

Railfuture in London and the South East **new, monthly** branch e-newsletter

The *independent* campaign for a bigger better British passenger and freight rail network

Welcome, again!

to the second **inter**-mediate **railse** in our experimental more frequent communication with branch members. It is also posted on the branch web-page: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East>

Campaign consultations calendar

Railfuture's campaigning takes many forms; one is by seeking to influence the outcomes from consultations.

Current consultations of specific and general interest to our London and South East region are shown here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East>

Office of Rail and Road's draft determination on **Network Rail's Strategic Business Plans** for CP 6 (2019-24) – published 12 June, closed 31 August. See <http://orr.gov.uk/rail/consultations/pr18-consultations/pr18-draft-determination> Next step is ORR's Final Determination to be published 31 October.

House of Commons Transport Committee's Call for Evidence on the **scale and impact of the May 2018 timetabling changes** – issued 9 July, closes 5 September. See <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/news-parliament-2017/rail-timetable-changes-call-for-evidence-17-19/> Responses can also be submitted via Twitter at #railtimetabling: <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/news-parliament-2017/rail-timetable-changes-passenger-experience-twitter-17-19/>

Network Rail's application for an Order under the Transport & Works Act for Phase 2 of the Western section of **East-West Rail** – published 27 July, closes 7 September. See <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/east-west-rail/western-section/> and <https://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/transport-and-works-act-order-twaol/>

Rail Delivery Group's Easier fares – **fares and ticketing reforms** – published 4 June, closes 10 September. See <https://www.britainrunsonrail.co.uk/fares>

Our vision for rail: *A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.*

DfT's Call for Evidence on **The Future of Mobility** – published 30 July, closes 10 September. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-of-mobility-call-for-evidence>

House of Commons Transport Committee's Inquiry into the **Health of the Bus Market** – launched 16 July, closes 24 September. See <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/health-of-bus-market-17-19/>

Wealden District Council's submission Local Plan – published 13 August, closes 8 October. See http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Planning_Policy/Wealden_Local_Plan/PPolicy_Wealden_Local_Plan.aspx

Network Rail's **Angel Road station closure** – published 22 August, closes 21 November. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/angel-road-rail-station-closure-may-2019>



Princes Risborough 15 August - new direct Chinnor services

We saw it, said it – who is to sort it?

Our various submissions are shown in here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Consultation+responses>

DEFRA's Air quality: draft Clean Air strategy 2018.

DfT's new **Cross Country** franchise.

GLA's Budget & Performance Committee investigation: **Who will pay for the TfL of the future?**

Our vision for Railfuture: *An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, and which rail users are proud to join and recommend.*

In other news (following our input):

TfL New river crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf update published 7 August:
<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings/rotherhithe-canarywharf/>

Any unresolved objections to **Rother Valley Railway's** application to the DfT for an Order under the Transport & Works Act to construct, operate and maintain a new railway between **Bodiam and Robertsbridge** will be heard at a Public Local Inquiry, to be arranged.

Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership published *Gatwick 360*, their Strategic Economic Plan for 2018-30, on 23 July. See <http://www.coast2capital.org.uk/strategy/>

Transport for the South East's final Economic Connectivity Review was published on 25 July. See <https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/strategy/ect/>

Great Western new franchise – DfT published Stakeholder Briefing Document and government response to public consultation on 28 August. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/great-western-rail-franchise>

Forthcoming calendar/diary dates

Check these - <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Events> and <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Rail+dates> - for full details.

Wednesday 5 September *Rail timetable changes* – Commons Transport Committee oral evidence. See <https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/f38760f1-53a1-4b82-ba6d-4238c3de3728>

Wednesday 5 September “*Social Media*” – free 1-hour Webinar <https://communityrail.org.uk/events-training/events-diary/> run by ACoRP.

Thursday 6 September Feltham station upgrade – Network Rail public information drop-in event.

Thursday 6 September Sussex & Coastway Division. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Sussex+and+Coastway>

Saturday 8 September Feltham station upgrade – Network Rail public information drop-in event.

Saturday 8 September Urgent late news for October's Railwatch no.157 to editor@railwatch.org.uk

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Monday 10 September “*Challenging times*” – free evening talk in London by Andy Mellors, Managing Director of South Western Railway.

Tuesday 11 September “*Victoria station interchange upgrade*” – bookable evening talk in Croydon.

Wednesday 12 September Eastern Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Eastern>

Monday 17 September “*A rail renaissance*” – free evening talk in Shenfield by a Greater Anglia Manager.

Monday 17 September “*Transforming London for the future*” – free evening talk in London.

Saturday 22 September Railfuture East Midlands branch open meeting, East Midlands Parkway station. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/East+Midlands+Branch>

Tuesday 25 September “*South Western Railway*” – free evening talk by MD Andy Mellors in Woking.

Tuesday 25 September L&SE branch committee.

Thursday 27 September “*Crossrail 2*” – free evening talk in London.

Saturday 29 September Railfuture East Anglia branch open meeting, Norwich. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/East+Anglia>

Tuesday 2 October “*Future challenges on Network Rail's Wessex Route*” – free evening talk in London.

Thursday 4 October Sussex & Coastway Division.

Saturday 20 October Herts & Beds Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Herts+and+Beds>

Thursday 25 October copy date for news, articles, letters, pictures for December's Railwatch no.158, to be sent to editor@railwatch.org.uk

Saturday 10 November Railfuture's annual national autumn conference, in Reading.

Wednesday 14 November Eastern Division.

Saturday 17 November Kent Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Kent>

Tuesday 27 November Surrey Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Surrey>



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