

Factsheet

Docklands Light Railway (DLR)

Only three years after construction began the DLR opened in 1987 serving the first developments in East London's Docklands with 11 trains and 15 stations.

The original railway cost £77 million and used 13 kilometres of track, much of which was disused or underused railway track.

DLR has spent over £1 billion upgrading and extending DLR since that time with extensions constructed to Bank, Beckton, Lewisham, London City Airport and Woolwich Arsenal.

Today the DLR has 31 kilometres of railway track with 40 stations and 110 trains (149 by 2010) and currently carry 67 million passengers a year. We expect passenger numbers to rise to more than 80 million by 2010. Since opening in 1987, over half a billion passenger journeys have been made on the DLR.

