

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

## Happy New Year to one and all!

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## Calendar of current consultations

Extending Railfuture's influence with informed, insightful and independent analysis and comment.

**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** 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** 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>

**DfT's** Rail Review – published 6 December, 'initial listening phase' closes 18 January. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/williams-rail-review>

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

We're **asking our audience**, that's you, our members! What do you wish us to add? **Your comments** please to [roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk) who will forward them to the Railfuture member leading our response.

**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 said; who did?

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

The **Office of Rail and Road's** final report on the May 2018 timetable changes was published on the last working day before December's more modest changes: <http://orr.gov.uk/news-and-media/press-releases/2018/orr-lays-out-timetable-recommendations-to-improve-service-for-passengers>

**Transport for London's** Barking Riverside Extension contract awarded in December: <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2018/december/contractor-for-overground-barking-riverside-extensi> following the Transport Secretary's decision in August 2017 after a public inquiry in October 2016. Railfuture responded to preceding consultations in 2015 and 2016. See <https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/barking-riverside-extension> Services are currently anticipated to start in December 2021.

**Transport for London's** Sutton Link – closed 6 January 2019. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1957>



**Network Rail's** Western Section Phase 2 of East-West Rail 'East-West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements' – Aylesbury/ Bicester to Bletchley/Bedford – closed on 7 September. Unresolved objections to be heard in a Public Inquiry starting Wednesday 6 February 2019 in Milton Keynes. Railfuture will be giving oral evidence, with our Statement of Case submitted by 22 October: see <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1886> and a Proof of Evidence by 9 January. The dedicated Inquiry website is: <http://bicester-bedford.persona-pi.com/>

**Gatwick Airport's** draft Master Plan 2018 – closed 10 January 2019. See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1968>

**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.*

## 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 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** “*Identifying technologies to streamline and optimise railway supply chains.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Monday 14 January** “*Innovating for customer experience.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Monday 14 January** “*Running the railway.*” Free evening talk by GWR MD Mark Hopwood in Reading.

**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, Stratford.

**Thursday 17 January** “*Challenges of the design and construction at the Gotthard base tunnel in Switzerland.*” Free evening talk in London, also online.

**Saturday 19 January** Close of nominations for L&SE Branch committee.

**Monday 21 January** “*New generation of DLR trains.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Tuesday 22 January** L&SE Branch committee.

**Tuesday 22 January** “*Lower Thames Crossing – a new connection for Essex.*” Free evening talk in Chelmsford.

**Tuesday 22 January** “*Rail Freight Group.*” Free evening talk in Woking from Maggie Simpson, RFG’s Director General.

**Tuesday 22 January** “*Can we have more homes without more traffic?*” Free evening talk in London.

**Wednesday 23 January** “*Lifeskills: effective negotiation.*” Free evening workshop in Windsor.

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

**Wednesday 23 January** “*London’s newest trains for Crossrail.*” Free evening talk in Maidstone.

**Thursday 24 January** “*Train loading on bridges from 1825 to present.*” Free evening talk in London, also online.

**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.

**Thursday 31 January** “*Lighting up the Underground.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Friday 1 February** “*Fundamentals of project management.*” Free morning webinar.

**Monday 4 February** “*Dealing with conflict.*” Free evening workshop in Guildford.

**Tuesday 5 February** “*The Beeching impact.*” Free evening talk in London.

**Thursday 7 February** Sussex & Coastway and Surrey Divisions, Haywards Heath, with Network Rail’s Orlagh Ennis on the Brighton Main Line Improvement Project.

**Saturday-Sunday 9-10 and 16-24 February** Brighton Main Line services suspended south of Three Bridges.

**Monday 11 February** Bexhill Rail Action Group.

**Saturday 16 February** Kent Division.

**Tuesday 19 February** “*Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme.*” Free evening talk in Redhill.

**Tuesday 19 February** Chesham & District TUG.

**Wednesday 20 February** “*Funding and financing of new rail schemes in the UK.*” Free evening seminar in London.

**Saturday 27 April** L&SE Branch AGM, London.

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