

The **monthly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

## Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition for 2019

You're probably reading this because earlier you opted to be a subscriber, and the same is true for two other free Railfuture publications. Since the January edition of *inter-railse* no.7 there have also been January editions of **Rail User Express** and **Rail Action**. If you'd like to receive either or both direct to your Inbox when they're published, either as a link or a pdf, email [ruglink@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:ruglink@railfuture.org.uk) for monthly Rail User Express and/or [renewals@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:renewals@railfuture.org.uk) for Rail Action.

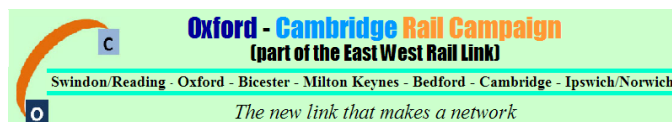
This monthly *inter-mediate railse* is also posted here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East+branch+news> for viewing / downloading / sharing.

Since the New Year Railfuture has published two main 'News and views': <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/articles> – 'Rail Challenge 2019' and 'Williams Rail Review'. We've also had plenty of good media exposure too: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Railfuture+in+the+news>

## Calendar of current consultations

**City of London Corporation's** draft City Plan 2036 – published 12 November, closes Thursday 28 February. Eight local 'drop-in' sessions during February. See <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/Pages/Local-Plan-Review.aspx>

**East West Rail Company's** non-statutory consultation on five route options for East West Rail Central Section Bedford-Cambridge – published 28 January, closes Monday 11 March. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/east-west-rail-central-section>



**DfT's** Rail Review – published 6 December, 'initial listening phase' closed 18 January, 'call for evidence' remains open until Friday 31 May. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/williams-rail-review>

We're **asking our audience**, that's you, our members! What do you wish us to add? **Your comments** please to [roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk) who will forward them to the Railfuture member leading on our response. Campaigning, not as some know it but the Railfuture way: extending Railfuture's influence with informed, insightful and independent analysis and comment.

## We've seen it, and we've said it!

Railfuture's various submissions are shown in here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Consultation+responses>  
Recent additions and announcements include:

**Transport for London's** Barking Riverside Extension contract awarded in December: <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2018/december/contractor-for-overground-barking-riverside-extensi> following the Transport Secretary's decision in August 2017 after a public inquiry in October 2016. Railfuture responded to preceding consultations in 2015 and 2016. See <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/barking-riverside-extension> Services are currently anticipated to start in December 2021.

**Transport for London's** options for a Sutton Link – closed 6 January 2019. For our response see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1957>

**Gatwick Airport Ltd's** draft Master Plan 2018 – closed 10 January 2019. For our response see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1968>

**City of London Corporation's** first-ever draft Transport Strategy – closed 13 January. For our response see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1976>

**DfT's** Rail Review – published 6 December, 'initial listening phase' closed 18 January. For our response see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1977>

**ORR's** Improving Assisted Travel – changes to guidance for train and station operators on the Disabled People's Protection Policy – closed 18 January. For our response see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1989>

**DfT's** proposed Angel Road station closure – DfT response published 24 January. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/angel-road-rail-station-closure-may-2019>

**Network Rail's** Western Section Phase 2 of East-West Rail 'East-West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements' – Aylesbury/Bicester to Bletchley/Bedford. Unresolved objections will be heard in a Public Inquiry starting Wednesday 6 February 2019 in Milton Keynes. Railfuture will be giving oral evidence, based on our Statement of Case submitted by 22 October: see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1886> and a Proof of Evidence submitted by 9 January: see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1994>  
The dedicated website for the Public Inquiry is: <http://bicester-bedford.persona-pi.com/>

## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

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

**Monday 4 February** “*Dealing with conflict.*” Free evening workshop in Guildford.

**Tuesday 5 February** “*How Dr. Beeching saved the railways and set the scene for the current Railway renaissance.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Wednesday 6 February** East West Rail, Western section phase 2, Public Inquiry starts in Milton Keynes.

**Thursday 7 February** Sussex & Coastway and Surrey Divisions, Haywards Heath, with Network Rail’s Orlagh Ennis on the Brighton Main Line Improvement Project.

**Saturday-Sunday 9-10 February** Brighton Main Line services suspended south of Three Bridges.

**Monday 11 February** Bexhill Rail Action Group.

**Wednesday 13 February** “*Re-engineering of class 442s for Portsmouth line services.*” Free evening talk in Portsmouth.

**Friday 15 February** Public information event for consultation on East West Rail, Central section, Bedford-Cambridge, in Bedford.

**Saturday-Sunday 16-24 February** Brighton Main Line services suspended south of Three Bridges.

**Saturday 16 February** Kent Division, Tonbridge.

**Tuesday 19 February** “*Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme.*” Free evening talk in Redhill.

**Tuesday 19 February** Chesham & District TUG.

**Wednesday 20 February** “*Funding and financing of new rail schemes in the UK.*” Free evening seminar in London.

**Saturday 23 February** East Anglia branch AGM with guest speaker, Bury St. Edmunds.

**Monday 25 February** “*Starting out in coaching.*” Free lunchtime webinar.

**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.*

**Monday 25 February** “*Future of Rail*” presentations. Free evening talk in London.

**Wednesday 27 February** “*The Old Dalby test track.*” Free evening talk in Chichester.

**Thursday 28 February** “*Rail Infrastructure Networking.*” Free morning event in London.

**Thursday 28 February** “*The future of transport.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Monday 4 March** “*RSSB developments and update.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Monday 4 March** “*Planning to run effective meetings.*” Free evening workshop in Guildford.

**Tuesday 5 March** Campaign for Better Transport, London group. Non-members welcome, Farringdon.

**Wednesday 6 March** Sussex & Coastway Division.

**Thursday 7-Sunday 10 March** All East Coastway services suspended west of Eastbourne, to/from Lewes, Seaford, Brighton, and Haywards Heath.

**Friday 8 March** “*Introduction to management.*” Free morning webinar.

**Monday 11 March** Bexhill Rail Action Group.

**Tuesday 12 March** “*ATO: integration to achieve a truly inter-operable system.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Tuesday 12 March** “*Elstree and Borehamwood – the first 150 years.*” Free evening talk in West Drayton.

**Wednesday 13 March** Eastern Division, Stratford.

**Thursday 14 March** “*Environment, climate change and sustainability...*” Free evening talk in Falmer.

**Saturday-Sunday 23/24 March** L&SE Branch stall at London’s Alexandra Palace.

**Monday 25 March** L&SE Branch committee, London.

**Saturday 27 April** L&SE Branch AGM, preceded by open morning meeting with guest speakers, London.

**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.*

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