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Update on Northolt tunnel in Hillingdon and Ealing

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Location

The Northolt tunnel runs between the West Ruislip Portal site in Hillingdon and the Victoria Road Crossover Box site in North Acton.

Duration

Ongoing to 30 November 2026.

24 hours 7 days working within the tunnel

What we are doing

Works to complete the Northolt tunnel walkways is ongoing. We are continuing with the fit out of our cross passages in preparation for the final phase of cross passage doors installation.

What to expect

At the West Ruislip site, you may notice lorries transporting concrete to the tunnel entrance. We do not expect the work to be noisy as they will take place inside the tunnel.

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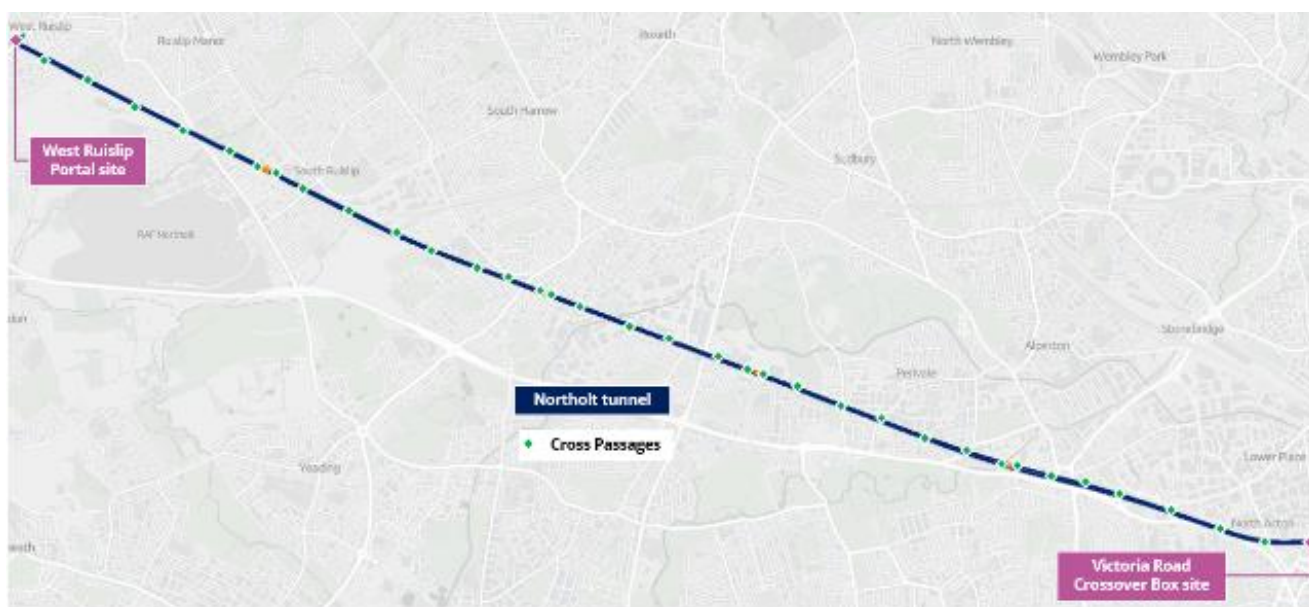
Northolt tunnel 24/7 working

Works to build the emergency and maintenance walkways inside the twin-bore tunnel are expected to be completed by late autumn 2026. There are two walkways, a wider one which will allow passengers to safely evacuate a train and walk to the nearest cross passage and rescue trains, and a narrower walkway which will be used for maintenance purposes. At the West Ruislip Portal, lorries deliver concrete to electric pumps at the tunnel entrance which is then pumped through a pipe into the concrete mixer truck and taken into the tunnels.

Works to fit out the cross passages are continuing until late autumn 2026, we are building reinforced concrete secondary collars which will act as a structural frame that allow our next phase for the final sliding doors to be installed. Cross passages are located approximately 500 metres apart along the Northolt tunnel route. The cross passages connect the tunnels and provide an evacuation route for passengers in the case of an emergency.

Where we will be working

Works continue inside the Northolt tunnel. The map below shows the tunnel route.



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