

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 aboard! #ReturnToRail

The new message is now inviting: '[How to travel safely](#)'



What a difference another month - including some more vigorous Railfuture campaigning - has made!

[COVID-19 briefing to Railfuture members](#)

The above link does not have the same content as you saw in the previous issue of *inter-railse*, for August! Stay abreast with Railfuture's web [articles](#) and [tweets](#).



["Helping passengers stay safe"](#) - Rail Safety & Standards Board

As we've all continued to limit our travel, events have stayed virtual. Shown as **online** in our [events page](#) including meetings of four of our local Divisions. You too can join in, with nothing more than your landline!

NO railway birthdays for L&SE in August?

Hackney Interchange was officially on the 12th in 2015, but it had opened to passengers on 23rd July. TfL's Rail for London concession, London Overground, had on 31st May 2015 taken over Abellio's Greater Anglia franchise's West Anglia metro services.

September birthdays will be Braintree Freeport on the 8th (1999), two new West London Line stations at Imperial Wharf on the 27th (2009) / Shepherd's Bush on the 28th (2008), the Channel Tunnel Rail Link phase one (to Fawkham Junction into Waterloo International, via Southfleet Junction) also on the 28th (2003), and London Fields and Welham Green on the 29th (1986).

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.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-August edition no.26 of *inter-railse* Railfuture in London and the South East has:-

~ held a virtual meeting of Kent Division, with one topic being the new North and East Kent Connectivity Study which Network Rail is undertaking. We were joined by a rep from the [SE5 Forum](#) campaigning for a mainline station for Camberwell (without a station since 1916!), now a bid to DfT's *Restoring Your Railway* Ideas Fund.

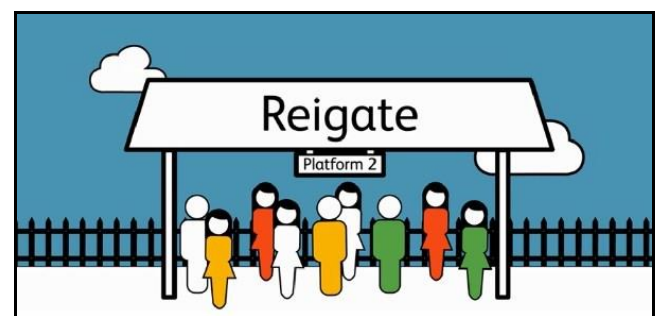
~ held another two fortnightly virtual meetings of your branch committee. Topics included **#ReturnToRail**, ticketing post-pandemic, fares post-July's inflation marker for January, continuing the development of a draft 'prospectus' for the post-GTR era, and starting something similar ready for any future proposals for devolution of DfT-awarded train operating contracts to TfL (given recent official discussions on Great Northern 'Metro' becoming a part of London Overground).

~ welcomed the addition of Coulsdon South and Tring stations to the step-free street-to-platforms network.

~ welcomed opening of a fifth platform at Stevenage.

~ joined an online meeting of a Parish Council in Lewes District to update them on our assessment of prospects for reinstating an [Uckfield-Lewes rail link](#).

~ noted Network Rail's [feedback on their consultation](#) on new Reigate platform 3, for Thameslink services.



Platform 2 for Reading, platform 3 the other side for London Bridge

What **shall** we be doing (remotely)?

"Unblocking the Croydon bottleneck" – Network Rail's second round of public consultation on [Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme](#) nears its close on 20 September.

Your comments to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk who will be taking the lead on Railfuture's response.

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.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

For any regular updates on “Decarbonising Transport”, the DfT’s [Transport Decarbonisation Plan](#) due to be published ‘later in 2020’, email TDP@df.gov.uk

Tuesday 14 July Start of consultation on draft Transport Strategy for shadow sub-national transport body England’s Economic Heartland, **until 6 October**.

Monday 31 August Close of call for evidence for DfT’s “Creating a plan to decarbonise transport.” See all Railfuture submissions in [Consultation responses](#).

Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22; Thursday 3, 10, 17 September ‘Bitesize’ lunchtime **webinars**. Tuesdays: Signalling, Sponsorship, Strategic Planning, Engineering / Remote Monitoring of Trains; Thursdays: Electrification (digital substations), Civil Engineering, Finance.

Tuesday 1 September Lunchtime and evening **webinars** for consultation on London Resort.

Tuesday 1 September “An outline to future-proofing cities, with ten immediate steps.” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 3 September Sussex & Coastway Division **online** evening meeting.

Saturday 5 September Lunchtime **webinar** for consultation on London Resort.

Tuesday 8 September “Manston airport – preparing for take-off.” Evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 9 September “Managing overhead line on Network Rail’s Western Route.” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Wednesday 9 September “DLR – meeting challenges, today and in the future.” Free afternoon **webinar**.

Wednesday 9 September “Vivarail – designing and building emission-free trains for the UK.” Free evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 9 September Eastern Division **online** evening meeting.

Monday 14 September “The art of being assertive.” Free morning **e-class**.

Monday 14 September “The long history and exciting future of railway systems thinking.” Free evening **webinar**.

Tuesday 15 September England’s Economic Heartland conference. Free morning **webinar**.

Thursday 17 September “Governance of change.” Free evening **webinar**.

Sunday 20 September Close of Network Rail’s second round of consultation on Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme.

Monday 21 September “Rail and COVID-19 recovery.” Free morning **online** interactive broadcast.

Monday 21 September “Keys to commercial success in COVID-19 recovery.”

Free afternoon **online** interactive broadcast.

Monday 21 September Close of consultation on London Resort.

Tuesday 22 September “Innovation in rail freight.” Free afternoon **online** interactive broadcast.

Tuesday 22 September “Crossrail – how is it being delivered.” Free evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 23 September “Light Rail/Tram/Metro Design: key challenges and potential solutions.”

Free morning **online** interactive broadcast.

Wednesday 23 September “Towards a Strategic Investment Plan for the South East.”

Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Wednesday 23 September “Developing smart rail infrastructure.”

Free afternoon **online** interactive broadcast.

Wednesday 23 September “Engineering philosophy in the era of climate change.” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 24 September “The future of passenger rail.” Free morning **online** interactive broadcast.

Thursday 24 September “The Rail Sector: a strategic view.” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 24 September Close of representations to HM Treasury Comprehensive Spending Review 2020.

Friday 25 September “The HydroFLEX Project.” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Saturday 26 September Herts & Beds Division **online** morning meeting.

Monday 28 September “Effective negotiation.” Free afternoon **e-class**.

Monday 28 September “Promoting sustainable tourism to build back better.” Free afternoon **webinar**.

Saturday 3 October “Attracting passengers back to rail” – free morning Railfuture national **webinar**.

Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.

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