

# SOUTH BANK SPINE ROUTE

## Location

South Bank, Lambeth

## Client Type

Local Authority

## Key Collaborators

GLA Streetworks Team; UKPN, PowerOn, TfL Lane Rental Governance Committee, Lambeth Regeneration Team, Lambeth Capital Delivery Team

## Workstage

RIBA 1-2/ Conceptual Design, Feasibility

## Summary

The development of a proposal to lay empty ducts below ground as a form of future proofing along a route earmarked for public realm improvement.

## The Challenge

Pre-empting future works to minimise the likelihood of future disruption and congestion, whilst delivering vital public realm work in a key location in Central London.

## SITE PLAN



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_TgfUtSnXQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_TgfUtSnXQ)

Infrastructure Coordination  
Development Service

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## Our Approach

The Infrastructure Coordinator took a proactive approach, identifying an opportunity and then bringing together the right people via meetings and workshops, drawing on their wide-ranging, cross-cutting experience. Performing a central convening role, they engaged with and gained early buy-in from a range of stakeholders.

Pulling in experts in future proofing and design specialists, the coordinator was able to commission a costed conceptual design for the multi-utility future proofing trench, and to 'pitch' it to potential funders. They also took advantage of the wider ICS network, bringing in the Mayor's Streets Service and its expertise in the 'dig once' approach.

## Key Outcomes

The South Bank Spine Route remains a flagship Lambeth project, the first phase of which is currently in delivery. It will act as a key distribution route for walking and cycling, aligning with the Mayor's net-zero and sustainability commitments. The proposed multi-utility future proofing trench has both local and political support, and remains a key target as part of the wider Spine Route delivery. However, funding is yet to be fully secured.



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