

LONDON NO BORDERS, CAMPAIGN AGAINST IMMIGRATION CONTROLS  
SOAS DETAINEE SUPPORT GROUP, CAMPAIGN TO CLOSE CAMPSFIELD,  
BARBED WIRE BRITAIN NETWORK TO END DETENTION, NO ONE IS ILLEGAL  
LEGAL ACTION FOR WOMEN, ALL AFRICAN WOMEN'S GROUP AND  
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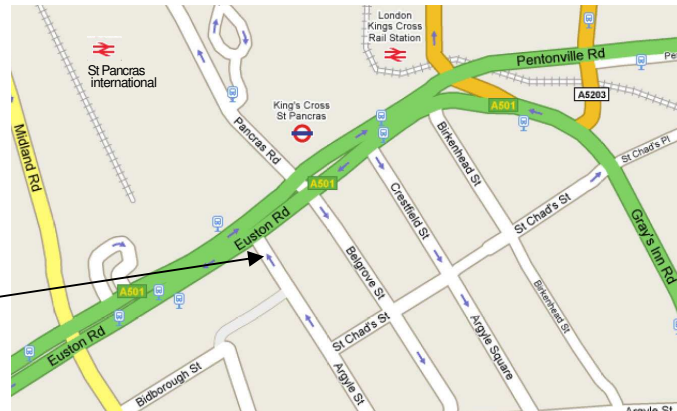
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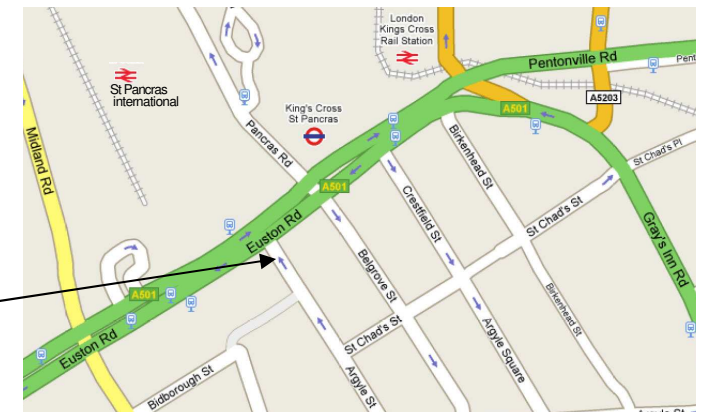
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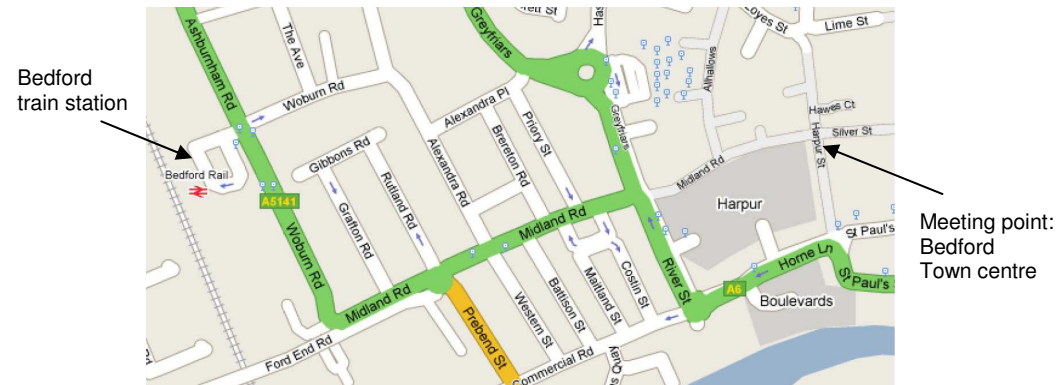
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