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Broadgate Street (somewhere in the East End of London)

British Railways (late steam/early diesel era)



This is a new layout currently under construction by the 'Fine scale OO' group of Colchester and District Model Railway Club. The layout has a four-platform city terminus with a double track approach, all on a viaduct with an associated low-level goods yard. The goods yard is separate from the rest of the layout, effectively giving two layouts in one! Although there are obvious similarities to Fenchurch Street, it's not a model of Fenchurch Street! In particular the station will see a mixture of long-distance express trains and suburban/commuter trains more like Liverpool Street. These two levels are operated separately.

Each track level has its own control panel with switches for operating points and signals. LED lamps show routes and signal settings. The layout is wired for DCC control using NCE controllers and is split into 3 power districts.

Construction started in 2019 and is currently ongoing (2026). The layout is expected to be ready for exhibition late in 2027.

The time period will be the same as our previous layout, Stratford Road, BR steam and early diesel i.e. 1950s – 1960s. The layout uses Peco Code 75 track. The scenic development of the layout has been completed and final testing is starting.



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Programme notes

The layout is loosely based in the East London area where a number of terminuses are/were situated. The time period portrayed is 1958 to 1968. Historically two companies used the station, the LMS and the LNER, which became one under British Railways.

The layout is on two levels. The upper-level runs from a 7-road traverser style fiddle yard to a terminus with four platform faces. The lower-level runs from a 2-road fiddle yard, hidden behind the upper level, to a goods yard on the front of the layout.

Track plan

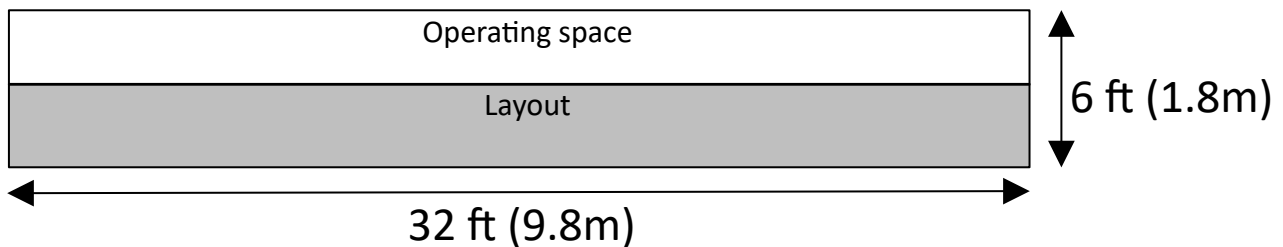
The track plan below shows the major features of the layout.

Operating side



Viewing side (one operator at the front)

Floor space requirements





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End of yard –



Terminus throat



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Details

<i>Scale:</i>	00 gauge
<i>Period modelled:</i>	"British Railways late steam/early diesel", 1950s to early 60's
<i>Insurance value:</i>	Layout £1000, stock £2000. Cover is required from leaving home to return.
<i>Number of operators:</i>	Minimum of 6
<i>Power supply:</i>	One 13 amp power socket: maximum current requirement 2 amps
<i>Tables:</i>	2 off 4' x 2' stock tables
<i>Barriers:</i>	If possible
<i>Expenses:</i>	Based on van hire and one car and depend on the distance travelled.
<i>Layout dimensions:</i>	32ft x 3ft; overall space required 32ft x 6ft (but note that the goods yard is operated from the front of the layout)

Details of this and other layouts available through Colchester and District MRC can be found at www.colchestermrc.org/

Previous exhibitions:

None as yet but has appeared at Colchester and District MRC Open Days as a "work in progress"

Forthcoming exhibitions:

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