

# CHANGING PLACES

*Did you know South Bank is getting a public pool, or the BFI IMAX roundabout may be pedestrianised? Sarah Riches reveals how SE1 is transforming*

**WATERLOO STATION**  
In August 2017, Network Rail and its partners completed one of the largest and most complex upgrades in the station's history. The work was an essential part of the £900m Waterloo and South West Upgrade which will boost capacity at the station by 30% by December 2018, providing space for another 45,000 passengers at morning and evening peaks. Since September 2017, Network Rail has been carrying out the final stages of redevelopment at the former Waterloo International Terminal to bring back five platforms into permanent use by December 2018.

**WATERLOO ROUNDABOUT**  
TfL wants to transform Waterloo roundabout and Waterloo Road. Its proposals include: closing the roundabout's south-west arm and creating a new public square next to the railway arches; improving the bus stops; relocating the bus stops on Waterloo Road; introducing segregated cycle lanes; creating new pedestrian routes and closing some of the subways under the roundabout. TfL ran a consultation process over the summer, including presentations to South Bank Forum. The outcomes of the consultation are expected to be announced in December 2017.

**DOON STREET TOWER**  
Local people are already benefiting from having the contemporary dance company Rambert on the Doon Street site, behind the National Theatre. A priority for owners Coin Street Community Builders is to add a public indoor swimming pool and leisure centre to be funded by an adjacent development of homes for sale. Coin Street is exploring the possibility of including some intermediate co-operative housing for rent within this scheme.

**SOUTHBANK PLACE**  
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**ITV**  
We'll be temporarily saying goodbye to ITV in 2018 when the company moves to interim offices in Holborn, Camden and W12 pending the redevelopment of its site in South Bank. The Company has submitted a planning application for a new HQ incorporating three live studios and enough space to accommodate its 3,000 London workforce in one place for the first time. The inclusion of studio facilities for the continued production of daytime TV programmes, often with live audiences, will add to the diversity of South Bank's cultural and creative offerings and identity. ITV hopes to return in 2022-23 and attract more creative media companies to the area. The application also includes a new publicly accessible square, a 31-storey residential building and a café.

**LAMBETH BRIDGE**  
If given the green light by Transport for London, the proposed changes to Lambeth Bridge would remove the northern and southern roundabouts and introduce crossroads, wider pavements and segregated cycle lanes across the bridge. The bridge would be connected to Cycle Superhighway 8.

**LEAKE STREET ARCHES**  
The railway arches beneath Waterloo Station have been redeveloped, and new tenants will be moving in throughout 2017/2018 winter. With restaurants, cafés and other businesses, Leake Street is set to become one of South Bank's must-see destinations, building on its reputation for graffiti and street art, and shows at The Vaults and House of Vans.

**ONE BLACKFRIARS**  
Building work on One Blackfriars is set to be completed in November 2017. Once the development is fully open, its three buildings – a 170m tower, plus two other buildings – will have up to 274 flats, shops and a new hotel.

**ELIZABETH HOUSE**  
The 60s block by Waterloo Station's main entrance was acquired by international real estate developer HB Reavis in May 2017, so watch this space for further plans for the redevelopment of this building.

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A further river-facing residential block is planned for release in the future. One and Two Southbank Place, both offices, will face York Road. The development will include new restaurants and shops and pedestrian routes that connect to Waterloo Station and South Bank. Alongside 74,322sqm of offices (including the Shell Tower), there will be 790 homes, including affordable housing on a separate site on Lollard Street. The development is well underway, and is scheduled to be completed by 2020.

