

EUSTON ARCH

THE GATEWAY TO A NEW EUSTON

Euston Station will soon be completely redeveloped.

The current station built in the 1960s destroyed the old station including the Euston Arch that was one of the defining buildings of London and of Britain's railways.

In 2007 Network Rail announced proposals for a £1 billion redevelopment of the existing station.

The redevelopment offers the chance to rebuild the arch and return to Euston and the local community some of the beauty and character stolen from it in the 1960s.

Planning for the redevelopment is already underway and work is expected to start around 2012/13.

The **Euston Arch Trust** is campaigning for the arch to be rebuilt as part of the proposed redevelopment. It could be rebuilt between the two existing lodges on Euston Square overlooking the Euston Road (see bottom right pictures).

It would stand as a spectacular gateway to the new Euston station.

For more information visit www.eustonarch.org

Built in 1838 the Euston Arch was the gateway to Euston Station, the first mainline terminus station in a capital city anywhere in the world.

At over 70 ft high, 44 ft deep and weighing 4,420 tons it was the largest Greek Doric propylaeum - or gateway - ever built and described by poet laureate Sir John Betjeman as the finest arch of its type in the world and one befitting the gateway between London and the North.

Standing as the entrance to the station for 125 years the golden letters of EUSTON greeted millions as they arrived and departed from our capital city.

Destroying the arch was an act of official vandalism and greed winning out over common sense and beauty.

Its destruction caused a national uproar that drove forward the conservation movement that has saved buildings like St Pancras Station from similar fates.

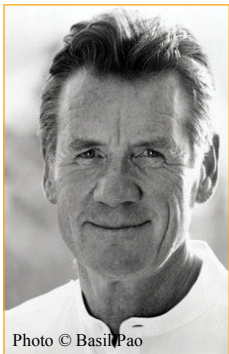
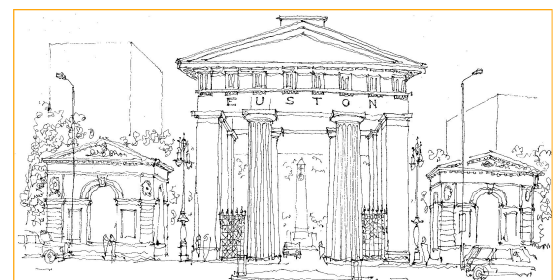


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Michael Palin

Patron of the Euston Arch Trust

"The enormous popularity of the restored St. Pancras, soon to be followed by a restored King's Cross, has shown that celebration of the past and potential for the future are not mutually exclusive. The restoration of the Euston Arch would restore to London's oldest main line terminus some of the character and dignity of its great neighbours".



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