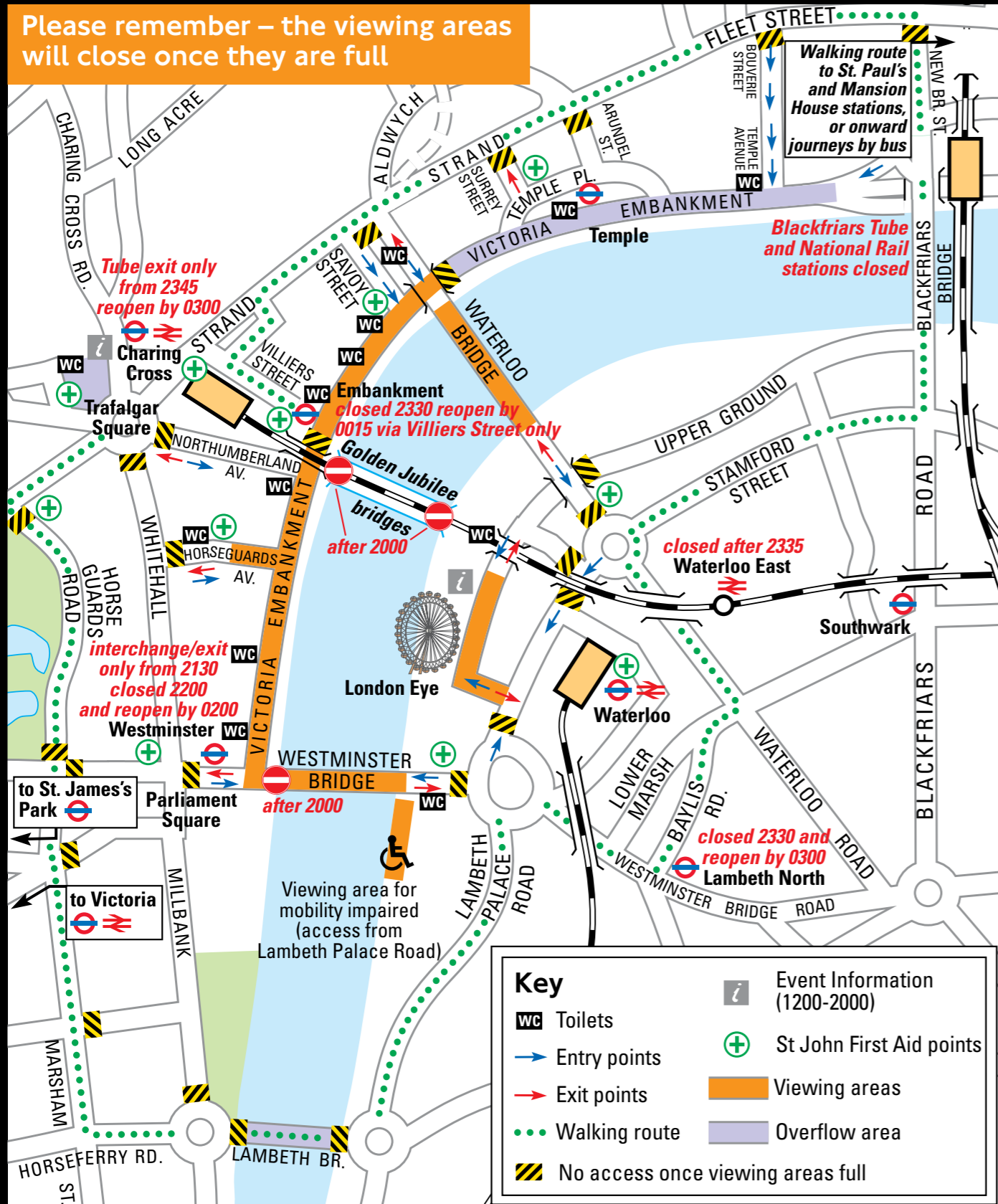


Where to view the fireworks on New Year's Eve

Please remember – the viewing areas will close once they are full



Resident/Occupier/Business

November 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

New Year's Eve 2010 – Friday 31st December

This letter contains important information about restrictions that will affect you as a resident or business on New Year's Eve 2010.

Following last year's successful New Year's Eve fireworks display at the London Eye, the Mayor of London has again commissioned this year's event.

The display will follow a similar pattern to previous years, with music and a countdown as midnight approaches, followed by an eight-minute firework display at midnight.

Due to the enormous success of the event, people need to be prepared for large crowds and to plan well in advance to ensure they have a safe and enjoyable time. Only a proportion of the several hundred thousand people in central London will be able to watch the fireworks in the official viewing areas, which will close as soon as they are full.

Due to this there are plans in place to manage public safety which are being developed in association with Westminster City Council, London Borough of Lambeth, the Emergency Services and all the other relevant London agencies. We will, once again, be putting in place a number of measures to ensure that all of those wanting to access the event area will be safe. These measures will affect traffic, public transport and pedestrian access to the area.

Traffic Restrictions – please be aware that these have changed since last year

On 31st December 2010 Whitehall Place, Whitehall Court, Horse Guards Avenue, Northumberland Avenue, Craven Street, Great Scotland Yard, Horse Guards Road, John Adam Street, Adam Street and Villiers Street will close at 16:00 (4.00pm). Victoria Embankment, Savoy Street, Carting Lane, Savoy Place, Arundel Street and Westminster Bridge will close at 17:00 (5.00pm) **All other roads in central London will begin to close from 20:00 (8.00pm)** (please refer to map on page 4) and will remain closed until reopened once the crowds have dispersed and the **litter cleared** (circa 01:30 – 03:00 (1.30am – 3.00am) on 1st January 2011 or until it is deemed that they are safe to reopen.

Please refer to the attached map which highlights the areas affected by the road closures. The roads closing at 16:00 (4.00pm) are highlighted in **red**, those closing at 17:00 (5.00pm) are highlighted in **blue**, those closing at 20:00 (8.00pm) are highlighted in **yellow**, and those closing at 22:00 (10.00pm) are highlighted in **green**. If public safety requires it due to large crowds, then the area highlighted in green may be closed earlier.

This map along with further information will be available at www.london.gov.uk/newyearsve

Pedestrian Restrictions

All pedestrian access across **Westminster Bridge** will be restricted from 20:00 (8.00pm) on 31st December 2010 until approximately 01:00 (1.00am) on 1st January 2011.

Pedestrian access in both directions across **Golden Jubilee Bridge/Hungerford Bridge** will be closed at 20:00 (8.00pm) on 31st December 2010. Access across the bridge is unlikely to be reopened until approximately 00:40 (12.40am) on 1st January 2011 or when the majority of the crowds have dispersed.

Jubilee Gardens will be closed from 18:00 (6.00pm) on the 31st December 2010. The Queens Walk will be open from the Westminster Bridge entrance only after 20:00 (8.00pm) when a 'looped' one way system will be put in place with entrance and exit from Westminster Bridge only. Access will be maintained to any of the Queens Walk restaurants that are open until 22:30 (10.30pm).

Pedestrian crossing of the river will be possible from **Lambeth Bridge** and to the West and from **Waterloo Bridge** and to the East.

Public Transport

If using public transport, special services will be provided on the buses, tube and national rail services.

However, please note the following measures that are being put into place:

Westminster station will be exit only to Parliament Street from 21:30 (9.30pm) on 31st December 2010 and will close when public safety requires it due to large crowds in the area (no later than 22:00 (10.00pm)).

The station will fully reopen no later than 02:00 (2.00am) on 1st January 2011.

Exit from **Embankment station** will be via Villiers Street only. Embankment station will be closed briefly at 23:30 (11.30pm) on 31st December 2010 and will reopen at 00:15 (0.15am) on 1st January 2011. Access will be via Villiers Street only.

Charing Cross station will be exit only for London Underground from 23:45 (11.45pm) and operating as normal for National Rail. London Underground services are anticipated to be restored no later than 03:00 (3.00am) on 1st January 2011.

Temple station will be closed if public safety requires it due to large crowds. If closed the station will fully reopen no later than 02:00hrs (2.00am) on 1st January 2011.

Due to ongoing engineering works, there will be no services from **Blackfriars Station**.

Waterloo Station will operate as normal; however, large queues are anticipated after 00:10 (12.10am) on 1st January 2011.

Lambeth North will close from 23:30 (11.30pm) on 31st December 2010 and reopen no later than 03:00 (3.00am) on 1st January 2011.

Holborn, St Paul's and Mansion House will operate as normal.

Further details on public transport on New Year's Eve will be available shortly at all staffed stations and online at the website listed on the previous page.

Access to your property

To ensure your evening runs as smoothly as possible, we would suggest you and/or your guests carry something with your name and address which can be shown to the event stewards when passing through barrier points. This is not obligatory; however it may speed up you and/or your guests' movement within the area.

If safe to do so, the Police enforcing the road closures may allow residential traffic through road closure points in order for you to access your properties during the closure times. However, due to large crowds and public safety there will be no vehicular access to York Road, Belvedere Road, Victoria Embankment, Whitehall Place and any roads leading south of the Strand or Fleet Street between the closure time and the time it is deemed safe to reopen the roads (circa 01:30 – 03:00 (1.30am – 3.00am)). Please ensure any guests invited to your property have been made aware of this fact.

Once the designated viewing areas on Victoria Embankment, Westminster Bridge, Waterloo Bridge, Lambeth Bridge and Belvedere Road/York Road reach capacity, a number of closures will be put in place restricting pedestrian access to specific areas. Each of these closure points will be supported by a team of event stewards who will be briefed to allow access to any resident and any guests of residents should they require. Please be aware that once these barriers are closed there will be considerable crowds both sides of the barriers so they will take some time to cross.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Neighbour Liaison Team at our appointed event management agency Jack Morton Worldwide on NYE@jackmorton.co.uk if you require any further information or assistance at this stage.

For enquiries on the night of 31st December 2010 please contact our Event Liaison Team on 0208 735 2382.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Mayor of London

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