

King's Cross underground: the Northern Ticket Hall

The Northern Ticket Hall for King's Cross underground was to be built as part of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link works. Now the Government has halted the work and it could be delayed indefinitely, possibly until after the CTRL station has opened.

The works are vital for us - making the station safer and more accessible - never mind their benefits for the CTRL and Argent St George's development. We have one last chance to influence the review by writing to urge the Government to let the works start again.

The Northern Ticket Hall matters because it will:

- * Improve safety at the station. This ticket hall will relieve congestion, fulfilling the last outstanding recommendation of the inquiry into the 1987 King's Cross fire (the Fennell inquiry). It will only be discharged when the Northern Ticket Hall is opened.
- * Provide access, for the first time, for people with restricted mobility with lifts to the Victoria and Piccadilly lines (the current works only provide access to the Northern and Circle/Metropolitan platforms).
- * Connect all the platforms, new and old, rail and tube, without forcing people onto fixed staircases or out into the road.
- * Benefit the development, not least because no real work can start between the two stations until the ticket hall is built.

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