

Railfuture in London and the South East **new, monthly** branch e-newsletter

The *independent* campaign for a bigger better British passenger and freight rail network

Festive season's greetings, all!

This sixth *inter-mediate railse* in our additional, monthly communication with branch members, like the first five, is also posted on the branch web-page: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East+branch+news> for viewing/downloading/sharing.



"All I want for Christmas is...more trains on Boxing Day!"

Calendar of current consultations

Campaigning, the Railfuture way: seeking to extend our influence with informed, insightful and independent analysis and comment. We're asking our audience, that's you, our members! What do you wish us to add?

Transport for London's Sutton Link – published 31 October, closes 6 January 2019.

See <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/trams/sutton-link/>

Gatwick Airport's draft Master Plan 2018 – published 18 October, closes 10 January 2019.

See <http://mediacentre.gatwickairport.com/press-releases/2018/2018-10-18-gatwick-sets-out-ambitious-future-growth-plan.aspx> and <https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/growing-gatwick/long-term-plans/>

City of London Corporation's draft Transport Strategy – published 12 November, closes 13 January.

See <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/Pages/transport-strategy.aspx> and <https://www.citystreets.london/>

Office of Rail and Road's Improving Assisted Travel – changes to guidance for train and station operators on the Disabled People's Protection Policy – published 14 November, closes 18 January. See <http://orr.gov.uk/rail/consumers/consumer-consultations/improving-assisted-travel-consultation-2018>

ORR's The future for Open Access – two consultations published 3 December, each closes 14 January. See <http://orr.gov.uk/news-and-media/orr-blog/2018/the-future-for-open-access>

ORR's Approach to assessing the quality of Network Rail's stakeholder engagement in CP6 and Holding network Rail to account – two consultations published 27 November, each closes 25 January. See <http://orr.gov.uk/news-and-media/press-releases/2018/orr-s-changed-approach-to-holding-network-rail-to-account-will-benefit-passengers-and-other-railway-users>

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

Your comments to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk who will forward them to the member leading our response.

We said; who did?

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

Network Rail's proposed closure of Angel Road station, closed 21 November.

See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1900> and also <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/CLUA-Introduction>

Network Rail's proposals for Western Section Phase 2 of East-West Rail in an application to the DfT for an Order under the Transport & Works Act for 'East-West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements' – Aylesbury/ Bicester to Bletchley/Bedford – closed 7 September.

See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1844>
Unresolved objections will be heard in a Public Inquiry arranged to start on Wednesday 6 February 2019 in Milton Keynes; a pre-inquiry meeting was held on 29 November. Railfuture will be giving oral evidence, for which a Statement of Case had to be submitted by 22 October. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1886>
A dedicated Inquiry website is now available: <http://bicester-bedford.persona-pi.com/>

Arriva Rail London's proposed closure of low-use ticket offices at 51 London Overground stations, closed 12 October. On 20 November London TravelWatch Board recommended no objection on the principle but objected to closure of 24 ticket offices as above the agreed threshold number of hourly transactions. See <http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/calendar/event/view?id=1816>

Greater London Assembly's Future of rail in London, closed 31 July. Report "*Broken rails: a rail service fit for passengers*" published 26 November: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/broken-rails-rail-service-fit-passengers>

Network Rail's Western rail link to Heathrow, closed 22 June. Consultation report published 7 December: <https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/consultation-confirms-overwhelming-support-for-new-rail-link-to-heathrow-from-the-west>

Network Rail's Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme – published 5 November, closed 17 December. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1929>

Transport for London's Two potential new London Overground stations at Old Oak, closed October 2017. Consultation report update published 19 December: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/london-overground/old-oak-common/>

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

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

Friday 21 December "*Leading and developing successful teams.*" Free morning webinar.

Saturday 22 December to Wednesday 2 January As always, check before you travel in the festive period: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/service_disruptions/17203_8.aspx and see where the 25,000-strong 'orange army' will be spending their Christmas and New Year: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/christmas-railway-improvements/> working on over 330 projects.

Thursday 3 January Sussex & Coastway Division.

Tuesday 8 January Chesham and District Transport Users Group.

Tuesday 8 January "*Indecision, decision, and counter-decision: a history of airports policy for London.*" Free evening talk in Lewes.

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.*

Wednesday 9 January Drop-in for City of London draft Transport Strategy consultation at Guildhall.

Thursday 10 January "*Deep and deliberate delegation.*" Free lunchtime webinar.

Thursday 10 January "*Thrills, spills, and planning blight: 30 years disrupting transport planning.*" Free evening talk in London by Stephen Joseph, ex-CfBT.

Friday 11 January "*The art of being assertive.*" Free morning webinar.

Monday 14 January "*London Overground – past, present and future.*" Free evening talk in Stratford.

Monday 14 January "*Public speaking and presentation skills.*" Free evening workshop in London.

Monday 14 January Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Tuesday 15 January Campaign for Better Transport, London group. Non-members welcome, Farringdon.

Tuesday 15 January "*Titans, tigers and lions – a public transport career with a difference!*" Free evening talk in Redhill.

Wednesday 16 January Eastern Division.

Thursday 17 January "*Challenges of the design and construction at the Gotthard base tunnel in Switzerland.*" Free evening talk in London.

Tuesday 22 January "*Rail Freight Group.*" Free evening talk in Woking by Maggie Simpson, RFG's Director General.

Wednesday 23 January "*South Western Railway.*" Free evening talk in Chichester with Phil Dominey.

Thursday 17 January "*Train loading on bridges from 1825 to present.*" Free evening talk in London.

Friday 25 January "*Effective negotiation.*" Free morning webinar.

Wednesday 30 January "*Is rail infrastructure the key to London's growth?*" Free evening lecture in 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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