

= Acton Town tube station =

Acton Town is a London Underground station in the south @-@ west corner of Acton , west London , in the London Borough of Ealing , close to the border with the London Borough of Hounslow . The station is served by the District and Piccadilly lines and is in Travelcard Zone 3 . On the District line , it is between Chiswick Park and Ealing Common stations , and on the Piccadilly line it is between Hammersmith (Turnham Green in the early mornings and late evenings) and Ealing Common on the Uxbridge branch & South Ealing on the Heathrow branch .

Acton Town station was opened as Mill Hill Park on 1 July 1879 by the District Railway (DR , now the District line) . It remained as a terminus until on 1 May 1883 and 23 June 1903 the DR opened two branches from Acton Town to Hounslow Town and Park Royal & Twyford Abbey respectively . On 4 July 1932 the Piccadilly line was extended to Acton Town . District line services to both the Hounslow and Uxbridge branches were withdrawn completely on 9 and 10 October 1964 after which operations were provided by the Piccadilly line alone .

The original brick @-@ built station was built in 1879 and in February 1910 the station building was reconstructed . On 1 March 1910 the station was given its present name . In 1931 and 1932 the station was rebuilt again in preparation for transferring the Uxbridge branch service from the District line to the Piccadilly line . The new station was designed by Charles Holden in a modern European geometric style using brick , reinforced concrete and glass .

= = Location = =

The station is at the junction of Gunnersbury Lane (A4000) and Bollo Lane . To the south @-@ west of the station is the former Acton Works , central overhaul and engineering works for the London Underground . It is now home to the London Transport Museum 's reserve collection of rail and road vehicles (as known as London Transport Museum Depot or Museum Depot) . The museum depot is opened to the public on a number of weekends throughout the year . To the north of the station is the District line 's Ealing Common Depot .

Frank Pick House is near the station , on Gunnersbury Lane . It is named after Frank Pick , the London Passenger Transport Board 's chief executive . It is home to one of the engineering departments of the London Underground .

= = History = =

= = = District line = = =

= = = = Hounslow and Uxbridge branches = = = =

Acton Town station was opened as Mill Hill Park on 1 July 1879 by the District Railway (DR , now the District line) on its extension from Turnham Green to Ealing Broadway . On 1 May 1883 the DR opened a branch from Acton Town to the now defunct Hounslow Town station , which developed into the Heathrow branch . On 23 June 1903 the DR tracks extended north of Acton Town to a new station at Park Royal & Twyford Abbey which became the first of the Underground 's surface lines to use electric traction instead of steam with the Acton Town ? Ealing Common section also electrified . The existing deep tube lines , (City and South London Railway , Waterloo & City Railway (now Waterloo & City line) and Central London Railway) had always been electrically powered . Services on the Hounslow branch (now the Heathrow branch) and to Central London were electrified on 13 June 1905 and 1 July 1905 respectively .

= = = = South Acton branch = = = =

On 13 June 1905 passenger service began on the short branch to South Acton . A short fifth platform for the single car train of the South Acton branch was provided to the north of the eastbound island platform . At first the service ran to Hounslow West and to Uxbridge but it was later reduced to a shuttle between Acton Town and South Acton on 15 February 1932 . The South Acton branch was closed on 28 February 1959 due to low usage ; its platform at Acton Town has not been removed and is still visible . The platform is hidden behind advertising hoardings and not obvious to the casual observer . Much of the branch remains including a bridge support on the south side of Bollo Lane . In the picture , the area behind the hoarding in the background is the location of the former branch platform (Platform 5) which was only ever very short , two carriages at most .

= = = Piccadilly line = = =

On 4 July 1932 the Piccadilly line was extended west from its original terminus at Hammersmith and shared the route with the District line to Ealing Common . From Ealing Common to South Harrow , the District line was replaced by the Piccadilly line , and from that date , District line trains from Acton Town ran only either to Hounslow West or to Ealing Broadway . On 9 January 1933 Piccadilly line trains , sharing with the District line , began serving Northfields on the Hounslow branch , and their service was extended to Hounslow West on 13 March 1933 but Piccadilly line trains did not call at South Ealing until 1935 . District line services on the Hounslow branch were withdrawn on 9 and 10 October 1964 after which operations were provided by the Piccadilly line alone .

= = Station building = =

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As other stations Holden designed , Acton Town station features a tall block @-@ like ticket hall rising above a low horizontal structure housing the station offices and shops . The ticket hall has a projecting London Underground roundel sign over a canopy , the brick walls of the ticket hall are punctuated with panels of clerestory windows and the structure is capped with a flat concrete slab roof . From the ticket hall enclosed stairs descend to the platforms under integral concrete canopies on paired piers in alternating broad and narrow bay formation . A part of the narrow bays is infilled by kiosks , integral poster boards , roundel signs and fixed seating . The platforms are linked by a secondary bridge at the southern end . Reinforced concrete platform canopies replaced the original timber canopies . Since 17 May 1994 , the station has been a Grade II Listed building .

The stated reason for why it should be listed was :

" Reinforced concrete post and lintel construction with red brick infill , some load @-@ bearing . Symmetrical almost square and double @-@ height ticket hall flanked by kiosks on bridge , from which parade of shops descends to Bollo Lane with secondary entrance under stepped boxed lighting to the rear . Ticket hall gives on to complex access area with open frame construction , whence enclosed stairs descend to platforms under integral concrete canopies - incorporating clerestory - on paired piers in alternating broad and narrow bay formation . The narrow bays part infilled by kiosks , integral poster boards , roundel signs and fixed seating . The platforms are linked by a secondary bridge at the southern end . All the frontage shops have their original bronzed glazing , particularly elaborate in the taller frontages to Bollo Lane and in the side passage . All shopdoors original save that to single shop east of station . The station windows metal with strong horizontal emphasis in their glazing bars . Ticket hall has projecting roundel sign over canopy , and three double @-@ height paired windows to street frontage with similar windows at upper level to rear . Exposed concrete frame to ceiling , rendered upper walls with brown tiling below . Original tiled floors . Included as an important example of Holden 's mature work for an interchange station .

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= = Services and connections = =

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Between Acton Town and Hammersmith , District line trains serve all stations , but Piccadilly line trains run non @-@ stop to Hammersmith except for calling at Turnham Green at the start and end of the day . The run between Acton Town and Hammersmith spans nearly three miles ? the longest distance between stops on the Piccadilly line . West of Acton Town , District line trains go via Ealing Common to Ealing Broadway and Piccadilly line trains run either via South Ealing to Heathrow , or via Ealing Common to Uxbridge .

= = = = District line = = = =

The typical off @-@ peak service in trains per hour (tph) is :

6tph eastbound to Upminster (Barking on Sundays)

6tph westbound to Ealing Broadway

There is also a morning service every day from Acton Town (Ealing Broadway on Saturdays) to Edgware Road and a late evening service from Edgware Road to Ealing Broadway on Sundays only .

= = = = Piccadilly line = = = =

Train frequencies vary throughout the day , but generally operate every 2 ? 5 minutes eastbound , every 5 ? 15 minutes westbound to Uxbridge (Rayners Lane in the early mornings) , and every 2 ? 7 minutes westbound to Heathrow Terminals 1 @,@ 2 @,@ 3 and 5 or via the Heathrow Terminal 4 loop .

During occasional closures on the District line , the Piccadilly line provides additional services to serve destinations on the District line such as Ealing Broadway . This is done either by diverting some trains bound for Rayners Lane and Uxbridge , or as a shuttle from Acton Town . Also , Piccadilly line trains may also run on the District line tracks between Hammersmith and Acton Town to serve the District line stations with no platforms on the Piccadilly line , namely Ravenscourt Park , Stamford Brook , Turnham Green and Chiswick Park .

= = = Connections = = =

London Bus routes 207 , 427 , 440 and E3 , and night routes N7 , N11 and N207 serve the station . Bus route 207 stretches from Southall to White City while route 440 goes from Gunnersbury to Stonebridge Park . Bus route 427 begins at the station and terminates at Uxbridge . Bus route E3 starts from Chiswick and ends at Greenford . Night route N7 runs from Northolt to Russell Square . Route N11 starts at Ealing Broadway and ends at Liverpool Street while route N207 stretches from Oxford Circus to Uxbridge .

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