

## THE ROUTE

Start at the junction of Waterford Road and Kings Road.

Walk towards the Legless Tup public house on the corner of Waterford Road and Sands End Lane.

Cross Harwood Terrace at the refuge island, watching out for traffic from the left.

At the Legless Tup turn right down Harwood Terrace.

At house number 9 turn left down the alley which takes you into Imperial Square. Continue across the square to the Emden Street exit and go on to Imperial Road.

Turn left and walk down Imperial Road to the roundabout at its junction with Townmead Road.

Cross at the refuge island to the right of the roundabout and continue down The Boulevard to the river.

Turn right at the river and follow the Thames Path to Sainsbury's superstore.

At William Morris Way turn left and follow the Thames Path sign to the riverside. Turn right and follow the Thames Path to Sainsbury's superstore.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

**1 IMPERIAL SQUARE** was built as housing for workers and pensioners of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company in 1874, and is now a conservation area.

**2 THE IMPERIAL GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY** began on this site in 1824. In 1851 an adjacent market gardener brought a successful action against the company because of the level of pollutants killing his plants.

### **3 GASHOLDERS**

The plainer tank is reputed to be the oldest in the world, built in 1830. The one with decorative features was built around 1880.

### **4 PRIOR TO INDUSTRIALISATION**

Sands End was a market garden area famous for supplying strawberries to Covent Garden. Seasonal fruit and vegetable pickers would come from as far away as Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

**5 THE IMPERIAL WHARF DEVELOPMENT** provides 1,665 residential units, in addition to office space, a hotel and public amenities.

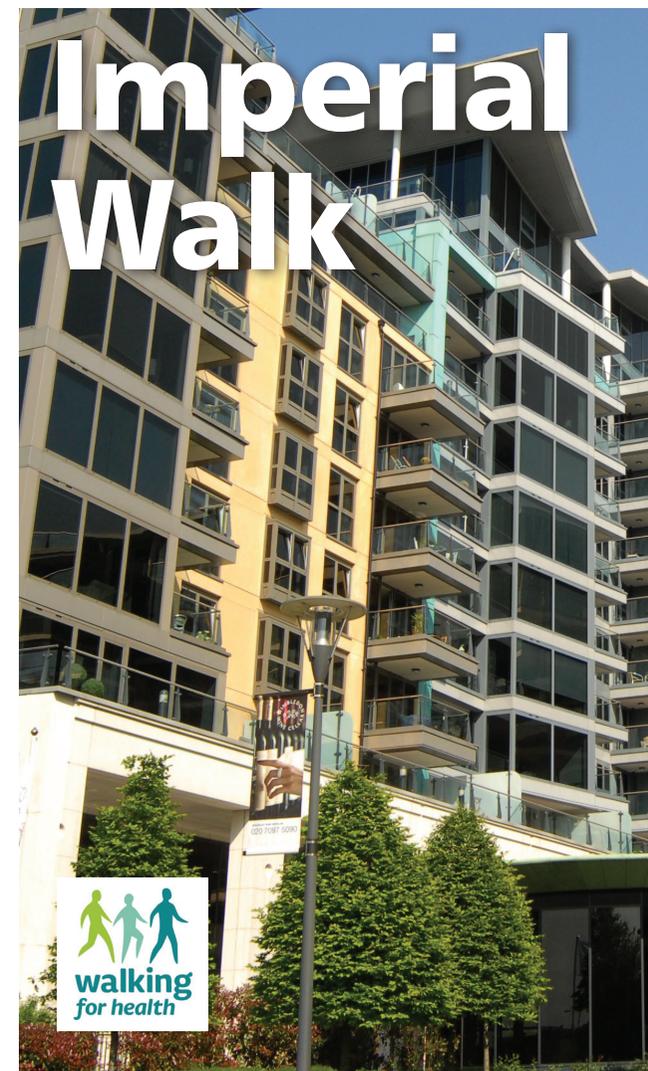
**6 THE BATTERSEA RAILWAY BRIDGE** was built in 1862, connecting Clapham Junction to West Brompton station.

**7 THE IMPERIAL BISCUIT FACTORY** opened in 1903 and provided employment for over 1,000 men and women.

**8 TOWNMEAD ROAD** refers to meadow between here and the river which flooded during the winter and providing common grazing for animals during the summer.



## BOROUGH WALKS - 2



Route: 1.25 miles (2.14 km)



Imperial Road looking south, 1973

