

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

Welcome, yet again....

to the third **inter**-mediate **railse** in our additional, more frequent communication with branch members. Like the first two, it is also posted on the branch web-page: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East+branch+news>

Current consultations calendar

Campaigning, Railfuture-style, takes many forms; one is by seeking to influence the outcomes from calls for evidence and consultations with our informed, insightful and independent analysis on behalf of rail users.

Current consultations of specific and general interest to our London and South East region are shown here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London+and+South+East>

Wealden District Council's submission Local Plan – published 13 August, closes 8 October. See http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Planning_Policy/Wealden_Local_Plan/PPolicy_Wealden_Local_Plan.aspx

London TravelWatch's Arriva Rail London proposed closure of 51 low-use London Overground ticket offices – published 21 September, closes 12 October. See <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/london-overground/ticket-offices/> and <http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/home/>

Network Rail's proposed Angel Road station closure – published 22 August, closes 21 November. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/angel-road-rail-station-closure-may-2019>

Your opportunities for influence

In the first three months covered by *inter-railse* Railfuture's output has included no less than 40 radio, tv and other media appearances, and that's not even including social media output, and issued a press release on the annual RPI figure which indicates next year's fare changes. Five website articles have been published, and 13 consultation responses submitted.

All that is done by volunteers – just like you! Email londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk to contact the branch Chair and Vice-Chair with your contributions

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.*

We saw it, we said it – who sorts it?

Our various submissions are shown in here: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Consultation+responses>

Network Rail's application for an Order under the Transport & Works Act for Phase 2 of the Western section of **East-West Rail** – Aylesbury/Bicester to Bletchley/Bedford – closed 7 September. See <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/east-west-rail/western-section/> and <https://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/transport-and-works-act-order-twao/> Our Thames Valley branch led on co-ordinating Railfuture's supportive response.

Rail Delivery Group's Easier fares – fares and ticketing reforms – closed 10 September. See <https://www.britainrunsonrail.co.uk/fares>

In other news (following our input):

A further update on the '**BakerLew**' line extension was published by TfL on 12 September: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/tube/bakerloo-extension/>

Any unresolved objections to **Network Rail's** application to the DfT for an Order under the Transport & Works Act for Phase 2 of the Western section of **East-West Rail** – 'Bicester to Bedford improvements' – will be heard in a Public Inquiry to be arranged. Railfuture will also give oral evidence, for which a Statement of Case has to be submitted by 22 October.

Office of Rail and Road's draft determination on **Network Rail's Strategic Business Plans** for CP 6 (2019-24) – closed 31 August. See <http://orr.gov.uk/rail/consultations/pr18-consultations/pr18-draft-determination> The next step is ORR's Final Determination, to be published 31 October

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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.*

Forthcoming calendar/diary dates

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

Monday 1 October "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 13.

Tuesday 2 October "Future challenges on Network Rail's Wessex Route" – free evening talk in London.

Thursday 4 October Sussex & Coastway Division. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Sussex+and+Coastway>

Thursday 4 October Community Rail Awards 2018, Glasgow: <https://communityrail.org.uk/events-training/community-rail-awards/> Entries from our CRPs!

Friday 5 October "Walking Britain's Lost Railways" on Channel 5, 21.00. Episode 3 of 6.

Monday 8 – Sunday 14 October Rail Week <https://www.railweek.com/>

Monday 8 October Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Monday 8 October "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 14.

Friday 12 October "Walking Britain's Lost Railways" on Channel 5, 21.00. Episode 4 of 6.

Monday 15 October "Northern Line Extension Project" – free evening talk in London.

Monday 15 October "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 15.

Thursday 18 October Visit Three Bridges ROC/ASC

Thursday 18 October "Maximising stakeholder engagement" – free lunchtime webinar.

Friday 19 October "Walking Britain's Lost Railways" on Channel 5, 21.00. Episode 5 of 6.

Saturday 20 October Herts & Beds Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Herts+and+Beds>

Monday 22 October "Waterloo station upgrade – working together to enhance customer experience" – free evening talk in London.

Monday 22 October "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 16.

Tuesday 23 October Visit Three Bridges ROC/ASC

Tuesday 23 October CfBT London group.

Tuesday 23 October Chesham & District Transport Users' Group.

Wednesday 24 October "Transport for new homes – bringing transport and planning together" – bookable afternoon launch event in London.

Wednesday 24 October "Transport and land use integration to reduce energy consumption and emissions" – free evening talk in London.

Thursday 25 October Copy date for London & SE branch Local Action column in *railwatch* 158.

Send news to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

Thursday 25 October Copy date for news, articles, letters, pictures for December's Railwatch no.158, to be sent direct to editor@railwatch.org.uk

Friday 26 October "The story of the Crystal Palace High Level Railway" – lunch/afternoon talk in Croydon.

Friday 26 October "Walking Britain's Lost Railways" on Channel 5, 21.00. Episode 6 of 6.

Monday 29 October "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 17.

Wednesday 31 October Sussex CRP North Downs line afternoon walk from Shalford station 13.00 to Chilworth to launch new area signage and mapping.

Thursday 1 November Copy date for your reports, pictures to appear in December's *raise* 142.

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Thursday 1 November Sussex & Coastway Division. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Sussex+and+Coastway>

Monday 5 November "Paddington station 24/7" on Channel 5, 21.00. Series 3, episode 18.

Thursday 8 November Sutton Rail Users' Forum.

Saturday 10 November Railfuture's annual national autumn conference, with Rail User Group Awards, in Reading. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences>

Tuesday 13 November Transport Planning Day.

Wednesday 14 November Eastern Division. <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Eastern>

Saturday 17 November Kent Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Kent>

Monday 19 November Abbey Line Users' Group combined open meeting and AGM.

Tuesday 27 November Surrey Division. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Surrey>

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