

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

Welkom!

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

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?

Network Rail's Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme – published 5 November, closes 17 December. See <https://consultations.networkrail.co.uk/communications/croydon-area/>

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/>

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

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-policy/Pages/Local-Plan-Review.aspx>

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

We saw it, said it; who sorts it?

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 Angel Road station closure – published 22 August, 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 Railfuture's first response at <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, with a pre-inquiry meeting on Thursday 29 November. A dedicated Inquiry website is now available: <http://bicester-bedford.persona-pi.com/> 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>

An awarding experience for 6 RUGs!



This year's anticipation about winners of our annual Awards for Rail User Groups presented at our Reading conference on 10 November did not disappoint. Read more at <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/RUG+Awards>



Hastings & Rother Rail Users Alliance members with their Railfuture RUG Award for Best Campaign 2018

HRRUA = BRAG, MLAG, NBRA, OTG, SHRIMP, THWART!

New DfT Rail Minister launches new Strategy for Community Rail



Andrew Jones: official opening Cranbrook station 2016

DfT's new **Community Rail Development Strategy – "Connecting communities with the railways"** has been launched by the new Rail Minister Andrew Jones <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rail-minister-backs-life-changing-community-rail-projects>

The strategy rests on four key pillars:

- ~ Providing a voice for the community;
- ~ Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel;
- ~ Bringing communities together, supporting diversity and inclusion;
- ~ Supporting social and economic development.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

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

Saturday 1 December East Anglia branch afternoon open meeting with Ian Prosser CBE, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Railways and Director, Railway Safety at the Office of Rail and Road. Cambridge.

Saturday 1 December Thames Valley branch stall at Oxford Green Fair, Oxford Town Hall.

Monday 3 December "What makes a great leader and manager?" Free morning talk in Aylesford.

Monday 3 December "Introduction to management." Free morning webinar.

Monday 3 December Drop-in for City of London draft Transport Strategy consultation at Artizan Street library.

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.

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Tuesday 4 December "Track engineering of London's Underground." Free evening talk in Colchester.

Wednesday 5 December Publication date for December Railwatch 158 <http://www.railwatch.org.uk/>

Wednesday 5 December Sussex & Coastway Division <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Sussex+and+Coastway>

Wednesday 5 December "The Channel Tunnel - the vital link with continental Europe." Evening talk, Ashford

Thursday 6 December "Politics influencing the railway." Free evening talk in London.

Thursday 6 December Drop-in for City of London draft Transport Strategy consultation at Barbican library

Thursday 6 December "Third party retailers – what do they bring to UK rail?" Free evening talk in London.

Sunday 9 December Rail timetables change.

Monday 10 December Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Tuesday 11 December Station usage estimates for 2017/18 published by Office of Rail and Road. See <http://orr.gov.uk/statistics/published-stats/station-usage-estimates>

Tuesday 11 December Chesham and District Transport Users Group.

Wednesday 12 December "The Heritage Railway Association." Free evening talk in Chichester.

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

Thursday 3 January Sussex & Coastway Division.

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

Tuesday 8 January Chesham and District Transport Users Group.

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

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.