

Why St Pancras?

The current St Pancras Hospital site and what we are proposing

We are proposing to develop two acres of the five-acre St Pancras Hospital site. Services and staff at Moorfields City Road and UCL in Bath Street will move into the new centre once it is up and running.

The current St Pancras Hospital, an old workhouse style facility, is currently owned and occupied by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust is redeveloping the site to provide improved mental health services and selling part of the land to make way for a new neighbourhood of health services, offices, shops, cafes and social housing.

Proposals to redevelop for the remaining three acres of the St Pancras Hospital are being brought forward by Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust development partner King's Cross Central Limited Partnership (KCCLP). KCCLP is still at a very early stage of design for their development, but we are already working closely with them to ensure the whole area is developed seamlessly and becomes a genuinely open, accessible, and positive contribution to the neighbourhood. We are working with KCCLP to ensure a coordinated approach with their emerging masterplan and to ensure the two schemes knit seamlessly together. For more information on Camden and Islington's plans to redevelop their facilities, please visit their website.

Below is a map of the current sites in Islington and the proposed new site in Camden. The proposed new centre will be located on the corner of St Pancras Way and Granary Street.



Current sites – Islington



Proposed new site – Camden

Examining the location

In 2019, we worked with patient representatives and other stakeholders to re-examine the options for location, which had been agreed previously in 2013. We commissioned a professional assessment of land sales in London, and through extensive public consultation, we invited suggestions for alternative solutions.

The proposed location at St Pancras was considered the best way forward in terms of availability in central London, accessibility via public transport, value for money, ease of implementation and, in particular, its position in developing the Knowledge Quarter in London.

Why is it important to be in London?

London is the recommended location for the proposed new centre for two main reasons:

- London is the most accessible location for most people, regardless of where they live in England.
- London is a good location to recruit and retain specialists, technicians, researchers and students, which is crucial for the development of future services.

Within the Knowledge Quarter

The St Pancras site provides us with an excellent location, ideally situated close to the UCL Bloomsbury campus and several of our voluntary sector and charity partners, including the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and Guide Dogs.

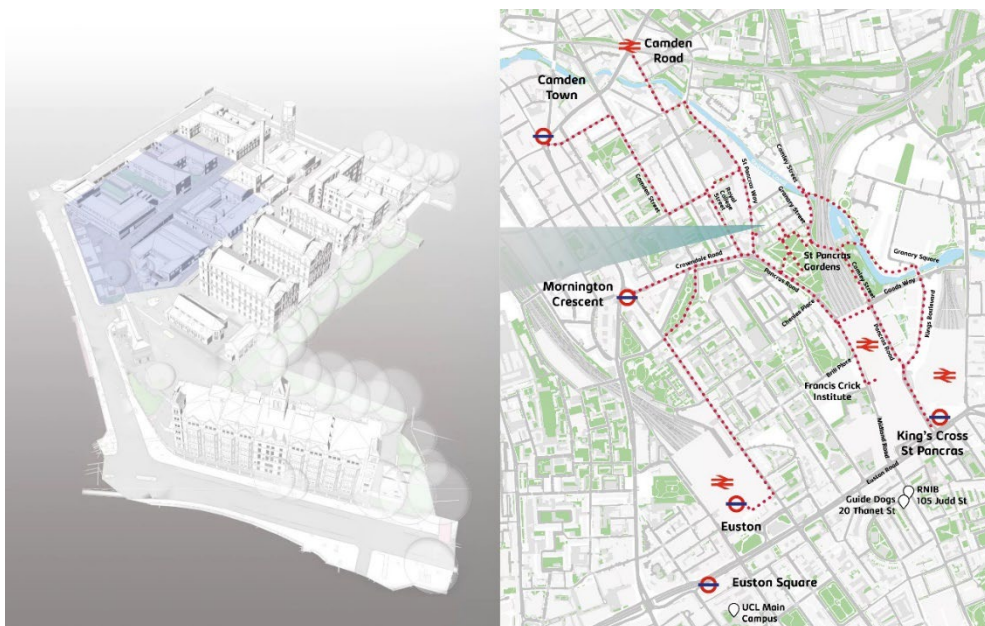
The new centre would be within London's Knowledge Quarter – an area which has one of the highest densities of knowledge based, cultural and scientific businesses anywhere in the world, including the Francis Crick Institute and the Wellcome Trust.

Easily accessible by public transport

The new location is close to three main railway stations (King's Cross, St Pancras and Euston), making it very accessible to large parts of the UK as well as to six London lines and the overground.

The below illustration shows the current St Pancras Hospital site with the blue shaded area indicating the two-acres that the proposed new centre will occupy. There is also a map that shows the local area with mainline rail stations, Euston, King's Cross and St Pancras, nearby underground stations and other notable establishments in the area such as RNIB, Guide Dogs and the Francis Crick Institute for health research.

The dotted lines show some of the current access routes to the St Pancras Hospital site, however, there is further work being done on access with the involvement of patient and public representatives. Work on accessing the proposed new site is being called the 'last half mile'. Visit our [last half mile](#) page for more information on this work.



We have appointed Buro Happold to conduct stakeholder engagement for the 'last half mile' and co-design solutions for this challenge. This work refers specifically to the journey and user experience between the public transport links or vehicle drop-off area and entry to the proposed new centre. Visit our [getting to the new centre](#) page for more information on this work.

Impact on journey times

See below for an image which shows an impact on journey times, comparing traveling to the current City Road site to traveling to the St Pancras site. We undertook this work to understand on average how much patient travel time would be affected by the proposed location. The dots on the map below show where Moorfields's patients travel from. This image shows that the majority of areas across the UK would benefit from a shorter travel time to St Pancras than the journey time to City Road. The red dots covering parts of east London, Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk show where the journey times are potentially longer.

