road
- Follow road right onto North Woolwich Road
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto North Woolwich Rd (past West Silvertown)
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Lower Lea Crossing A1020
- At 2nd roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Aspen Way A1261
- Continue onto Limehouse Link Tunnel A1203 (bridge warning may sound)
- Continue ahead onto The Highway A1203
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto E Smithfield A1203
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Tower Hill A1203
- Continue ahead onto Byward Street A3211
- Continue ahead onto Lower Thames Street A3211
- Continue ahead onto Upper Thames Street A3211
- Follow Blackfriars Underpass onto Victoria Embankment A3211
- At traffic light, turn right onto Northumberland Avenue to stand.

### **FROM TRAFALGAR SQUARE:**

- From Strand, turn left onto Trafalgar Square A400
- At traffic light, turn left onto Northumberland Avenue
- At traffic light, turn left onto Victoria Embankment **A3211**
- Continue ahead onto Lower Thames Street A3211
- Turn left onto Byward Street A3211
- Continue ahead onto Byward Street A3211
- Continue ahead and follow road onto Tower Hill A3211
- Continue ahead onto E Smithfield A1203
- Continue ahead onto The Highway A1203
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Limehouse Link Tunnel A1203
- Continue ahead onto Aspen Way A1261
- ♦ Take exit towards Leamouth, Royal Docks A1020
- At roundabout, take 4th exit onto Lower Lea Crossing A1020
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Silvertown Way slip road A1011
- Continue ahead on North Woolwich Road A1020
- 🛉 At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto North Woolwich Rd and onto Factory Rd
- At junction, turn right onto Store Road and Pier Road (one-way street)
- Follow road to the right onto Henley Road to Henley Road garage

# **RUNNING LIGHT**

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### **TO BLACKWALL DLR STATION:**

- From Henley Road garage, turn left onto Factory Road
- Follow road right onto North Woolwich Road
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto North Woolwich Rd (past West Silvertown)
- Take slip road off Silvertown Way (towards Isle of Dogs) A1011
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Lower Lea Crossing A1020
- At 2nd roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Aspen Way A1261
- Take slip road exit towards Isle of Dogs / Canary Wharf A1206
- At roundabout, take 4th exit onto Prestons Road (twds Blackwall Tunnel) A1206
- At traffic light, turn right onto Poplar High Street
- Continue ahead onto Prestage Way
- Turn right onto Ditchburn Street to stand

### FROM BLACKWALL DLR STATION:

- From stand, turn right onto Ditchburn Street
- Turn left onto Prestage Way
- Turn left onto Poplar High Street
- Turn left onto Prestons Road A1206
- Turn left onto Aspen Way A1261
- Take exit towards Leamouth, Royal Docks A1020
- At roundabout, take 4th exit onto Lower Lea Crossing A1020
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Silvertown Way slip road A1011
- Continue ahead on North Woolwich Road A1020
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto North Woolwich Rd and onto Factory Rd
- At junction, turn right onto Store Road and Pier Road (one-way street)
- Follow road to the right onto Henley Road to Henley Road garage



DOUBLE DECK VEHICLES MUST NOT BE USED ON THIS ROAD

North of Silvertown Way in Canning Town

# **ROUTE DIRECTIONS**

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## **TOTRAFALGAR SQUARE:**

- From stand, continue ahead and turn right onto Ditchburn Street
- At junction, turn left onto Prestage Way and follow road to the left
- 🛉 At traffic light, continue ahead on Poplar High Street
- Turn right onto Bazely Street (one-way street)
- At junction, turn left onto East India Dock Road A13
- Continue ahead on East India Dock Road (past All Saints station on left) A13
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Commercial Road (junc of Burdett Road)
- Continue ahead on Commercial Road (past Limehouse station on left) A13
- Continue ahead on Commercial Road (past McDonald's on right) A13
- 🖕 At traffic light, turn left onto Whitechapel High St
- Continue ahead on Whitechapel High Street (past Aldgate East station) A11
- Continue ahead on Aldgate High Street (past Aldgate station on right) A11
- Turn left onto Minories (immediately after Aldgate station)
- 🔷 At traffic light, turn left onto Goodman's Yard (one-way system) **A1211**
- Turn right onto Mansell Street (one-way system) A1210
- Turn right onto Shorter Street (after railway bridge and car park) A1210
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Tower Hill (junction of Minories) A100
- Continue ahead on Tower Hill (past Tower of London on left) A100
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Byward Street A100
- Keep right and use bus lane slip to turn onto Great Tower Street
- Continue ahead onto Eastcheap (past Monument station on right)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Cannon Street
- Continue ahead onto Cannon Street (past Cannon Street station on left)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Cannon St (junc of Queen Victoria Street)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto St Paul's Churchyard
- Continue ahead on St Paul's Churchyard (past St Paul's Cathedral on right)
- Continue ahead onto Ludgate Hill (past City Thameslink on left)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Fleet Street (junction of Farringdon Street)
- Continue ahead on Fleet Street (past McDonald's on right)
- Continue ahead onto Strand (past the Royal Courts of Justice on right) A4
- Continue ahead on the Stand (one-way system) (Somerset House on left) A4
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Strand (junction of Lancaster Place) A4
- Continue ahead to Charing Cross station on the Strand A4
- Continue to Northumberland Ave via Whitehall and Whitehall Place to stand

# **ROUTE DIRECTIONS**

**RUNNING IN SERVICE** 

IMPORTANT PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR RIBAS KEY ON EVERYTRIP

### **TO BLACKWALL DLR STATION:**

- From stand, continue ahead on Northumberland Ave to traffic light
- At traffic light, circumnavigate roundabout and 5th exit onto Strand A4
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Aldwych (junction of Lancaster Place) A4
- Continue ahead on Aldwych )one-way system past Aldwych bus stand) A4
- Keep on left lane and continue ahead onto Strand A4
- ◆ Continue ahead on Strand (past the Royal Courts of Justice on left) A4
- Continue ahead onto Fleet Street (past McDonald's on left)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Ludgate Hill (junction of Farringdon Street)
- Continue ahead onto Ludgate Hill (past City Thameslink on right)
- Continue ahead on St Paul's Churchyard (past St Paul's Cathedral on left)
- Continue ahead onto Cannon Street (St Paul's Church on left)
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Cannon St (junc of Queen Victoria Street)
- Continue ahead onto Cannon Street (past Cannon Street station on right)
- Continue ahead onto King William Street (past Monument station on left)
- Keep on right filter lane and turn right at traffic light onto Eastcheap
- Continue ahead onto Great Tower Street
- At traffic light, follow the road to the left onto Byward Street
- Continue ahead onto Tower Hill (past Tower of London on right) A100
- Take filter lane and turn left at traffic light onto Minories A1211
- Continue ahead on Minories (past Tower Gateway station on right) A1211
- Follow road to the right onto Goodman Yard and keep left A1211
- Follow road to the left onto Mansell Street A1210
- Turn right onto Aldgate High Street (past Aldgate station on left) A1211
- Continue ahead onto Whitechapel High Street (past Aldgate East station) A11
- At traffic light, turn right onto Commercial Road A13
- Continue ahead on Commercial Road (past McDonald's on left) A13
- Continue ahead on Commercial Road (past Limehouse station on right) A13
- 🖕 At traffic light, continue ahead onto East India Dock Road (junc of Burdett Road)
- Continue ahead on East India Dock Road (past All Saints station on right) A13
- Turn right immediately after All Saints station onto Newby Place
- At junction, turn left onto Poplar High Street
- At traffic light junction of Cotton Street, continue ahead onto Poplar High Street
- Continue ahead onto Prestage Way and turn right onto Ditchburn Street
- Turn left onto stand.

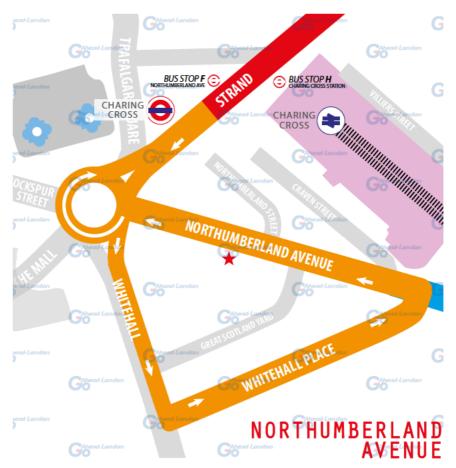
# TRAFALGAR SQUARE TERMINUS POINT

**SWITCH THE ENGINE OFF** WHILSTATTHE STAND

From Blackwall. Proceed from Strand via Charing Cross, Whitehall, Whitehall Place and Northumberland Avenue to stand. Set down on Strand at BUS STOP H.

Towards Blackwall. Depart via Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross and Trafalgar Square (south side) to Strand. Pick up on Strand at BUS STOP F.

Public stand for four buses on south side of Northumberland Avenue in 2 parts. Blind display: TRAFALGAR SQUARE.



# **ALDWYCH**TURNING POINT

TURNING POINT ONLY. BUSES MUST NOT STAND.

From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from Aldwych via Strand and Melbourne Place. Set down on Aldwych at BUS STOP D.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart to Aldwych. Pick up on Aldwych at *BUS STOP R*.

Turning point only - buses must not stand. Blind display: ALDWYCH.



# LUDGATE CIRCUS TURNING POINT

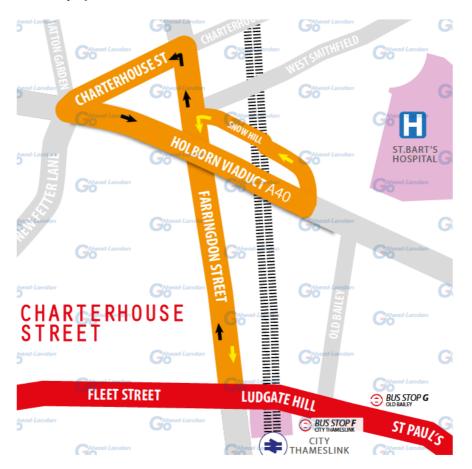
From Blackwall. Proceed from Ludgate Hill via Ludgate Circus,
Farringdon Street, Charterhouse Street, Holborn Circus, Holborn Viaduct,
Snow Hill, West Smithfield, Farringdon Street and Ludgate Circus.

TURNING POINT ONLY.

Set down on Ludgate Hill at BUS STOP F.

**Towards Blackwall.** Depart to Ludgate Hill. Pick up on Ludgate Hill at **BUS STOP G**.

Public stand for four buses on south side of Northumberland Avenue in 2 parts. **Blind display:** *LUDGATE CIRCUS*.



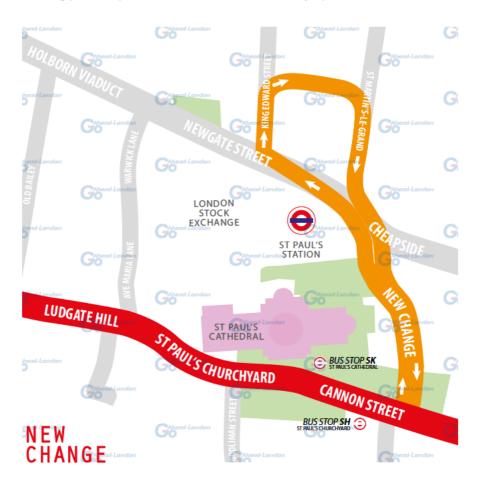
# ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

TURNING POINT

**BUSES MUST NOT** From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from St Paul's Churchyard via Cannon Street, New Change, Cheapside, Newgate Street, King Edward Street, Angel Street, St Martin's-Le-Grand, Cheapside and New change. Set down on St Paul's Churchyard at BUS STOP SK.

Towards Trafalgar Square. Depart to Cannon Street. Pick up on Cannon Street at BUS STOP SH.

Turning point only - buses must not stand. Blind display: ST PAUL'S.



**TURNING** POINT ONLY.

STAND.

# CANNON STREET TURNING POINT

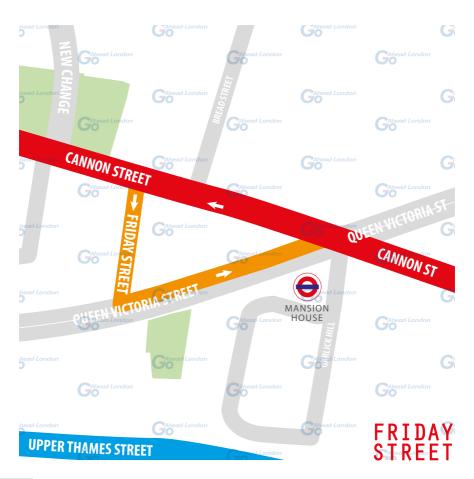
TURNING POINT ONLY. BUSES MUST NOT STAND.

**From Blackwall.** Proceed from Cannon Street via Friday Street and Queen Victoria Street. Set down on Cannon Street at **BUS STOP MA**.

**Towards Blackwall.** Depart to Cannon Street. Pick up on Cannon Street at *BUS STOP MB*.

Turning point only - buses must not stand.

Blind display: CANNON STREET.



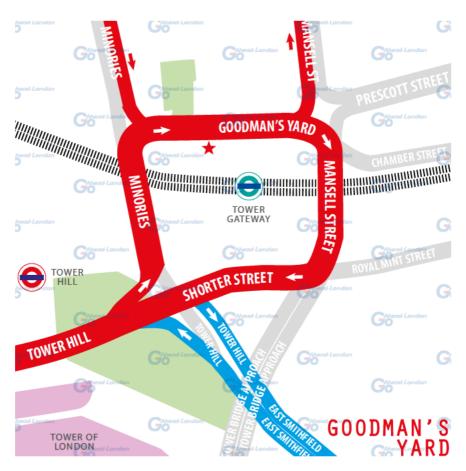
# TOWER HILL CURTAILMENT POINT

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From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from Tower Hill via Minories and Goodman's Yard to stand. Set down on Tower Hill at BUS STOP TB.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart via Goodman's Yard, Mansell Street and Shorter Street to Tower Hill. Pick up on Tower Hill at *BUS STOP TA*.

Public offside stand on the south side of Goodman's Yard starting at front entrance of no.1 Goodman's Yard. **Blind display:** TOWER HILL.



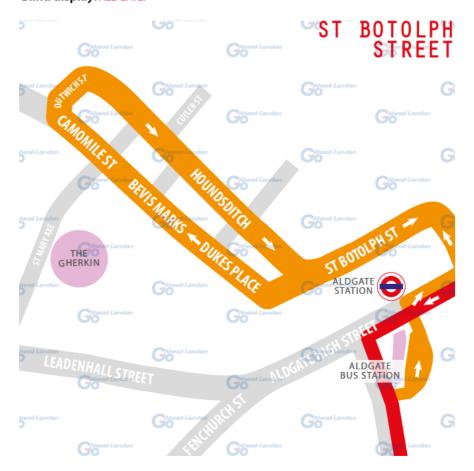
# **ALDGATE**CURTAILMENT POINT

TURNING POINT ONLY. BUSES MUST NOT STAND.

From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from Aldgate Bus Station via Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, Duke's Place, Bevis Marks, Camomile Street, Outwich Street, Houndsditch and St Botolph Street. Set down in Aldgate Bus Station at BUS STOP L.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart to Aldgate High Street. Pick up on Aldgate Station at *BUS STOP R*.

Turning point only - buses must not stand. Blind display: ALDGATE.

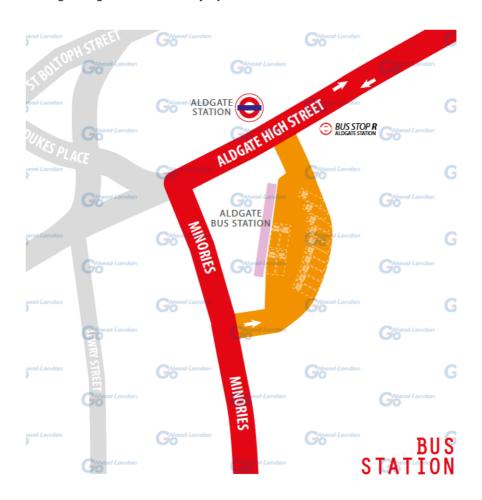


# ALDGATE STATION CURTAILMENT POINT

UNLESS ADVISED From Blackwall. Proceed from Aldgate High Street via Minories and Aldgate Bus Station to stand. Set down in Aldgate High St at BUS STOP R.

Towards Blackwall. Depart via Aldgate Bus Station to Aldgate High Street. Pick up in Aldgate Bus Station at BUS STOP L.

Private stand for 16 buses in marked bays in Aldgate Bus Station on south side of Aldgate High Street. Blind display: ALDGATE.



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**BY IBUS** 

# **STEPNEY**CURTAILMENT POINT

IMPORTANT PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR RIBAS KEY ON

From Blackwall. Proceed from Commercial Road via Arbour Square (east), Arbour Square (east side), Arbour Square (north side) and Arbour Square (west side) to stand. Set down on Commercial Road at BUS STOP LM.

**Towards Blackwall.** Depart via Arbour Square (west side) and Arbour Square to Commercial Road. Pick up on Commercial Road at *BUS STOP*.

From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from Commercial Road via Arbour Square (east), Arbour Square (east side), Arbour Square (north side) and Arbour Square (west side) to stand. Set down on Commercial Road at BUS STOP ARBOUR SQ.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart via Arbour Square (west side) and Arbour Sq to Commercial Rd. Pick up on Commercial Rd at *BUS STOP EXMOUTH ESTATE*.

Public stand for two buses on the east side of Arbour Square facing north. **Blind display:** STEPNEY, ARBOUR SQUARE.



# LIMEHOUSE CURTAILMENT POINT

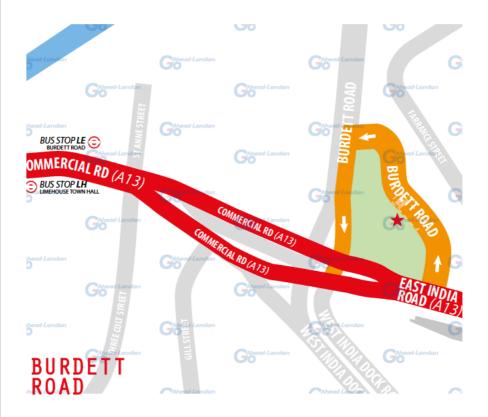
From Blackwall. Proceed from East India Dock Road via Limehouse
Bus Station to stand. Set down on East India Dock Road at BUS STOP WZ.

**Towards Blackwall.** Depart via Limehouse Bus Station and Burdett Road to East India Dock Road. Pick up on East India Dock Road at **BUS STOP WS**.

**From Trafalgar Square.** Proceed from Commercial Road via East India Dock Rd and Limehouse Bus Station to stand. Set down on Commercial Rd at *BUS STOP LE*.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart via Limehouse Bus Station and Burdett Road to Commercial Road. Pick up on Commercial Road at *BUS STOP LH*.

Private stand for two buses in the bus station at the junction of East India Dock Road and Burdett Road. **Blind display:** *LIMEHOUSE, BURDETT ROAD.* 



IMPORTANT PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE YOUR **RIBAS KEY** ON

**EVERYTRIP** 

# POPLAR CURTAILMENT POINT

SWITCH THE ENGINE OFF WHILST AT THE STAND

**From Trafalgar Square.** Proceed from East India Dock Road via Newby Place, Poplar High Street and Bazely Street to stand. Set down on Poplar High Street at *BUS STOP T*.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart via Bazely Street to East India Dock Road. Pick up on East India Dock Road at *BUS STOP A*.

Public stand for 2 buses on west side of Bazely Street. **Blind display:** *POPLAR, ALL SAINTS.* 



# **BLACKWALL STATION**

**TERMINUS POINT** 

SWITCH THE ENGINE OFF WHILST AT THE STAND

From Trafalgar Square. Proceed from Blackwall DLR Station Forecourt direct to stand. Set down on Blackwall DLR Stn Forecourt at BUS STOP AP.

**Towards Trafalgar Square.** Depart to Blackwall DLR Station Forecourt. Pick up on Blackwall DLR Station Forecourt at **BUS STOP P**.

Private stand for 4 buses on forecourt of Blackwall DLR station. Buses should move forward from the alighting point after setting down passengers. **Blind display: BLACKWALL**.



# **LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE**

SEE RISK ASSESSMENT VIEWABLE UPON REQUEST

## OFFSIDE PARKING ONLY | BLACKWALL BUS STAND

Risk of stepping off bus into path of other buses. Drivers advised to ensure they always wear Hi Viz in the bus station and look before exiting the bus. 10 mph.

### CYCLISTS AND 20 MPH ZONE | PRESTAGE WAY

Cycle lane on both sides of the road. Speed limit to be adhered to at all times. Care and caution passing cycles and scooters, mirror's to be checked regularly.

## VARIOUS HAZARDS | POPLAR HIGH STREET

Risk of collison with parked vehicles or stationary traffic due to narrow road and length of bus also badly parked vehicles. Cycle superhighway. 20 mph. Driver reminded that the bus is 11.2m long and need to watch the overhang as you turn. Contact NMC on Code Blue to report any illegally parked vehicles, Extreme care and caution required due to many cyclist and scooters using the superhighway, speed limit to be always adhered too.

### SPEED HUMPS | NEWBY PLACE AND BAZELY STREET

Speed humps risk of discomfort to passengers or damage to bus when taken at speed, narrow road, low trees, 20 mph. Drivers advised to take extreme care and caution and remember to slowly come off speed hump or you will damage rear overhang of bus on speed table. Narrow road, look out for parked cars opening their doors, speed limit to be always followed. Any low tree branches to be reported to NMCC via Code Red/Blue, reported to the APM at the depot.

## BUSY BUS STOPS | POPLAR ALL STOPS

Often people running for the bus. Risk of collison with pedestrians if mirrors are not constantly checked before pulling away. Drivers advised to check nearside before closing doors and to check both mirrors before pulling away.

### RISK OF COLLISION | POPLAR A13

Risk of collison with fast moving traffic when pulling out from bus stops. Speed limit on that section is 30 mph but beware of the speed of traffic when pulling out from bus stops.

## RISK OF COLLISION | BURDETT ROAD

Risk of Collison with fast moving traffic when turning right into stand from dual carriage way. Wait for a safe gap in traffic or when the traffic has stopped.

# **LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE**

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### TREE | WATNEY MARKET / COMMERCIAL ROAD

Tiny tree that leans out into the road when in full bloom, extream caution needed when serving the bus stop, keep away from the kerb to avoid hitting your n/s mirror.

## **LOW TREES | ARBOUR SQUARE STEPNEY**

If curtailed 7am until 7pm. Low trees, parked cars. Drivers advised to report any problems via Code Red to NMCC. Any low tree branches to be reported to NMCC via Code Red/Blue, reported to the APM at the depot.

## SHARP LEFT TURN | ARBOUR SQUARE STEPNEY

If curtailed 7pm until 7am Sharp left turn from the stand onto the side road. Risk of collision with bollard or parked car. Driver to ensure they take the turn wide and watch mirrors to ensure all of bus is clear of bollards. Bus is 11.2m long.

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### BUSY PEDESTRIAN AREA | ALDGATE/CITY GENERAL

Risk of collision with cyclists as the city is very busy with cyclist in this area. Drivers to exercise care and caution and keep checking mirrors and give them room when overtaking. Very busy area with pedestrians often crossing without looking, high tourist area may mean people looking the wrong way before crossing, risk of collision with pedestrians. Exercise care and caution.

### OFFSIDE PARKING ONLY | ALDGATE BUS STAND

Risk of stepping off bus into path of other buses. Ensure you wear Hi Viz at all times in the bus station and look before exiting the bus. 10 mph.

## TRAFFIC ISLANDS | SHORTER STREET

Very narrow traffic islands separating lanes. Risk of collison, high tourist area. Take wide and watch your mirrors. Remember, bus is 11.2m long, exercise caution with pedestrians.

## **LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE**

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High tourist area may mean people looking the wrong way before crossing, risk of collision with pedestrians, cyclist and other road users. 20 mph zone. Drivers advised to exercise care and caution. Be prepared to stop suddenly. Speed limit to be followed at all times.

## NARROW TRAFFIC ISLANDS | ST. PAULS CHECK POINT

Very narrow traffic islands separating lanes at check point. Risk of collison with island. Care and caution and watch your mirrors remember bus is 11.2m long.

## LANE DISCIPLINE | ALDWYCH IF CURTAILED ONLY

Moving across 3 lanes of traffic to turn right. Care and caution needed. Look out for vulnerable road users and pedestrians.

### BUSY PEDESTRIAN AREA | STRAND / CHARING CROSS STN

High volume of pedestrians, tourists and traffic. High tourist area, watch out for pedestrians crossing the road who may be looking in the wrong direction.

### PEDESTRIANS | NORTHUMBERLAND AVE BUS STAND

High volume of pedestrians, tourists and traffic. High tourist area, watch out for pedestrians crossing the road who may be looking in the wrong direction.



ROTHERHITHE TUNNEL CLEARANCE WIDTH

BUSES MUST NOT BE USED ON THIS ROAD

South of Commercial Road in Limehouse



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South of Commercial Road in Limehouse

# OTHER INFORMATION

CODES AND EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES

REMAIN CALM: GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION. WE'RE HERE TO ASSIST!

### **ROUTE 15 | CURTAILMENT ABBREVIATIONS:**

**BS** Blackwall Station **PP** Poplar

STPStepneyALSAldgate StationALDAldgateTHTower Hill

**CS** Cannon Street **SPC** St Paul's Cathedral

LC Ludgate Circus ALW Aldwych

**TS** Trafalgar Square

## FACILITIES | BETWEEN TRAFALGAR SQ AND BLACKWALL

- Blackwall Station.
- Northumberland Avenue. National Rail Station 24 hours.
- Northumberland Avenue. McDonalds on Whitehall.

See front counter or consult iBus for toilet codes as they may change.

### **CODE RED | EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURE**

If you require the Emergency Services to attend your vehicle (for example in the event of passenger injury, assault or major RTA), you should contact CentreComm using the radio's Code Red facility. To call CentreComm, hold down the Code Red button on your vehicle's radio for at least 1 second until you hear a ringing tone to indicate that your call has been connected. Hold down the foot switch in the cab when you are speaking, and end what you have to say with the word "over" to indicate that you expect a response, or "over and out" if this is the end of your communication. Release the foot switch when you are not speaking. Remember to speak slowly and clearly. Note that you will usually receive a radio call from your depot shortly after you make a Code Red call. You should not use the radio whilst the vehicle is in motion.



Call your garage for non-emergency, mechanical defects, help or advice



Call CentreComm for non-emergency, incident reporting or diversions



Call CentreComm for emergency services, passenger injury or assault