
THE TT-FORUMS MEETING

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LONDON, UK

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PREFACE

This meeting is being organised by Dominic with the assistance of Dave Worley, Gavin Dowland and Natasha. Following an investigation, the decision was taken to hold the meeting in Leicester Square, London, UK. The date was decided upon as the 9th August 2008, since there will be less chance of the meeting coinciding with other events.

The meeting has already attracted the attention of many users. Our main concern when deciding upon holding this meeting is to ensure that it is carried off safely and securely, whilst in a central and public location for all concerned.

This document shows the findings from the investigations carried out by Dominic and Natasha on Thursday, 17th April 2008.

INTRODUCTION TO ORGANISERS

ANDEL/DOMINIC



Andel is a Locomotion Moderator of TT-Forums and has been a member since May 7th 2005. Andel represents the popular website AMI Trains, which provides free downloads of additional vehicles for Locomotion, the sequel to Transport Tycoon Deluxe.

In his spare time, Andel can be found racing down hills, hanging out with friends and tweaking his home media network.

Andel can be contacted on andel@snuggaholic.co.uk.

DAVE WORLEY

Dave is a user of TT-Forums and has been a member since 26th December 2005. In his time, Dave has made an incredible 3 posts of any sense to date (at time of writing), the other million that he's made all being complete twaddle. Dave supports the BR Set for Transport Tycoon Deluxe Patch, although in his own words he "really needs to do some work on it".

In his spare time, Dave can be found on a train between Birmingham and Preston, hanging out at home or complaining that his wireless is too slow.

Dave can be contacted on dave@daveworley.co.uk



AMEECHER/GAVIN DOWLAND

Gavin is a user of TT-Forums and has been a member since and has made no contribution at all, although some claim his trams are "alright".

In his spare time, Gavin can be found talking to his sister/aunt/wife and chasing 153311.

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LONDON

INTRODUCTION TO LONDON

London is a vibrant metropolis hosting many attractions and events. It is the home to the Queen (gawd bless her), The Routemaster, The Tube, Tower Bridge and The Tate Gallery.

With mainline train stations offering links to Birmingham, Bristol, Bournemouth, Cardiff, Chester, Holyhead, Manchester, York, Liverpool, Newcastle, Glasgow, Edinburgh and more, 5 international airports from just 30 minutes away and a time to Birmingham of 1hr 45minutes, connections are fast and frequent.

London has two key points that will affect the meet – Leicester Square and Covent Garden – both are within 15 minutes walk of each other.

THE GEOGRAPHY

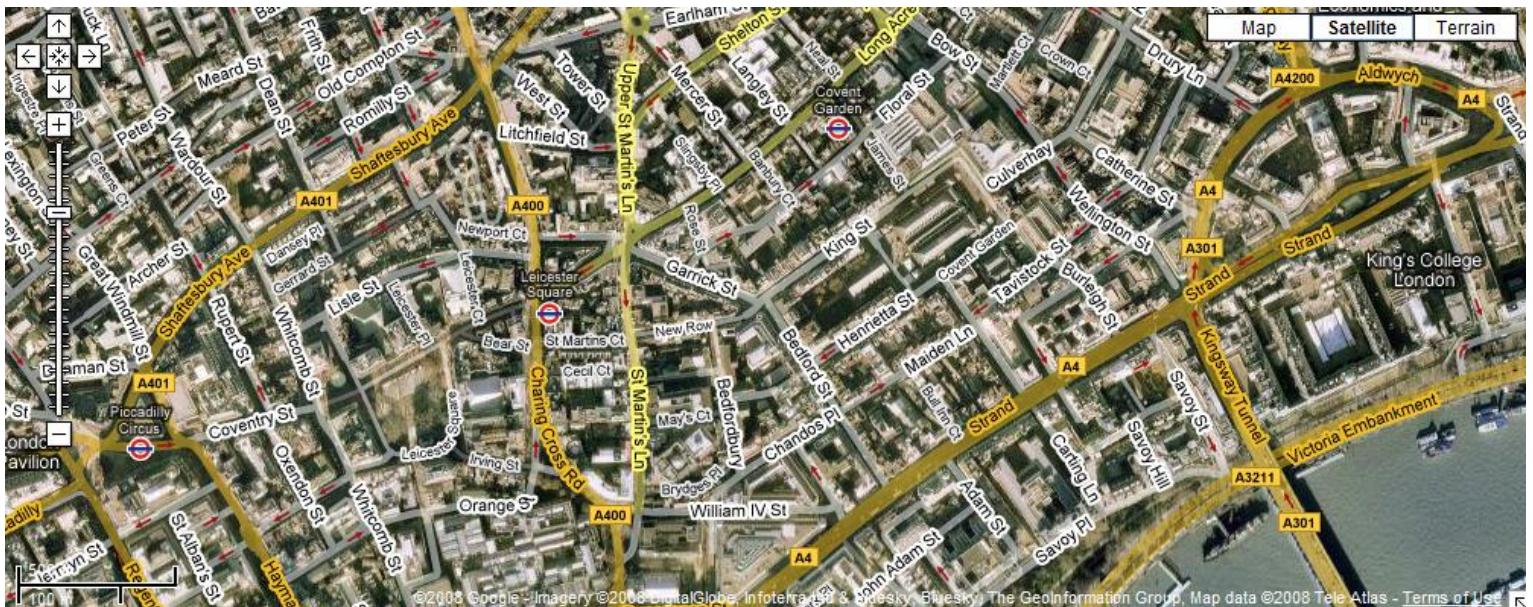


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TRAVEL AROUND LONDON

We have evaluated the many ways that people will travel to the meet and know that many if not all will use public transport. We strongly recommend purchasing a Zone 1-2 travel card for the day. We also recommend checking on the National Rail Website (www.nationalrail.co.uk) for any diversions or closures on the day.

An Oyster Card is a good way to get about London – be aware that PAYG oyster is not always valid on National Rail services and it is advisable to check beforehand.

LOCATIONS CONSIDERED:

TRAFALGAR SQUARE:

This has automatically been discounted, as it is generally crowded and has no cheap/easy food access points.



COVENT GARDEN:

Located 30 yards from The Strand, Covent Garden has shops and food points with easy access.

In the centre there is various shops and cafes. To the bottom right corner is the London Transport Museum. A tube station is on the north of Covent Garden on the Piccadilly Line.

Wireless Internet and space is not guaranteed as this is a public location.

LEICESTER SQUARE:

Located adjacent to Piccadilly Circus and with a Tube Station nearby on the Northern and Piccadilly lines, Leicester Square has a number of food places to hand as well as Covent Garden just a half mile away.

There are also a number of cinemas and shops to hand as well as a wide open space. There is no guaranteed wireless internet at this location.



CONCLUSION

In getting to this meeting, transport should be easily accessible from all the stations rather than just 1. We also must consider that many people will be travelling from the North as well as the East or West of the UK. Therefore, we must ensure that we are within good times of Network Rail's Major Stations (Kings Cross, Euston, Paddington, Waterloo/Victoria and Liverpool Street).

Whilst Covent Garden offers some excellent food places, we must also consider budgets and this may mean people preferring places like Leicester Square with Burger King, McDonalds and others to hand. However, we must also take into a final consideration of Games we may wish to carry out and how easy these may be.

We therefore have decided to use Leicester Square as a central meeting point.

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