Stephenson Walk

Stephenson Walk is a proposed 500 metre pedestrian and cycle path alongside the West Coast Mainline railway in Camden linking the Regent's Canal towpath with Regent's Park Road Bridge. The Walk makes essential new connections to the otherwise isolated site of the former Camden Goods Yard. It will be accessed via a new entrance from the towpath into a concourse at the southern end, and via an entrance into the former Primrose Hill Station at the northern end.

Stephenson Walk will also highlight and safeguard future access to Robert Stephenson's extraordinary Grade 2* listed early Victorian Winding Vaults, sited under the mainline railway.

Level constraints, restricted space and the challenges of working alongside operational infrastructure have led to an ambitious and easily phased approach, which will steer future development. Oversite development of the railway maintenance yard west of Juniper Crescent allows the six-metre level change to be accommodated in a new inhabited ramp in the centre of the site – creating a place in its own right, adding green amenity and accommodating new workspaces at ground level. At the canal towpath, alterations to the 1930's diversion of the horse tunnel will improve future access to the Winding Vaults, whilst also creating a new ramp from the towpath and facilitating public use of the historic horse ramp.

Stephenson Walk will be characterised by robust ground surface treatments and regularly placed planting and structures (also supporting lighting and wayfinding), making reference to a railway materiality of timber sleeper, rusty steel, overhead gantry and ruderal vegetation.

The feasibility study that was completed in May 2023 was commissioned by London Borough of Camden from the promoter, Camden Railway Heritage Trust, and was executed by Adams and Sutherland.

View of walkway approaching inhabited ramp