

14 September 2022

Dear Residents,

Following the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, arrangements are in place for the public to pay their respects as the nation prepares for HM The Queen to lie in state at Westminster Hall between Wednesday 14 September and Monday 19 September.

Lying-in-State describes the formal occasion in which a coffin is placed on view to allow the public to pay their respects to the deceased before the funeral ceremony. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Lying-in-State at the Palace of Westminster opens to the public at 5pm on 14 September. It will be open 24-hours a day until it closes at 6.30am on 19 September.

Large numbers of people from across the country and beyond are expected to attend, and therefore the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has plans in place to manage a long queue through central London, with support from local agencies including Lambeth Council.

We are writing to you today because the queue is likely to extend past or close to your home and may be in place for several days. Within Lambeth we are planning for the queue to extend along the riverside past Waterloo Bridge towards Westminster, largely hugging the River Thames shoreline.

We want to reassure you that we are working with DCMS, the Metropolitan Police, Southwark and Westminster Councils, and other agencies, to limit the disruption caused to Londoners living on the route. A professional events company has been commissioned by DCMS to manage the event, and they will ensure adequate facilities are put in place, including toilets and welfare facilities.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as our borough supports the national period of mourning and funeral arrangements for Her Majesty. We will keep you updated about the arrangements, please follow our Twitter account @lambeth_council and visit lambeth.gov.uk for regular updates.

Please see page two of this letter for additional information and local guidance.

Yours faithfully,



Bayo Dosunmu
Lambeth Council Chief Executive



Cllr Claire Holland
Leader of Lambeth Council

Information and local measures to be considered:

- Guidance on the Procession for Lying-in-State is now live on GOV.UK
- A minute's silence will be held at 8pm on Sunday 18 September to mark a National Moment of Reflection to pay our respects to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
- The date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, Monday 19 September, will be a national bank holiday
- Follow @dcms on Twitter for live locations for the back of the queue
- Tube services will be running as normal; however, some stations will be busier than usual. All rail and bus strikes that were planned to take place this week have now been called off
- Lambeth Council has proposed to the Government to allow 24-hour trading in the vicinity of the queue route until Monday, September 19
- Twenty-one local roads in Lambeth will have revised parking restrictions and access arrangements to allow safe queuing
- Rubbish and recycling services will remain in place and on regular schedules
- Lambeth Council's partnership work to tackle rogue traders will continue throughout
- Local bridges, including Westminster Bridge and Lambeth Bridge, will have temporary arrangements in place to manage access, please check before you travel.
- People in London are being asked to adapt their travel plans at this time and to work from home where possible.

For updates and guidance please scan the QR code:

