

# 355

## Route Guide & Hazard Awareness

***MITCHAM - TOOTING BROADWAY - TOOTING BEC  
BALHAM - CLAPHAM SOUTH - KINGS AVENUE - BRIXTON***



# THINGS TO REMEMBER

MAKE NOTES ALONG THE WAY!

## CHANGEOVER | STOCKWELL PARK WALK / CLAPHAM STH

Towards Brixton, Cavendish Road **BUS STOP SH** (Clapham South Station) and on Stockwell Park Walk at **BUS STAND**. Always communicate in advance with iBus if you are late for any reason.



Route 355 is a high frequency route. Headway is a measurement of the distance or time between buses. You can tell that you are on the correct Headway by using the iBus Headway indicator in the cab.

**IMPORTANT:** You must keep your bus as close to the middle of the indicator as possible. Take action and drop back if you are closing in to the bus in front.

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ASSIST YOU ON  
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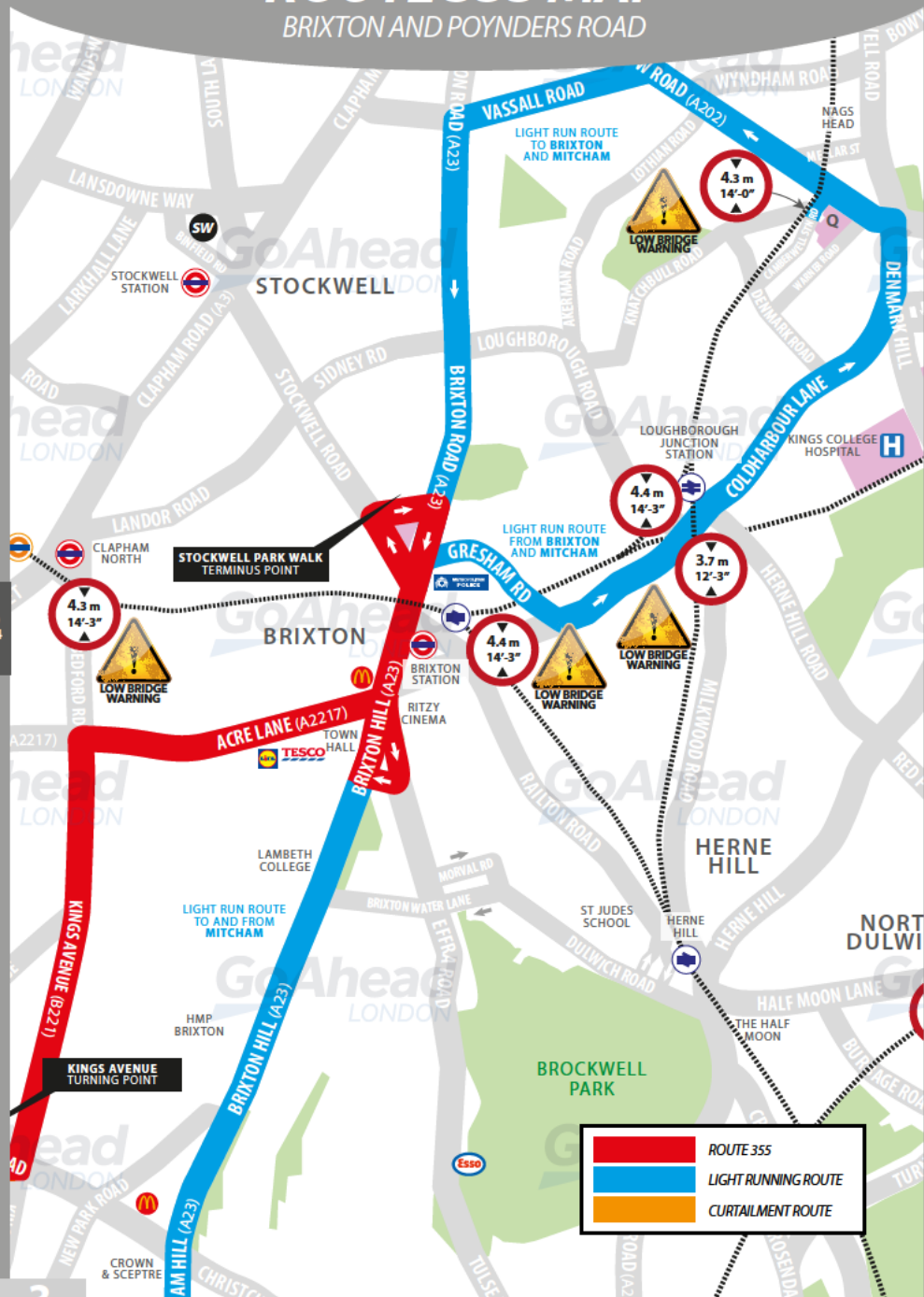
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IF RUNNING  
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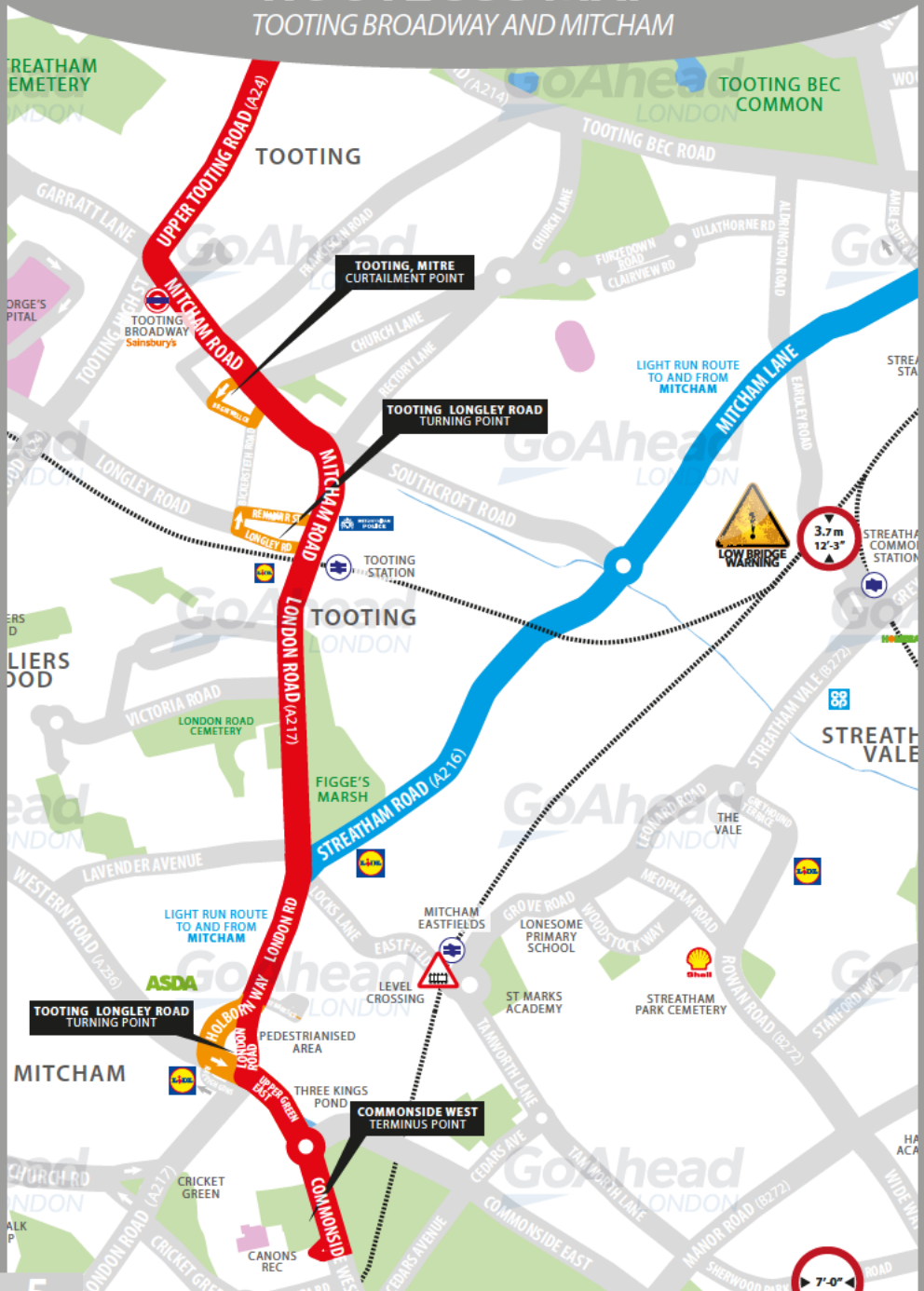


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TOOTING BROADWAY AND MITCHAM





# RUNNING LIGHT

RUNNING OUT OF SERVICE

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## TO MITCHAM COMMONSIDE WEST

- At **Camberwell Garage**, turn left onto Camberwell New Road **A202**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Vassall Road
- At traffic light, turn left onto Brixton Road **A23**
- At traffic light by Lambeth Town Hall, ahead onto Brixton Hill **A23**
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Streatham Hill **A23**
- At traffic light, use right lane onto Mitcham Lane (*St Leonard's Church*) **A216**
- At mini roundabout, take 1st exit onto Streatham Road **A216**
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto London Road (*Figges Marsh*) **A217**
- At traffic light, turn left towards London Road through Road (*see map*)
- At traffic light, turn left onto Upper Green East **A236**
- Continue ahead onto Commonside West **A236**
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Commonside West (*Three Kings Pond*) **A236**
- After Three Kings Pond stop, turn around at the Toby Carvery triangle
- Turn left onto Commonside West to **stand**

## FROM MITCHAM COMMONSIDE WEST

- From **stand**, continue ahead onto Commonside West
- At roundabout, take 1st onto Upper Green East (*Three Kings Pond*) **A236**
- At traffic light, turn right onto London Road (through road)
- At traffic light, turn right onto London Road **A217**
- At traffic light, turn right towards Streatham Road **A216**
- At roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Mitcham Lane **A216**
- At traffic light, continue onto Streatham High Road (*St Leonard's Church*) **A23**
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- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Brixton Hill **A23**
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Brixton Road (*Lambeth Town Hall*) **A23**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Gresham Road (*Brixton Police Station*)
- *Do not turn right onto Coldharbour Lane. LOW BRIDGE*
- At traffic light, turn left onto Coldharbour Lane **A2217**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Denmark Hill **A215**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Camberwell New Road to **Camberwell Garage**

# RUNNING LIGHT

RUNNING OUT OF SERVICE

IMPORTANT  
PLEASE ENSURE  
YOU USE YOUR  
**RIBAS KEY** ON  
EVERY TRIP

## TO BRIXTON STOCKWELL PARK ROAD

- At **Camberwell Garage**, turn left onto Camberwell New Road **A202**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Vassall Road
- At traffic light, turn left onto Brixton Road **A23**
- Continue ahead to **first bus stop**

## FROM BRIXTON STOCKWELL PARK ROAD

- At **Brixton Station**, continue ahead onto Brixton Road **A23**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Gresham Road (*Brixton Police Station*)
- At traffic light, turn left onto Coldharbour Lane **A2217**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Denmark Hill **A215**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Camberwell New Road to **Camberwell Garage**



COLDHARBOUR LANE  
CLEARANCE HEIGHT

DOUBLE DECK VEHICLES MUST  
NOT BE USED ON THIS ROAD

East of Brixton Road in Brixton towards Camberwell



# ROUTE DIRECTIONS

RUNNING IN SERVICE

NEVER  
DIVERT OFF  
LINE OF ROUTE  
UNLESS ADVISED  
BY IBUS

## TO BRIXTON STOCKWELL PARK ROAD

- From **stand**, at roundabout, ahead (*1st exit*) onto Commonside West **A236**
- At traffic light, turn right onto London Road (through road)
- At traffic light, turn right onto London Road **A217**
- Ahead onto London Road **A217**
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto Mitcham Road (*Figges Marsh*) **A217**
- At Tooting station, ahead onto Mitcham Road **A217**
- At traffic light, follow road to left onto Mitcham Road **A217**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Tooting High Street/Upper Tooting Road **A24**
- At Tooting Bec station, ahead Balham High Road **A24**
- At Balham station, ahead Balham High Road/Balham Hill **A24**
- At Clapham South station, ahead Clapham Common South Side **A24**
- At South Circular junction, turn left onto The Avenue (*one-way system*) **A205**
- Take immediate right and turn right onto The Avenue (*one-way system*) **A205**
- At traffic light, follow S bend ahead onto Cavendish Road **A205**
- Follow road to the right and at traffic lights bear left onto Poynders Road **A205**
- Follow Poynders Road onto the one-way system to traffic lights **A205**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Kings Avenue **B221**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Acre Lane **A2217**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Brixton Road **A23**
- Follow Brixton Road under the railway bridge to 2nd traffic lights **A23**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Stockwell Road **A203**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Stockwell Park Walk to **stand**



BEDFORD HILL  
CLEARANCE HEIGHT

DOUBLE DECK VEHICLES MUST  
NOT BE USED ON THIS ROAD

Junction of Bedford Hill and Balham Station Road in Balham

# ROUTE DIRECTIONS

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## TO MITCHAM COMMONSIDE WEST

- From **stand**, at traffic light turn right onto Brixton Road **A23**
- Follow Brixton Road under the railway bridge to 2nd traffic light **A23**
- At traffic light, bear left onto Effra Road one-way system **A204**
- Bear right and at traffic light, turn right onto St Matthew's Road **A204**
- Bear right and at traffic light, turn right onto Brixton Hill **A23**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Acre Lane **A2217**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Kings Avenue **B221**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Atkins Road (*one-way system*) **A205**
- Turn right onto the Atkins Road (*one-way system*) **A205**
- Bear left and turn left onto Poynders Road and follow the road ahead **A205**
- At traffic light, turn right onto Cavendish Road and follow road to left **A205**
- At traffic light, turn left onto Clapham Common South Side **A24**
- At Clapham South station, ahead Balham Hill/Balham High Road **A24**
- At Balham station, ahead Balham High Road **A24**
- At Tooting Bec station, ahead Upper Tooting Road/Tooting High Street **A24**
- At Tooting Broadway traffic light, turn left onto Mitcham Road **A217**
- At Amen Corner traffic light, bear right onto Mitcham Road **A217**
- At Tooting station, continue ahead onto London Road **A217**
- At traffic light, continue ahead onto London Road (*Figges Marsh*) **A217**
- Continue ahead onto London Road **A217**
- At traffic light, turn left towards London Road through Road (see map)
- At traffic light, turn left onto Upper Green East **A236**
- At Three Kings Pond roundabout, take 2nd exit onto Commonside West **A236**
- After Three Kings Pond stop, turn around at the Toby Carvery triangle
- Head northbound on Commonside West to **stand**



BEDFORD ROAD  
CLEARANCE HEIGHT

DOUBLE DECK VEHICLES MUST  
NOT BE USED ON THIS ROAD

North of Kings Avenue in Brixton

# COMMONSIDE WEST

TERMINUS POINT

SWITCH THE  
ENGINE OFF  
WHILST AT THE  
STAND

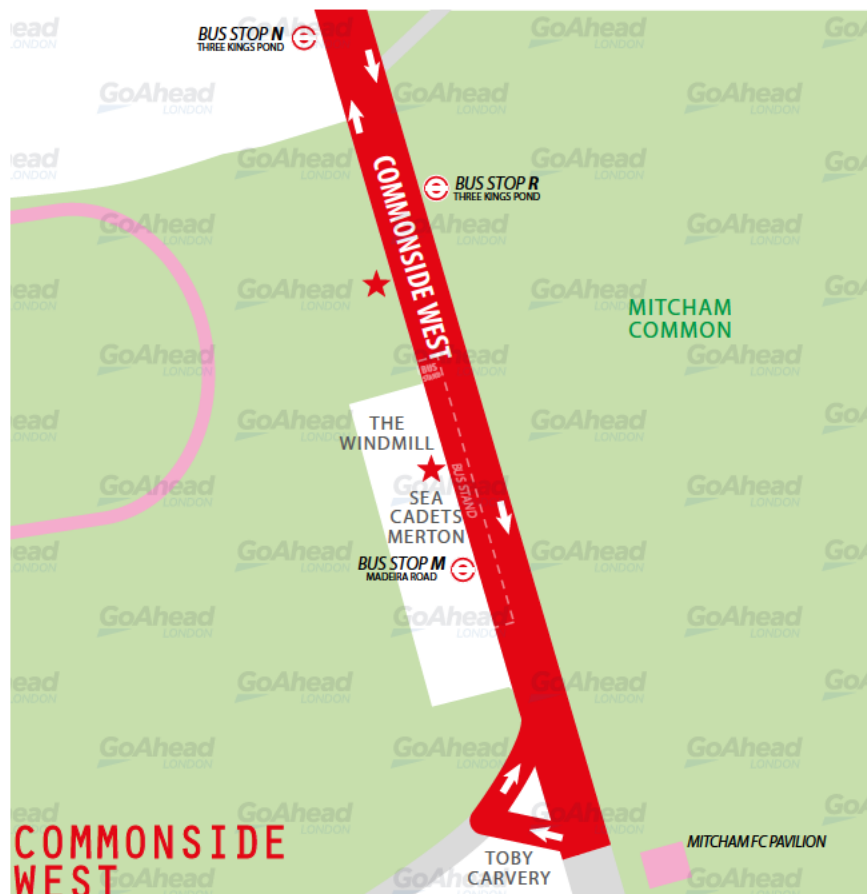
From Brixton. Proceed from Commonside West direct to stand.

Set down on Commonside West at **BUS STOP M**.

Towards Brixton. Depart to Commonside West.

Pick up on Commonside West at **BUS STOP N**.

Public stand for four buses in 2 portions on the west side of Commonside West. Blind display: **BRIXTON**.



# MITCHAM

TURNING POINT

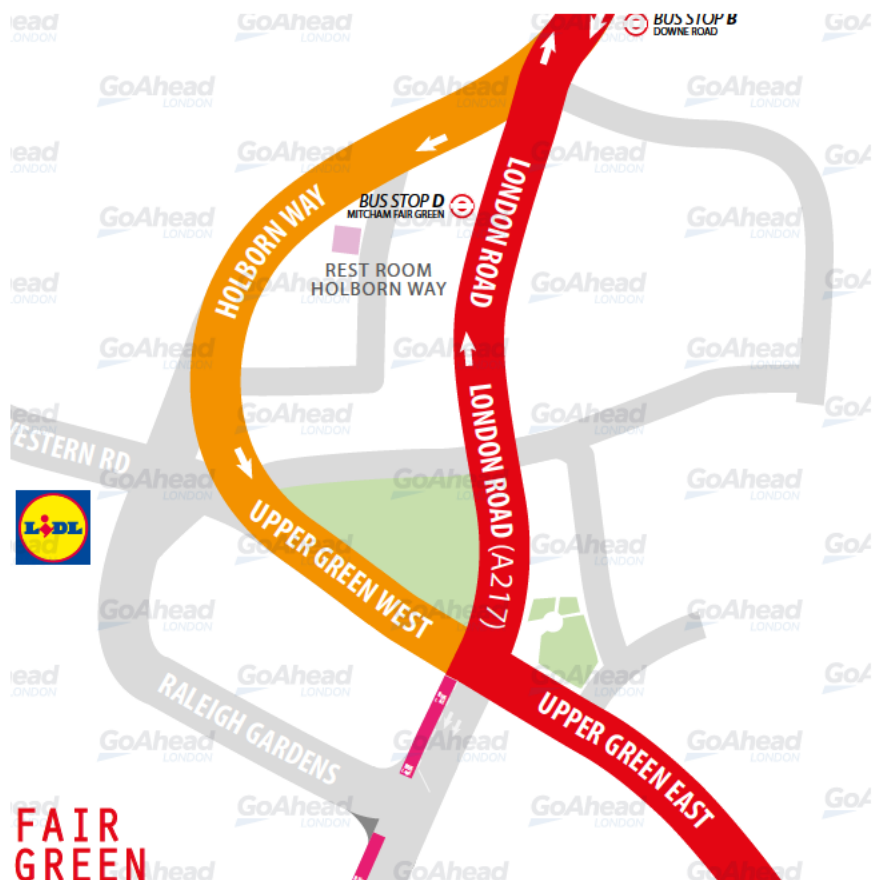
CAUTION  
PEDESTRIANS  
CROSSING. TAKE  
EXTRA CARE.

**From Brixton.** Proceed from London Road via Holborn Way and Upper Green West. Set down on London Road at **BUS STOP B**.

**Towards Brixton.** Depart to London Road.  
Pick up on London Road at **BUS STOP D**.

Turning point only - buses must not stand.

Blind display: **MITCHAM**.



# TOOTING STATION

CURTAILMENT POINT

IMPORTANT  
PLEASE ENSURE  
YOU USE YOUR  
**RIBAS KEY** ON  
EVERY TRIP

**From Brixton.** Proceed from Mitcham Road via Longley Road to stand. Set down on Mitcham Road at **BUS STOP TT**.

**Towards Brixton.** Depart via Longley Road, Bickersteth Road and Renmuir Street to Mitcham Road. Pick up on Mitcham Road at **BUS STOP TD**.

Public stand for two buses on south side of Longley Road.

Blind display: **TOOTING STATION**.



# TOOTING

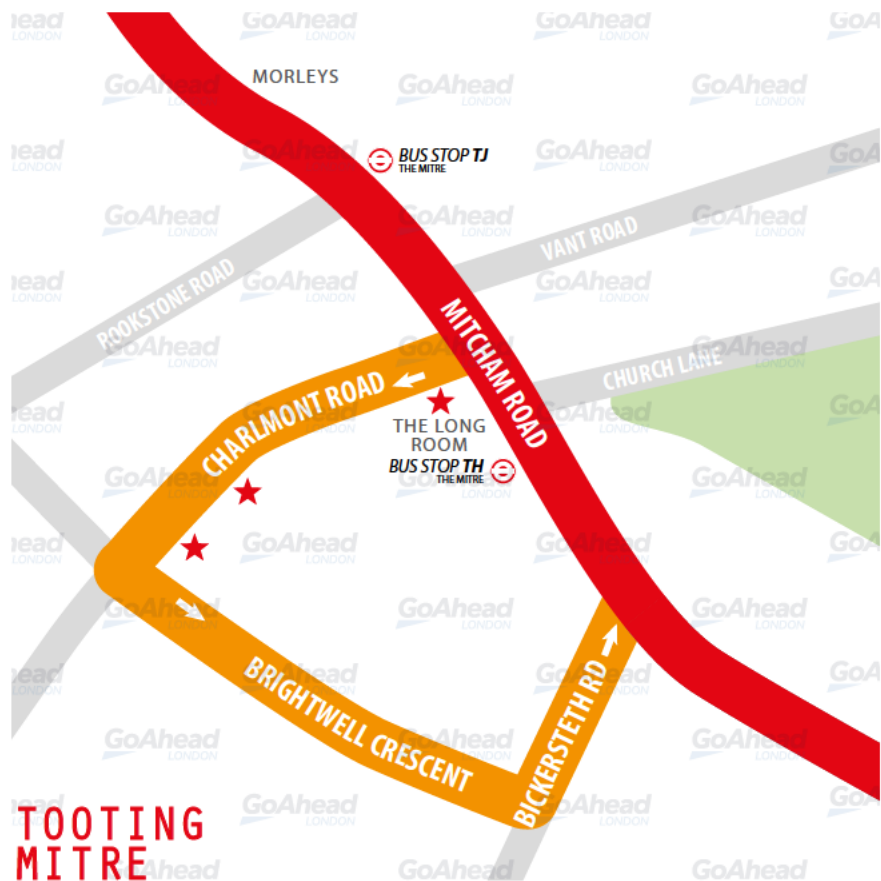
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**From Brixton.** Proceed from Mitcham Road via Charlmont Road to stand. Set down on Mitcham Road at **BUS STOP TJ**.

**Towards Brixton.** Depart via Charlmont Road, Brightwell Crescent and Bickersteth Road to Mitcham Road. Pick up on Mitcham Road at **BUS STOP TH**.

Public stand for three buses on south east side of Charlmont Road in three portions. **Blind display: TOOTING STATION.**





# TOOTING BEC

CURTALMENT POINT

SWITCH THE  
ENGINE OFF  
WHILST AT THE  
STAND

**From Brixton.** Proceed from Balham High Road via Trinity Road, Upper Tooting Park to stand. Set down on Balham High Rd at **BUS STOP G.**

**Towards Brixton.** Depart via Upper Tooting Park to Balham High Road. Pick up on Balham High Road at **BUS STOP L.**

**From Mitcham.** Proceed from Upper Tooting Road via Trinity Road and Upper Tooting Park to stand. Set down on Balham High Rd at **BUS STOP C.**

**Towards Mitcham.** Depart via Upper Tooting Park to Balham High Road. Pick up on Balham High Road at **BUS STOP G.**

Public stand for two buses on north side of Upper Tooting Park.

Blind display: **TOOTING BEC.**



# BALHAM

TURNING POINT

**TURNING POINT ONLY.**  
BUSES MUST NOT STAND.

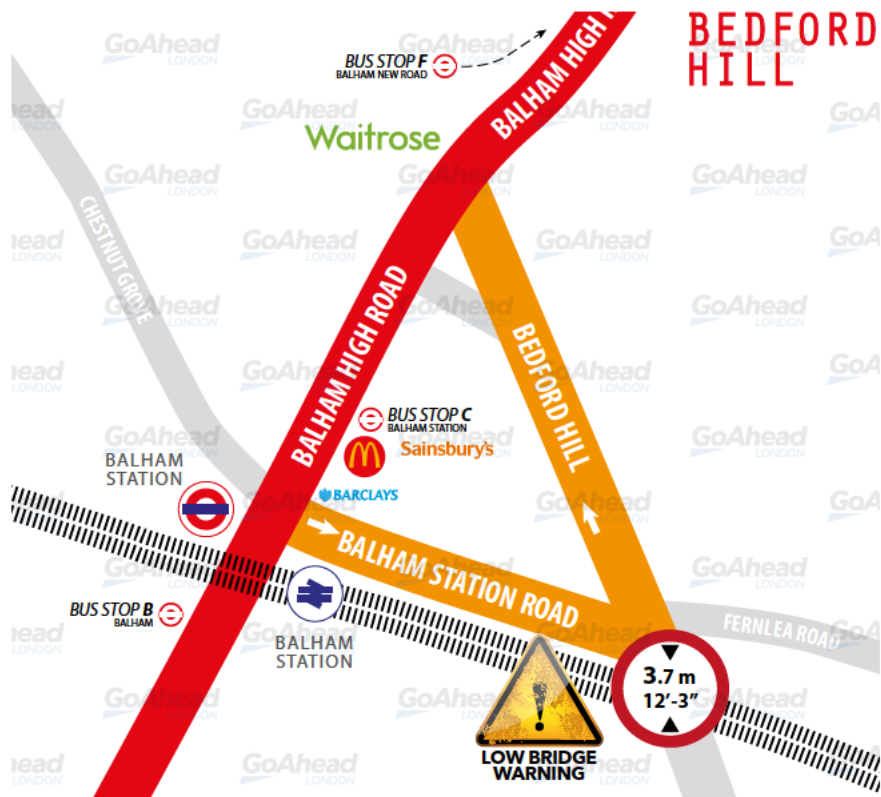
**From Brixton.** Proceed from Balham High Road via Balham Station Road and Bedford Hill. Set down on Balham High Rd at **BUS STOP C.**

**Towards Brixton.** Depart to Balham High Road.  
Pick up on Balham High Road at **BUS STOP D.**

**From Mitcham.** Proceed from Balham High Road via Balham Station Road and Bedford Hill. Set down on Balham High Road at **BUS STOP B.**

**Towards Mitcham.** Depart to Balham High Road.  
Pick up on Balham High Road at **BUS STOP C.**

Turning point only - buses must not stand. Blind display: **BALHAM.**



# CLAPHAM PARK

TURNING POINT

**TURNING POINT ONLY.**  
BUSES MUST NOT STAND.

**From Mitcham.** Proceed from Poynders Road via Clarence Avenue and Atkins Road. Set down on Poynders Road at **BUS STOP U**.

**Towards Mitcham.** Depart to Poynders Road. Pick up on Poynders Road at **BUS STOP S**.

Turning point only - buses must not stand.

Blind display: **CLAPHAM PARK**.



# BRIXTON

TERMINUS POINT

SWITCH THE  
ENGINE OFF  
WHILST AT THE  
STAND

**From Mitcham.** Proceed from Brixton Road via Stockwell Road and Stockwell Park Walk to stand. Set down on Brixton Road at **BUS STOP R**.

**Towards Mitcham.** Depart via Stockwell Park Walk to Brixton Road. Pick up on Brixton Road at **BUS STOP F**.

Public stand for ten buses on the north side of Stockwell Park Walk. Buses must only park within the bus cage on the left hand side of the road.

**Blind display:** **BRIXTON.**



## LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE

SEE RISK ASSESSMENT VIEWABLE UPON REQUEST



### **VOLUME OF CYCLISTS | CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY (A24)**

Number of cyclists. Be aware of the number of cyclists riding on the blue surfaced Cycle Superhighway which in some places runs inside bus lanes and cuts across bus stops, particularly during peak periods. When pulling away from bus stops be particularly careful at cyclists overtaking.

### **TURNING CIRCLE | COMMONSIDE WEST**

This can be an extremely busy road with vehicles approaching at speed. Before turning, stop and use all round observation before turning right into the turning circle, be aware of oncoming vehicles.

### **POST AT EDGE OF PAVEMENT | COMMONSIDE WEST**

Take care when negotiating the turning circle and be aware of three posts on the offside.

### **LOW TREES | COMMONSIDE WEST**

Care should be taken to avoid. Collision with trees overhanging the road. Take particular care where the road layout has changed, for example road works, or after heavy rain that could weigh down branches.

### **CYCLISTS | COMMONSIDE WEST TOWARDS BRIXTON**

Pedestrians and cyclists. Be aware pedestrians walking from all directions.

### **PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS | LONDON ROAD**

Care and caution should be taken. During school holidays and summer events, there are more pedestrians about so extra vigilance is needed. There may be vulnerable road users around who are not aware of the dangers associated with vehicles and their actions are not predictable.

### **DANGER OF COLLISION | LONDON ROAD/GRENFELL ROAD**

Collision danger – End of bus lane and road narrows. Be aware of passing traffic when pulling away from bus stop.

### **PARKED VEHICLES | LONDON ROAD**

Parking on both sides of the road. Ensure that there is enough road space to proceed and look out for oncoming vehicles.

# LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE

FULL RISK ASSESSMENT VIEWABLE UPON REQUEST



## **PARKED VEHICLES | RENMUIR STREET**

Parking on both sides of the road and speed tables. Drive slowly over speed tables. Be aware of clearance distance from parked wider vehicles.

## **BUSY PEDESTRIAN AREA | MITCHAM ROAD**

Parking on both sides of road. Drive slowly and be very careful of pedestrians stepping into path of the bus.

## **SPEED TABLES | MITCHAM ROAD**

Reduce speed to allow a comfortable mount and dismount of speed table.

## **PEDESTRIANS | TOOTING HIGH ST/UPPER TOOTING RD**

Parked vehicles. Ensure that there is enough road space to proceed. Drive slowly and be very careful of pedestrians stepping into path of bus;

## **VARIOUS HAZARDS | TRINITY RD/UPPER TOOTING PARK**

Curtailments only. Parked vehicles, traffic calming measures, care right turn into Upper Tooting Park Take care over humps, drive slowly to negotiate island and speed humps. Extreme care when turning right to avoid street furniture.

## **VOLUME OF PEDESTRIANS | BALHAM TOWN CENTRE**

Parked vehicles. Ensure that there is enough road space to proceed. Drive slowly and be very careful of pedestrians stepping into the path of your bus.

## **NARROW ROAD | BALHAM STATION**

Straddle both lanes and use hand signals if needed.

## **DIAGONAL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING | BALHAM STATION**

Look out for pedestrian crossing in an diagonal direction.

## **LOW BRIDGE | BEDFORD HILL**

Double deck vehicles should not be driven along Bedford Hill south of the junction with Balham Station Road. Take particular care to use correct working when curtailment at Balham Station depending on from which direction.



## LOCAL HAZARDS & POINTS TO NOTE

SEE RISK ASSESSMENT VIEWABLE UPON REQUEST



### **BELL | CAVENDISH ROAD/C COMMON SOUTHSIDE**

Bells on kerbside and pedestrians crossing. Straddle both lanes. Tight left hand turn. Use caution when turning left.

### **LOW TREES | CAVENDISH ROAD/C COMMON SOUTHSIDE**

Take care if you are using double deck vehicles.

### **TRAFFIC MERGING FROM RIGHT | POYNDERS ROAD**

Be aware of traffic including other buses merging from the right across to the bus stops having left the Atkins Road bus stand.

### **PARKED VEHICLES AND SPEED CUSHIONS | KINGS AVENUE**

20 mph speed limit. Ensure that there is enough road space to proceed. Drive slowly over speed tables. Low trees - take care if you are using double deck bus.

### **TIGHT LEFT TURN | ACRE LANE/ KINGS AVENUE**

Towards Mitcham. Drive slowly and ensure that the traffic waiting on Kings Avenue is not ahead of the stop line.

### **CYCLE LANE | ACRE LANE**

Cycle Lanes shared with normal lanes. Check mirrors for cyclists at all times.

### **VOLUME OF PEDESTRIANS | BRIXTON AREA**

Drive slowly and be very careful of pedestrians stepping into path of bus.

### **BUS GATE | STOCKWELL PARK WALK**

Bus gate (buses have traffic light priority for right turn). Check Brixton Road is clear and be aware of traffic travelling on your nearside when turning right. Be prepared to move up as buses in front move off to make room for further vehicles to stand.

### **SCHOOL CHILDREN | SCHOOLS EN ROUTE**

Lambeth Academy, Chestnut Grove School, La Retraite RC Girls' School, Alderbrook Primary School. Be aware of pupils surging into the road space when arriving at bus stops at school closing times.

# OTHER INFORMATION

## CODES AND EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURES

REMAIN CALM:  
GIVE ACCURATE  
INFORMATION.  
WE'RE HERE  
TO ASSIST!

### ROUTE 355 | CURTAILMENT ABBREVIATIONS

<b>BRX</b>	Brixton Station	<b>CLP</b>	Clapham Park
<b>BLM</b>	Balham Station	<b>TBC</b>	Tooting Bec Station
<b>TTM</b>	Tooting The Mitre	<b>TS</b>	Tooting Station
<b>MFG</b>	Mitcham, Fair Green	<b>MCW</b>	Commonside West

### FACILITIES | THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE.

- **Commonside West.** Pavilion in Mitcham.
- **Stockwell Park Walk.** Stand-alone toilet in Brixton.

### CODE RED | EMERGENCY RADIO PROCEDURE

If you require the emergency services to attend your vehicle (for example in the event of passenger injury, assault or major RTA), you should contact CentreComm using the radio's Code Red facility. To call CentreComm, **hold down the Code Red button on your vehicle's radio for at least 3 seconds** until you hear a ringing tone to indicate that your call has been connected. Hold down the foot switch in the cab when you are speaking, and end what you have to say with the word "over" to indicate that you expect a response, or "over and out" if this is the end of your communication. Release the foot switch when you are not speaking. Remember to speak slowly and clearly. Note that you will usually receive a radio call from your depot shortly after you make a Code Red call. *You should not use the radio whilst the vehicle is in motion.*

CODE  
GREEN

Call your garage for non-emergency, mechanical defects, help or advice

CODE  
BLUE

Call CentreComm for non-emergency, incident reporting or diversions

CODE  
RED

Call CentreComm for emergency services, passenger injury or assault

# CLAPHAM SOUTH

CROSSING THE JUNCTION TO CAVENDISH ROAD

STRADDLE  
BOTH LANES  
WHEN CROSSING  
TO CAVENDISH  
ROAD

Towards Brixton from Balham Hill, turn left onto The Avenue (A205) and then take the first right back onto The Avenue heading east onto Cavendish Road. As you are crossing this junction, please **straddle both lanes** if safe to do so to avoid other vehicles cutting in front of you. Towards Mitcham on Cavendish Road please **straddle both lanes** and **be aware of the bell bollards** to the nearside of your bus as you turn left onto Clapham Common South Side.

