



# Palace Gates Railway

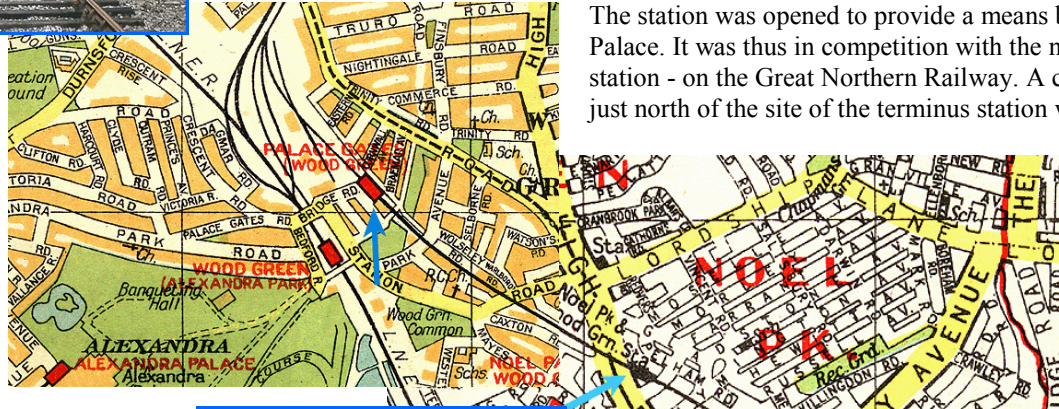
PALACE GATES station was on the Palace Gates Line in Wood Green. It was located on the corner of Bridge Road and Dorset Road.

The station was opened on 7 October 1878 by the Great Eastern Railway (GER) as terminus of the line which bore its name. The previous, temporary terminus had been at the previous station, Noel Park and Wood Green, since the line had opened on 1 January 1878.

The station was opened to provide a means by which the GER could transport passengers to the nearby Alexandra Palace. It was thus in competition with the nearby Wood Green (Alexandra Palace) station - now Alexandra Palace station - on the Great Northern Railway. A connection to Bowes Park on the GNR Hertford Loop Line which runs just north of the site of the terminus station was made in 1929 but it was only used for occasional freight trains.

Palace Gates in 1967 above; other stations are 1968, after track lifting.

*The description below starts at Seven Sisters, and ends at Palace Gates.*



Competing as it did with other nearby railway lines and the Underground's Piccadilly Line, the Palace Gates line was by the 1960s unprofitable and the line and the station were closed for passenger services on 7 January 1963 and for freight on 5 October 1964.

Following closure, the station was demolished and housing built on most of the site. A short section of the station site at its north end is occupied by Network Rail sidings alongside which are traces of the platform ends.

MOST of the line has been built over, but the first half mile can easily be followed - Brunel Walk, Gresley Close and Station Crescent pointing the way. In Braemar Road there is now a recreation ground where the end of the embankment can be seen but the grassy cutting leading to Avenue Road is inaccessible.



The cutting where West Green station was located has been infilled and built on whilst flats in Ivatt Way and allotments beyond occupy the alignment north of Belmont Road.

A paved area goes under Westbury Avenue but more flats in The Sandlings have been built on the line almost to the Wood Green Shopping Centre - the site of Noel Park & Wood Green station. A semi-inaccessible embankment runs from Station Road to Park Avenue where steps lead up to a low embankment which runs to a block of flats.



Flats then occupy the site of Palace Gates station; to the north the track is still in situ and operational - part of Bounds Green Depot.

