

ROUTES BETWEEN KING'S CROSS STATION, ANGEL AND SENSE OFFICES

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Introduction

This document describes our recommended routes between King's Cross St Pancras Station, Angel Underground Station and the Sense offices at 101 Pentonville Road. 10 distinct routes are described:

- From the main entrance of King's Cross Station to the Sense offices by bus;
- From the Euston Road South exit of King's Cross Underground Station, to the Sense offices on foot;
- From the Pentonville Road exit of King's Cross Underground Station, to the Sense offices on foot;
- From the Sense offices to the Euston Road South entrance to King's Cross Underground Station on foot;
- from the Sense offices to the Pentonville Road entrance to King's Cross Underground Station, on foot;
- From the Sense offices to the Euston Road South entrance to King's Cross Underground Station by bus;
- From Angel Underground Station to the Sense offices on foot;
- From Angel Underground Station to the Sense offices by bus;
- From the Sense offices to Angel Underground Station on foot and
- From the Sense offices to Angel Underground Station by bus.

The Pentonville Road entrance/exit to King's Cross Underground Station (formerly King's Cross Thameslink) is open between 7 am and 8 pm Monday through Friday. Whilst we recognise that routes between here and the Sense offices are easier, we've included the description of routes to other entrances to King's Cross Station, which you'll need to use outside these hours.

These routes are based on the data gleaned during our survey of 23 January 2008, which is subject to change over time. In particular, we expect the more difficult road crossings to be modernised – including the installation of pedestrian controls with rotating cones over the next two years. Of particular concern are the junctions between Euston Road (west), York Way (north) Pentonville and Grays Inn roads (east) and between Pentonville Road (east/west) and Penton Rise (northeast/southwest).

This document does not include details of the Sense offices, which are the subject of a separate document.

Describe Online has published an online guide to Angel Underground Station and we hope to provide a similar guide to the King's Cross St Pancras complex within the next few months.

Overview

This guide describes the south side of Pentonville Road, between King's Cross and Islington Angel. Our routes generally follow the south side of this road, on the recommendation of the customer. There are, however, some very dangerous, inaccessible road crossings just east of King's Cross Station, so we advise those who wish to walk from here to the Sense offices to leave via the Euston Road South exit from King's Cross Underground Station, follow the right-hand side of Euston Road into Grays Inn Road and join Pentonville Road Via King's Cross Bridge.

We also note that buses towards Angel Underground Station turn off Pentonville Road, going Via Baron Street then White Lion Street. This latter joins Upper Street opposite the station entrance.

Our walking routes between the Sense offices and Angel Station are via the south side of Pentonville Road, including controlled, accessible crossings of Pentonville Road and Upper Street.

Unfortunately, this document does not include details of the King's Cross St Pancras station complex, which will be the subject of a separate guide. It is assumed that readers will gain assistance within the station to/from the main, Euston Road South or Pentonville Road entrances/exits. We do, however, include brief instructions on reaching the concourse from the Euston Road South entrance, where assistance could be readily obtained.

Describe Online has published a guide to Angel Station, visit www.describe-online.com/lul/angel/angelstation.htm

This guide includes relevant portions of the following bus routes:

- 30, 73, 205, 214 and 476 going east from King's Cross Station;
- 30, 73 and 476 going west from Angel Underground Station
- 30, 73, 205, 214 and 476 going west from Penton Street.

Our Routes

From the Main Exit of King's Cross Station to the Sense Offices, by Bus

Summary of Route

You catch the bus from the second (east) stop outside the main entrance, get off at the third stop (Penton Street), continue forward to the simple crossing of

Pentonville Road then come back (west) on the south side of Pentonville Road to the Sense office.

Detailed Route

From the main exit of King's Cross Mainline Station, turn left (east). There are two bus stops near the kerb, outside the station. The first stop serves buses towards Blackfriars, which are not relevant to this survey.

The second, about 50 metres east, with a shelter with seating east of the stop serves 30, 73, 205, 214 and 476. This stop is almost opposite a small branch of Boots.

Whilst travelling east, you pass two stops: King's Cross Road and Penton Rise, before getting off the bus at Penton Street.

Continue (east), up the hill. You pass two posts on your right before locating the tactile paving indicating the crossing of Pentonville Road.

The crossing has the post with push button and rotating cone about a metre to your right of the tactile paving. This is actually a two-stage crossing with a central tactile island, though it can be treated as a single-stage if you move fairly quickly.

Having crossed Pentonville Road, turn right (west) and pass:

- lamp post on right
- down slope
- small bollard on right
- entrance to Safe Store on left
- metal bollards on left
- two entrances (dips in pavement)
- exit from no. 91, with exit car traps
- tree on left
- entrance to no. 91
- large tree on left
- path to Sense offices, about 10 metres beyond the entrance to no. 91.

From the Euston Road South Exit of King's Cross Underground Station to the Sense Offices, on Foot

Summary of Route

From the east exit on the south side of Euston Road, we continue east, across two side streets, into Grays Inn Road. We locate the crossing onto the right-hand (east) side of King's Cross Bridge and follow this (north) onto the south side of Pentonville Road, where we turn right towards the Sense offices. This route includes the crossing of Penton Rise at which there are currently no rotating cones.

Detailed Route

From the East exit on the south side of Euston Road, continue (east) across Crestfield Street then Birkenhead Street. These are small side streets with tactile paving but no pedestrian controlled crossing. They are one way streets with traffic coming from Euston Road to your left, going south. We noticed no traffic at the time of our survey.

Follow the pavement which veers right into Grays Inn Road, ignoring the tactile paving which indicates uncontrolled crossings to your left, then continue for about 50 metres to locate the second of two sets of tactile paving opposite King's Cross Bridge.

This crossing of Grays Inn Road has no pedestrian control, though the red and green man symbols are shown. All traffic comes from your right (east) so this is a safe crossing when this traffic is stopped.

Cross Grays Inn Road and continue, along the right-hand (east) side of King's Cross Bridge, to the junction with Pentonville Road, turn right here.

As you continue (east) on the south side of Pentonville road, four pillars on your right indicate the King's Cross Pentonville Road exit from the station. There are cash dispensers on the wall between the first two pillars, whilst the two automatic doors are beyond the second pillar. There are two more pillars beyond (east of) the entrance. There's a bus stop, called King's Cross Road, opposite the recess between the first two pillars.

Continue (east) to the junction with Pentonville Road and King's Cross Road.

The crossing of King's Cross Road is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving. As you cross from the west, there's a post to each side of you, the right-hand (south) post has a rotating cone. Traffic comes from your left, going south.

As you continue (east) on Pentonville Road, the pavement slopes down to your right. You go up a slight slope, past a gap in the buildings, to Lorenzo Street.

Lorenzo Street has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. There's a very shallow drop kerb. Traffic is one way from your left, going south.

As you continue (east) up the slope, at the time of our survey, there were recycling bins, some within and some outside a fenced area to your right (south). It is hoped that those outside the fenced area, i.e. on the pavement will be removed. Tactile paving indicates a two-stage crossing of Pentonville Road, which you ignore. Continue to Weston Rise.

Weston Rise has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your right, going north.

Continue (east) passing a bus stop on your left, to the junction with Penton Rise.

The Junction with Pentonville Road (East/West) and Penton Rise (Northeast/Southwest).

All traffic travelling west on Pentonville Road, except buses must go southwest along Penton Rise. The crossing has tactile paving, pedestrian control, but no rotating cones. The post is on your right when crossing to the east. Most of the traffic will turn from Pentonville Road, but some will come straight along Penton Rise. All traffic at this junction will stop when it's safe to cross.

As we continue east, we ignore the tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road. As we go up the hill, we pass Middleton House (The Citizens Advice Bureau) on our right, metal railings, then the entrance to the Sense car park. There's a row of low bollards with good colour contrast outside the frontage of the Sense building. There's car parking between here and the building itself. You pass a tree and a lamp post on your right before reaching the entrance path, indicated by high colour contrast, tactile paving. There's a large tree and a slightly steeper slope just beyond the entrance.

From the Pentonville Road Exit of King's Cross Underground Station to the Sense Offices, on Foot

Summary of Route

From the station exit, we turn right and continue along the south side of Pentonville Road, towards the Sense offices. This route includes the crossing of Penton Rise at which there are currently no rotating cones.

Detailed Route

Leave the station via the automatic doors and turn right. There are two pillars beyond (east of) the entrance. Continue (east) to the junction with Pentonville Road and King's Cross Road.

The crossing of King's Cross Road is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving. As you cross from the west, there's a post to each side of you, the right-hand (south) post has a rotating cone. Traffic comes from your left, going south.

As you continue (east) on Pentonville Road, the pavement slopes down to your right. You go up a slight slope, past a gap in the buildings, to Lorenzo Street.

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Weston Rise has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your right, going north.

Continue (east) passing a bus stop on your left, to the junction with Penton Rise.

The Junction with Pentonville Road (East/West) and Penton Rise (Northeast/Southwest).

All traffic travelling west on Pentonville Road, except buses must go southwest along Penton Rise. The crossing has tactile paving, pedestrian control, but no rotating cones. The post is on your right when crossing to the east. Most of the traffic will turn from Pentonville Road, but some will come straight along Penton Rise. All traffic at this junction will stop when it's safe to cross.

As we continue east, we ignore the tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road. As we go up the hill, we pass Middleton House (The Citizens Advice Bureau) on our right, metal railings, then the entrance to the Sense car park. There's a row of low bollards with good colour contrast outside the frontage of the Sense building. There's car parking between here and the building itself. You pass a tree and a lamp post on your right before reaching the entrance path, indicated by high colour contrast, tactile paving. There's a large tree and a slightly steeper slope just beyond the entrance.

From the Sense Offices to the Euston Road South Entrance to King's Cross Underground Station, on Foot

Summary of Route

We turn left outside the Sense offices and follow the south side of Pentonville Road till we reach King's Cross Bridge. In doing this we pass the Pentonville Road entrance to King's Cross Station. We turn left along King's Cross Bridge, cross Grays Inn Road and turn right. We cross two side streets before we reach the Euston Road South entrance to the station.

This route includes the crossing of Penton Rise at which there are currently no rotating cones.

Detailed Route

Go forward from the door, onto the pavement and turn left. You're now on the south side of Pentonville Road facing west. Continue to the first junction, Penton Rise.

The Junction with Pentonville Road (East/West) and Penton Rise (Northeast/Southwest)

All traffic travelling west on Pentonville Road, except buses must go southwest along Penton Rise. The crossing has tactile paving, pedestrian control, but no rotating cones. The post is on your right when crossing to the west. Most of the traffic will turn from Pentonville Road, but some will come straight along Penton Rise. All traffic at this junction will stop when it's safe to cross.

Continue (west) passing a bus stop on your right, to the next junction, Weston Rise.

Weston Rise has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your left, going north. Continue to the next junction, Lorenzo Street.

Ignore the tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road, Just before Lorenzo Street, At the time of our survey, there were recycling bins, some within and some outside a fenced area to your left (south). It is hoped that those outside the fenced area, i.e. on the pavement will be removed.

Lorenzo Street has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. There's a very shallow drop kerb. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your right, going south. Continue to the next junction, King's Cross Road.

You pass a gap in the buildings then the pavement slopes down to your left before you reach King's Cross Road.

The Junction of Pentonville Road (East/West) and King's Cross Road (South).

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. As you cross from the east, there's a post to each side, the right-hand (north) post has the rotating cone. Traffic comes from your right, going south. Continue to King's Cross Bridge.

You pass the Pentonville Road entrance to King's Cross Station on your left. There are four pillars outside this entrance, the automatic doors are beyond the second pillar, whilst there are cash dispensers in the recess beyond the third. There's a bus stop called King's Cross Road to your right, opposite this

recess. When you reach the next junction, King's Cross Bridge, turn left and continue (south) to the next Junction, Grays Inn Road.

This crossing of Grays Inn Road has no pedestrian control, though the red and green man symbols are shown. All traffic comes from your left (east) so this is a safe crossing when this traffic is stopped. Cross Grays Inn Road, turn right and follow the pavement which veers left into Euston Road after about 50 metres.

Continue, across Birkenhead Street, then Crestfield Street. These are small side streets with tactile paving but no controlled crossings. These are one way streets with traffic coming from your right, going south, though we noted no traffic at the time of our survey.

The east entrance on the south side of Euston Road is now on your right, after a few metres, follow the kerb side of the pavement to locate the top of the steps. You go down two flights of steps into the subway, turn right and continue towards the Underground concourse, where you can obtain assistance from staff.

From the Sense Offices to the Pentonville Road Entrance to King's Cross Underground Station, on Foot

Summary of Route

We turn left outside the Sense offices and follow the south side of Pentonville Road till we reach the Pentonville Road entrance to King's Cross Underground Station. This route includes the crossing of Penton Rise at which there are currently no rotating cones.

Detailed Route

Go forward from the door, onto the pavement and turn left. You're now on the south side of Pentonville Road facing west. Continue to the first junction, Penton Rise.

The Junction with Pentonville Road (East/West) and Penton Rise (Northeast/Southwest)

All traffic travelling west on Pentonville Road, except buses must go southwest along Penton Rise. The crossing has tactile paving, pedestrian control, but no rotating cones. The post is on your right when crossing to the west. Most of the traffic will turn from Pentonville Road, but some will come straight along Penton Rise. All traffic at this junction will stop when it's safe to cross.

Continue (west) passing a bus stop on your right, to the next junction, Weston Rise.

Weston Rise has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your left, going north. Continue to the next junction, Lorenzo Street.

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Lorenzo Street has tactile paving on each side. This is a small side street with no controlled crossing. There's a very shallow drop kerb. This is a one way street, traffic comes from your right, going south. Continue to the next junction, King's Cross Road.

You pass a gap in the buildings then the pavement slopes down to your left before you reach King's Cross Road.

The Junction of Pentonville Road (East/West) and King's Cross Road (South).

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. As you cross from the east, there's a post to each side, the right-hand (north) post has the rotating cone. Traffic comes from your right, going south. As you continue (west), you reach the Pentonville Road entrance to King's Cross Underground Station on your left, the automatic doors are beyond the second pillar outside this entrance.

From the Sense Offices to the Euston Road South Entrance of King's Cross Station, by Bus

Summary of Route

Rather than braving the Penton Rise crossing, we recommend you turn right from the office, go to the next bus stop and catch a bus from here to St Pancras International Station, which is just beyond the west entrance on Euston Road South to King's Cross Underground Station. Note that the 214 service turns right along St Pancras Road, before this entrance so, if you catch this, you'll need to get off at the King's Cross Station stop which is some distance before King's Cross Station itself, or the King's Cross Road stop, which is outside the Pentonville Road entrance to the station.

Detailed Route

Go forward from the door, onto the pavement and turn right. You're now on the south side of Pentonville Road, facing east.

You go up the slope, cross a dip in the pavement, which is the entrance to no. 91, pass railings and a large tree then cross the exit from no. 91. Note that there are metal car trap plates sticking up across this exit, beware! You do

have to veer right to hit these. Continue to the next junction, Claremont Square.

The Junction of Pentonville Road (East/West), Claremont Square (South) and Penton Street (North).

There's a crossing of Pentonville Road just before this junction, which we ignore. The crossing of Claremont Square is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and a post with rotating cone to each side. Traffic can come either way.

As you continue (east) you pass tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road to your left and a wall on your right. After a few metres, you locate the bus stop on your left called Penton Street, which serves 30, 73, 205 and 214. Note that the 214 turns right up St Pancras Road, before the Euston Road South entrance to King's Cross Station. If you catch this service, you should get off at the King's Cross Road stop, outside the Pentonville Road entrance to the station.

You pass the following stops: Penton Rise, Kings' Cross Road and King's Cross Station, before getting off at St Pancras International Station.

There are two bus stops here, on the south side of Euston Road. The east of these stops is normally the one you'd use, though this was out of use at the time of our survey.

Get off the bus and turn left (east), you're on the south side of Euston Road, continue to the next junction, Argyle Street.

The Junction of Euston Road (East/West) and Argyle Street (South)

The crossing of Argyle Street is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. The post is to your right. This is a one way street with traffic coming from your right, going north.

Cross Argyle Street then follow the left-hand (kerb) side of the pavement to locate the top of the steps, after a few metres. You go down two flights of steps into the subway then turn left towards the Underground concourse, from here you can obtain assistance from staff.

From Angel Underground Station to the Sense Offices, on Foot

Summary of Route

Our route takes us south along Upper Street to the junction with Pentonville Road from where we cross via two straightforward crossings onto the south side of Pentonville Road and turn right. From here, we proceed via another simple crossing of Claremont Square, to the offices.

Detailed Route

Describe Online has published an online guide to Angel Underground Station, please visit

www.describe-online.com/lul/angel/angelstation.htm.

Having gone through the gates, turn left, leave the station via the exit in front of you and turn left. You're now on the east side of Upper Street facing south. Continue to the next junction, Pentonville Road.

The Junction with Upper Street (North), Pentonville Road (West), St John Street (South), City and Goswell Roads (East)

We're only concerned with the crossings of Upper Street and Pentonville Road.

The Crossing of Upper Street

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. There's a post to each side of you, the left-hand (South) post is shorter than the right. Cross Upper Street and turn left, to cross Pentonville Road.

The crossing of Pentonville Road is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving, a central tactile island and rotating cones. There's a post to each side of you, the left-hand (East) post is shorter than the right. Cross Pentonville Road and turn right, continue to the next junction, Claremont Square.

You go up a slight slope, passing a low fence with seats in recesses to your left. Beyond the entrance to a building, there's a higher fence of metal railings. After a while, you'll find a bus shelter in the pavement, move right to avoid this and continue, past the railings. You follow these railings for over 100 metres before you reach the east end of Claremont Square which is blocked to traffic. Continue, past a wall on your left and a bus stop on your right. You ignore the first set of tactile paving which indicates a crossing of Pentonville Road, before you reach the west end of Claremont Square.

The Junction Between Pentonville Road (East/West), Claremont Square (South) and Penton Street (North)

We're only concerned with the crossing of Claremont Square. This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. The post is to your right, cross Claremont Square.

As you continue (west) you cross three dips in the pavement before locating railings and a tree to your left. Cross another dip in the pavement, pass a large tree then go down a larger dip to the path towards the Sense offices.

From Angel Underground Station to the Sense Offices, by Bus

Summary of Route

We catch the 30, 73, or 476 at the second stop from the exit to the station then get off at the second stop along Pentonville Road. From here we have a simple crossing of Claremont Square before we reach the offices.

Detailed Route

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Having gone through the gates, continue forward through the exit in front of you. You're now facing north along Upper Street. You need to locate the second bus stop on your left. This pavement has a line of concrete planters with trees along the middle, the stop you need is after the eighth planter.

Note that this stop serves some buses you shouldn't catch. You need the 30, 73, or 476.

The bus will turn right into Pentonville Road. You pass the first stop and get off at the second, Penton Street.

Continue (west), past a wall on your left. You ignore the first set of tactile paving which indicates a crossing of Pentonville Road, before you reach the west end of Claremont Square.

The Junction Between Pentonville Road (East/West), Claremont Square (South) and Penton Street (North)

We're only concerned with the crossing of Claremont Square. This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. The post is to your right, cross Claremont Square.

As you continue (West) you cross three dips in the pavement before locating railings and a tree to your left. Cross another dip in the pavement, pass a large tree then go down a larger dip to the path towards the Sense offices.

From the Sense Offices to Angel Underground Station, on Foot

Summary of Route

Our route takes us along the south side of Pentonville Road, via a simple crossing of Claremont Square, to the junction with Upper Street. We reach the east side of Upper Street via two simple crossings then proceed to the station entrance.

Detailed Route

Go forward from the door, onto the pavement and turn right. You're now on the south side of Pentonville Road facing east.

You go up the slope, cross a dip in the pavement, which is the entrance to no. 91, pass railings and a large tree then cross the exit from no. 91. Note that there are metal car trap plates sticking up across this exit, beware! You do have to veer right to hit these. Continue to the next junction, Claremont Square.

The Junction of Pentonville Road (East/West), Claremont Square (South) and Penton Street (North)

You ignore the tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road just before this junction. The crossing of Claremont Square is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and a post with rotating cone to each side, traffic can come either way.

As you continue (East) you pass tactile paving indicating a crossing of Pentonville Road to your left and a wall on your right. After a few metres, you pass a bus stop on your left before you reach the east end of Claremont Square, which is blocked to traffic.

You now pass railings on your right which continue for some distance. There's a bus stop with the shelter in the middle of the pavement, avoid this and follow the railings. You pass a gap in the railings, followed by a lower metal fence on your right with seats in recesses.

You begin going down a slope, before you locate a row of bollards curving to your right, at the junction.

The Junction of St John Street (South), Pentonville Road (West), Upper Street (North), City and Goswell roads (East)

The Crossing of Pentonville Road

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving, a tactile central island and rotating cones. There's a post to each side of you, the left-hand (West) post is shorter than the right. Cross Pentonville Road and turn right.

The Crossing of Upper Street

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones. There's a post to each side of you, the left-hand (north) post is shorter than the right. Cross Upper Street and turn left.

You pass railings on your right, the entrance to Angel Square and noisy fans before you reach the entrance to Angel Underground Station. The wall retreats beyond this, across the north entrance.

From the Sense Offices to Angel Underground Station, by Bus

Summary of Route

We turn right from the office and cross Pentonville Road just before we reach Claremont Square. We turn left along the north side of Pentonville Road for a few metres to the bus stop. Note that buses turn left along Baron Street, then right along White Lion Street. From here we have a short walk to Angel Underground Station via a straightforward crossing of Upper Street.

Detailed Route

Go forward from the door, onto the pavement and turn right. You're now on the south side of Pentonville Road facing east.

You go up the slope, cross a dip in the pavement, which is the entrance to no. 91, pass railings and a large tree then cross the exit from no. 91. Note that there are metal car trap plates sticking up across this exit, beware! You do have to veer right to hit these. Continue to the tactile paving indicating the next crossing of Pentonville Road. If you find a road crossing in front of you, you've overshot. Turn back and locate the tactile paving you need, to your right.

The Crossing of Pentonville Road

This is a single-stage crossing with tactile paving, a central tactile island and rotating cones, the post is to your right. Cross Pentonville Road, turn left (west) and continue, past two posts before you reach the bus stop on your left.

We understand that all buses from here go towards Angel Underground Station. The bus will turn left along Baron Street (the first stop) then turn right into White Lion Street, where you get off.

Continue east across a blank entrance with tactile paving, pass a lamp post and road sign, the pavement narrows before you reach the junction with Upper Street. Turn left, pass a small tree in the pavement and locate the tactile paving indicating the crossing to your right.

The Crossing of Upper Street

This is a two-stage crossing with tactile paving and rotating cones, the post is to your right. Cross onto the island, turn right then left and locate the post on your left, cross to the east side of Upper Street, turn right and follow the left-hand side of the pavement into the station.