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Prime Minister
Seems exciting. I assume
you would wish the Policy
Unit to explore
this possibility
further.

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CANARY WHARF/TRANSPORTATION

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Two days after you drove the first pile at Canary Wharf I visited the areas to see the changes that had taken place since I last visited docklands six years ago.

I was amazed, delighted and excited at the progress that has been made and the potential for the future.

My guides were Olympia and York who's main aim was to introduce me to the transport infrastructure problems of the area and one potential solution.

Both the problem and the solution are commercially sensitive.

The Problem

The Docklands Light Railway has achieved its objective of encouraging development in docklands but it may not be the most practical or cost effective way of serving the scale of development now envisaged.

Indeed, the transportation infrastructure may prove to be a choke on growth and economic development in the area. It is not in the interests of O&Y to admit this publicly.

The Solution Proposed

Rather than just suppressing the issue, O&Y in their entrepreneurial way have proposed an imaginative solution - extending the Bakerloo line!

The proposed route (see attachment) would link:

Waterloo - London Bridge - Surrey Docks -
Isle of Dogs - Greenwich

and thence onwards along the existing surface line to Stratford.

Direct access to East London and docklands would then be available from Waterloo, the West End and Paddington. (If a Heathrow-Paddington high speed link is built it should be possible to travel from Heathrow to the Isle of Dogs in less than one hour).

Most importantly the line would be heavy duty-high capacity and would open up the development potential in Surrey Docks, the Greenwich Peninsular and the Lea Valley. Again this is commercially sensitive.

The Next Steps

O&Y have discussed the scheme with Paul Channon who, I believe, is quite impressed with the way it has been thought through. His officials and LRT are evaluating the proposal more carefully to see if it fits in with their plans for improvements to London's transportation system.

Are you interested in knowing more?

Yes please

Do you wish me to follow this up with Paul Channon?

Yes

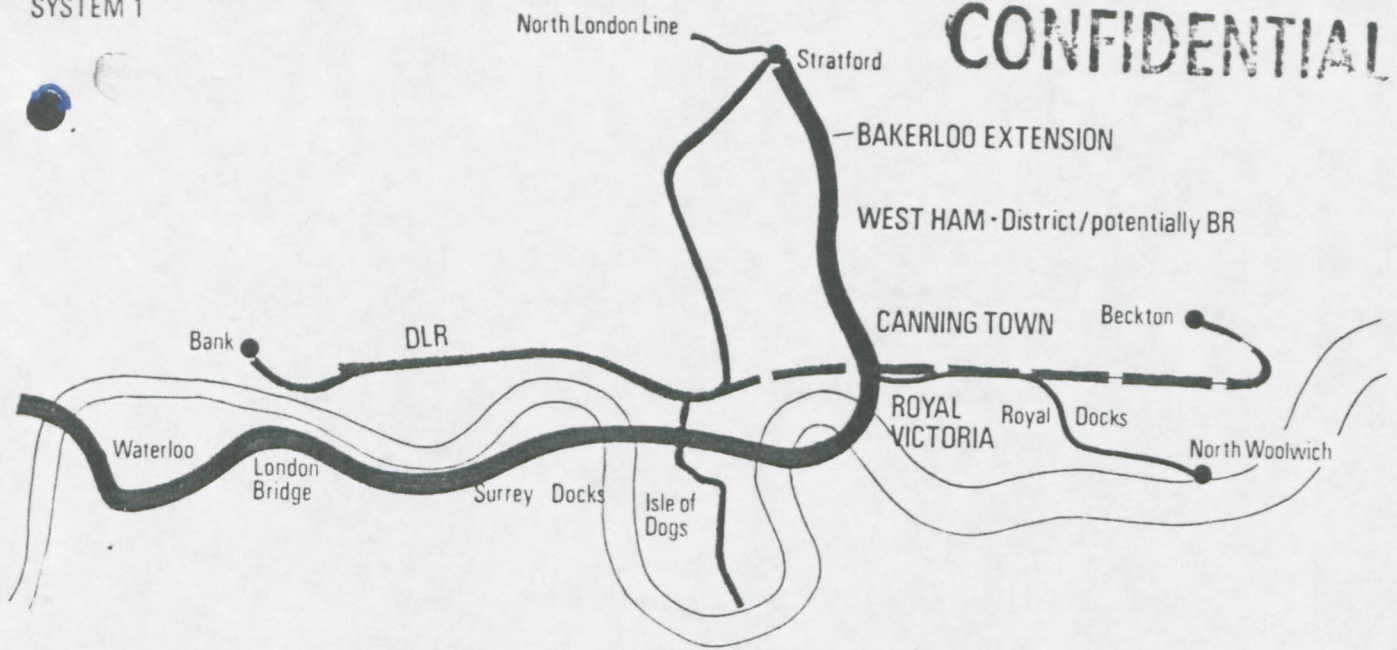
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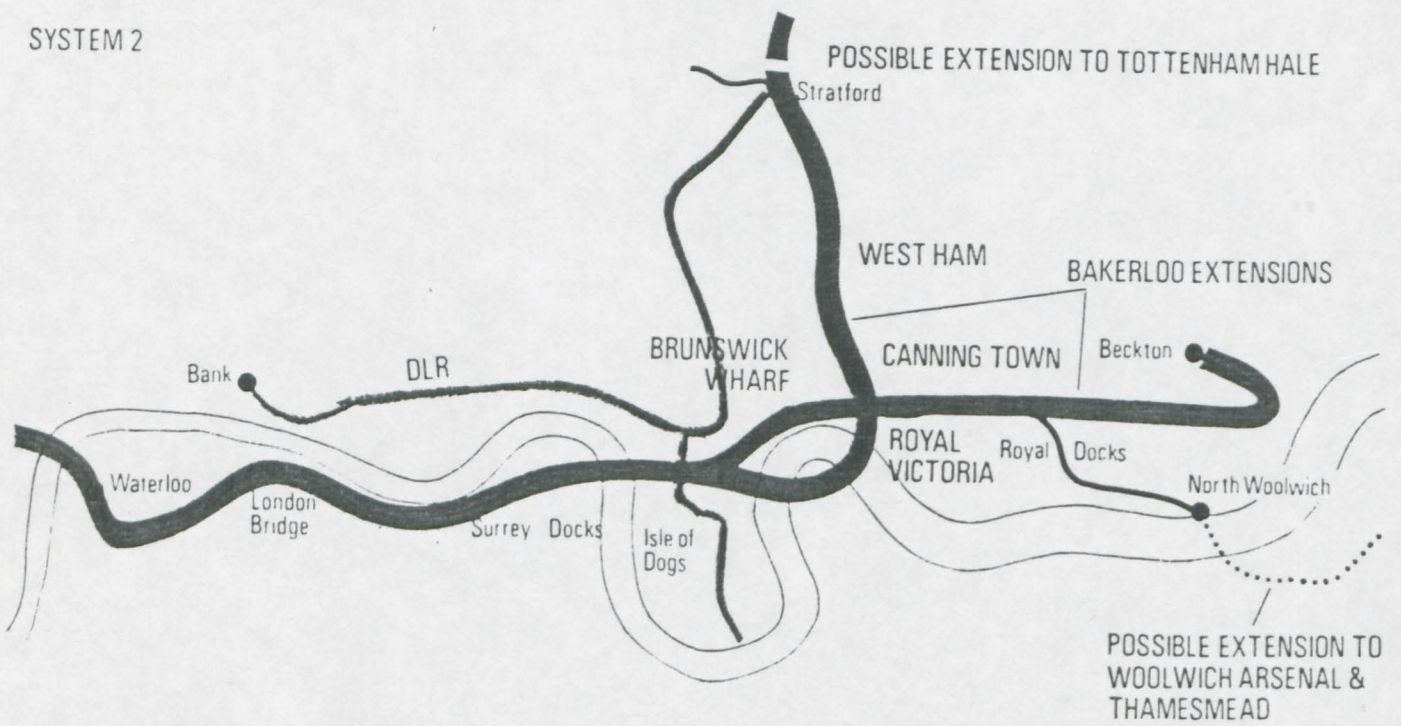


Figure A. System options

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