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Dear Sir/Madam,

Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme

Railfuture is Britain's leading national independent voluntary organisation campaigning for a better railway across a bigger network for passengers and freight users in order to support economic growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities.

We follow below the format of the online and leaflet questions.

Q1 - Do you agree with Network Rail's plans to improve the Brighton Main Line around Croydon?

A1: Railfuture strongly agrees.

Q2 - How could the plans be improved?

A2: Ensuring that they maximise the ease of interchange between the new and the existing East Croydon platforms, by for example a third bridge (obviously with lifts as well as stairs) across all eight platforms at the north end of the present platforms 1-6 which may also be, and hence make best use of, the secondary means of escape for the two new platforms.

Q3 - Do you have further comments on the proposals?

A3: They are essential for:

- ~ service performance improvements, aiming to bring early benefits for passengers from early delivery of some improvements, maintaining existing service levels through the works;
- ~ route capacity increases, especially if usage of Gatwick Airport continues to grow;
- ~ creating the potential for additional services on existing lines, such as to/from Ore via Eastbourne and Littlehampton via Worthing without any splitting/joining at Haywards Heath, and Uckfield with the possibility of an additional route beyond to/from the East Sussex coast;
- ~ creating the potential for new routes with additional services such as to/from Lewisham-Canary Wharf-Stratford and beyond.

Yours faithfully,

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