



# Rail driving growth in the Thames Valley

## **RAILFUTURE RAIL USERS' CONFERENCE**

**Saturday 10 November 2018**

**Novotel, 25B Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP**

### **PROGRAMME**

- 10.00**     **Registration desk opens** ..... *Coffee/tea and biscuits available*
- 10.45**     **Welcome and Introduction** ..... *Delegates welcomed by the Mayor of Reading*
- 10.50**     **Conference Chairman's Opening Remarks** . . . *Christian Wolmar, Honorary President*
- 11.00**     **Reading Transport Strategy - delivering for a successful city**  
Cllr Tony Page ..... *Chair, Reading Council*
- 11.30**     **Crossrail and its future as the Elizabeth Line**  
Howard Smith ..... *Operations Director, Crossrail/Elizabeth Line*
- 12.10**     **Developing a business case and building new stations**  
Ian Walters ..... *Managing Director, SLC Rail*
- 12.50**     **Questions from the floor**
- 13.15**     **LUNCH**
- 14.10**     **Rail User Group Awards** ..... *Roger Blake, Railfuture director*
- 14.40**     **Western Rail Link to Heathrow project**  
Anna Holbrook ..... *Network Rail*
- 15.10**     **Great Western Electrification**  
Jill Poyton ..... *Network Rail*
- 15.40**     **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- 15.55**     **A new way of developing southern access to Heathrow - and its benefits**  
Graham Cross ..... *Chief Executive, Heathrow Southern Railway Ltd*
- 16.25**     **Questions from the floor**
- 16.40**     **Closing remarks** ..... *Christian Wolmar, Honorary President*
- 16.55**     **Announcements and conference close**

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## HOW TO GET THERE

The venue is less than five minutes walk . . . leave by either of the station front entrances and walk up Station Road with King Edward VII on your left. At the junction (Cafe Nero ahead), turn right and the hotel is on your right almost immediately.