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1836

Birmingham, Bristol & Thames Junction Railway buys the canal to build a single-track railway intended mainly for freight.

1866-1867

The Kensington Canal is filled in following a cholera outbreak. The West London Extension Joint Railway opens a double-track line between Willesden and Clapham Junction, and a spur is opened from the Hammersmith & City line.

1866-1867

Extensive building begins to the east of cemetery and the first part of Seagrave Road is named. The Lillie Bridge sports grounds opens for boxing, football, cricket, and athletics.

1876-1877

Fulham's smallpox hospital is built and re-named the Western Hospital in 1884.



1882

Crown Road is renamed Lillie Road.

1892

The Brompton & Fulham goods and coal depot is opened on the site of the Lillie Bridge sports ground.

1937

The present-day Earls Court Exhibition Centre (Earls Court 1) is constructed.

1960s

The few remaining steam trains are replaced by electric-powered trains, and the Brompton & Fulham goods and coal depot is closed. The Seagrave Road car park is opened on the site and remains in use today.



A schematic diagram showing the proposal from Steamboat Developments

1989-1991

The new barrel-vaulted Earls Court 2 is added to the Earls Court Exhibition Centre.

2008

The Steamboat Developments Group puts forward a proposal to re-develop the site of the Seagrave Road car park with a residential scheme that includes a building of 41 storeys.

2011

EC Properties Ltd submit planning application for Seagrave Road.

2017

The Seagrave Road residential scheme is completed.

1828

The Kensington Canal is opened along the course of Counter's Creek.



1840

Brompton Cemetery is consecrated.

1866

West Brompton Station opens following requests from local residents.

1872-1876

Seagrave Road is extended and new streets (Anselm Road West, Racton Road West, Halford, Hildyard, Merrington and Ongar Roads) are constructed.

1877

Stamford Bridge sports ground opens and proves a serious competitor to the Lillie Bridge sports ground which is destroyed by rioting spectators in 1887.

1887-1894

The first exhibitions are held at the original Earls Court Exhibition Halls which are demolished and rebuilt.

1900-02

The Peabody Estate is built on the south side of Lillie Road and Beaufort House, an early 19th century villa, is demolished to make way for new residential streets (Anselm Road East, Racton Road East, Sedlescome and Tamworth Roads).

1940

West Brompton station suffers minor bomb damage and is closed. It is demolished in 1957.

1979

The Western Hospital is closed and demolished, and the gated development Brompton Park Crescent is constructed on its site.

1999

A new West Brompton station opens on the site of the original station.



Today

The Seagrave Road car park spans 7 1/2 acres (3 hectares) and is currently used by the Earls Court Exhibition Centre with capacity for 1,070 vehicles.

2012

Construction starts on the scheme.

