

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

Railfuture's Rail Action Plan – Q & A

Just days before the polls open on Thursday 4th July, Railfuture is completing its Question and Answer format of issues put to candidates.



See the home page of our website and our various social media channels for the rolling programme of our questions – and the answers which we're looking for! See too our assessment of each manifesto from five of the main UK parties [here](#).

A non party-political organisation, Railfuture publishes the following links in the interests of knowing who we are likely to find ourselves dealing with in the new Parliament, given constituency boundary changes and previous MPs not standing for re-election, for example:

- ~ the House of Commons library's interactive map of [current and new constituency boundaries](#);
- ~ the Democracy Club CIC's UK-wide list of [all the candidates in every seat](#);
- ~ from Electoral Calculus, [a variety of UK predictions](#).

What shall we be doing this month?

London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, will be:-

- ~ participating in GTR's informal summer social for selected stakeholders.
- ~ participating in the annual stakeholder event of our neighbouring Hampshire CRP (within the TfSE area).
- ~ contributing to Southeast CRP's Stakeholder Advisory Board, and MarshLink Steering Group.
- ~ holding regular meetings of our London Metro and Sussex & Coastway Divisions in-person, and of our Eastern and Herts & Beds Divisions [online](#).
- ~ holding a regular meeting of L&SE regional branch's committee [online](#).

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-June edition of *inter-railse* no.72, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, have:

~ returned to East Sussex with our ["Bridge the gap"](#) campaign stall, at the Uckfield & District Lions Club's Family Fun Day on Luxford Field, central Uckfield.



~ participated in GWR's annual Community Rail & Stakeholder conference.

~ held regular meetings of our Sussex & Coastway and Herts & Beds Divisions, [online](#).

~ held a regular [online](#) meeting of the L&SE regional branch committee.

~ finalised our response to the survey from Transport for the South East in preparation for the refresh of its Transport Strategy, which closed on Sunday 2 June.



~ finalised our response to Central Bedfordshire Council on their pre-draft Local Transport Plan consultation, which closed on Sunday 30 June.



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

Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: July birthdays

~ on the 15th, in 1983 – King's Cross Midland City re-opened (opened 1863, closed 1979, re-named King's Cross Thameslink 1988, finally closed on 9th December 2007).

~ on the 18th, in 2011 – Southend Airport.

~ on the 18th, in 2022 – London Overground line extension to Barking Riverside station.

~ on the 23rd, in 1973 – Stevenage, (second station, a mile south of the original opened in 1850 and was closed to coincide with its successor's opening).

~ on the 25th, in 2015, a 'soft opening' to passengers of London Overground's Hackney Interchange walkway.

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.*

Railfuture is 'in the news' / 'making the news' / sharing 'news and views'

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture members making, not just watching, things happen in our website [media extracts](#).

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture making, not just reporting, the news through our [press releases](#).

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture's and others' reports and thoughts published in our [website articles](#).

~ Railfuture is active on [Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#) / [LinkedIn](#).

Be in it to win it - join Railfuture's Lottery!

Members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – can support Railfuture by joining our monthly [lottery](#).

Railfuture publications by email

~ All members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – are being encouraged to receive [Railwatch](#) direct to their Inbox immediately on publication by logging-in at [Member services](#).

~ All members receive Railfuture's regular monthly newsletter [Rail User Express](#) and occasional [Rail Action](#) bulletin direct to their Inbox upon publication.

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Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Friday 28 June 22.00 to Sunday 7 July 05.00 Isle of Sheppey services suspended for bridge works.

Monday 1 July Railfuture Member of the Year award – close of nominations to wendy.thorne@railfuture.org.uk Click to see [entry criteria here](#).

Wednesday 10 July Eastern Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Friday 12 July 22.00 to Monday 15 July 05.00 Isle of Sheppey services suspended for bridge works.

Saturday 13 July 19th Annual General Meeting of Railfuture Ltd, then presentations of award for Railfuture Member of the Year and Rail User Group awards and commendations, at Edinburgh Holyrood Hotel, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AU.



Saturday 13 / Sunday 14 July London Overground and Greater Anglia services suspended / amended for bridge replacement preparations in Hackney.

Thursday 18 July Sussex & Coastway Division evening meeting, in-person at Haywards Heath. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 18 July London Metro Division evening meeting, in-person in central London, with two TfL speakers. [Invite non-members!](#)

Friday 19 July 22.00 to Sunday 28 July 05.00 Isle of Sheppey services suspended for bridge works.

Saturday 20 July – Sunday 4 August London Overground and Greater Anglia services suspended / amended for bridge replacement in Hackney.

Tuesday 30 July Herts & Beds Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

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