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March for the Alternative Organisers' briefing March 2011

Coach Briefing Wembley

This briefing is for people in coaches that are parking at Wembley.

Each coach will have a travel steward who we have briefed in detail about the day. There is also more information on www.marchforthealternative.org.uk.

Arriving

Where you will be dropped is a matter for your group organiser and coach driver, but as there are hundreds of coaches coming and many road closures it cannot be near to the march assembly point and you will need to complete your journey by public transport.

If you are parking at Wembley, then it is likely that you will be dropped at a Jubilee line station. Wembley Park is very near to the coach park at Wembley stadium. You will need a Zone 1-4 travelcard @ £7:30 wherever you are dropped as you will return to Wembley Park (zone 4)

On the Jubilee you should go to Southwark, from where it is a short walk to Blackfriars Bridge. Do not use Westminster as it is further away, and you will be entering the march from the wrong end. Waterloo is an option for early arrivals but it will also be being used by Northern and Bakerloo line travellers – and it is likely that you will be diverted further along the river.

If you have been dropped off near a Bakerloo line station you should get off at Embankment or Waterloo (only use Embankment if you arrive before 11am as we expect that part to become very congested early on and if you arrive later you will be diverted via the Strand by our stewards.)

Listen for last minute announcements as we will be working with Transport for London to provide information to travellers on the day.

Where you join the march will depend on what time you arrive. There are zones at the start of the march for particular unions, but once these fill up (and we expect that to happen pretty fast) we will direct new arrivals to the rear of the march. As we do not want people to join the march from the front, we will have stewards on bridges across the Thames to guide marchers. At some stage during the day it is likely that we will divert marchers from Blackfriars Bridge to Southwark Bridge.



Returning to your coach

To return to your coach you will need to get the Jubilee line from Bond St or Metropolitan line from Baker St tube. Both run direct to Wembley Park.

To get to either you should leave via Speakers' Corner and walk along Oxford Street. Speakers Corner is the opposite end of Hyde Park to where the march enters. To get to Bond Street tube, simply carry on along Oxford St.

Baker St is a longer walk, but the Metropolitan line is a fast service and Wembley Park is the second stop. Start off walking along Oxford St and then turn left up Orchard St on the left. This becomes Baker St after a few hundred yards, and you need to walk up to the main road at the top where you will see the tube.

