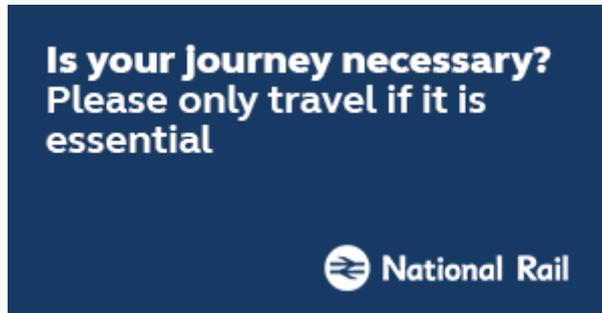


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Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

## Another month makes no difference!



## COVID-19 briefing to Railfuture members

As we continue to stay at home, more events go virtual and can be found shown as **online** in our [events page](#). They include meetings of two of our local Divisions.

**Happy railway birthdays in May**, and there are many! 13 new/reopened stations, 3 new services and 2 links:

1979 West Ham Low Level – 14<sup>th</sup>

1980 Hackney Central, Hackney Wick – 12<sup>th</sup>

1982 Watton-at-Stone – 17<sup>th</sup>

1983 Dalston Kingsland – 17<sup>th</sup>

1984 Bedford St. Johns – 14<sup>th</sup>

1985 Homerton – 13<sup>th</sup>

1986 Kensington Olympia <> Willesden Junction – 12<sup>th</sup>

1986 Winnersh Triangle – 12<sup>th</sup>

1988 Farringdon <> Blackfriars – 16<sup>th</sup>

1990 St. Paul's (later City) Thameslink – 29<sup>th</sup>

1994 Mitre Bridge and Sheepcote Lane Curves – 29<sup>th</sup>

1995 Chafford Hundred – 30<sup>th</sup>

1999 West Brompton, West Ham High Level – 30<sup>th</sup>

2010 New X Gate<>Crystal Palace/W. Croydon – 23<sup>rd</sup>

2016 Lea Bridge – 16<sup>th</sup>

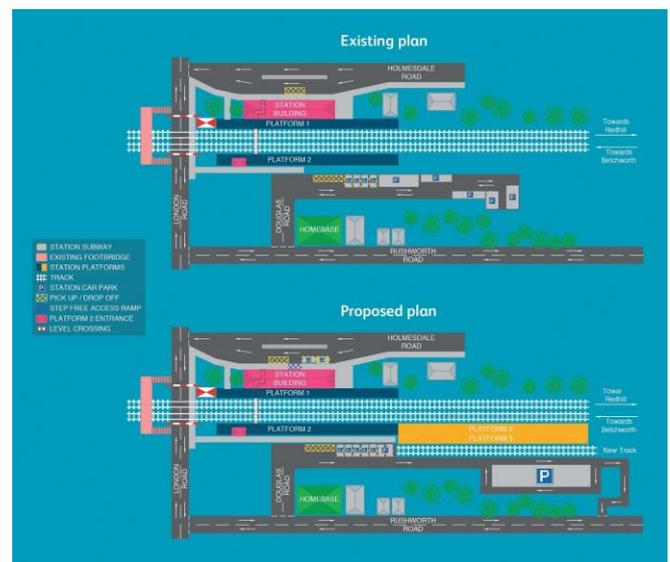


**Our vision for rail:** A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.

## What have we still been doing?

Since the early-April edition no.22 of *inter-railse* Railfuture in London and the South East has:-

~ [responded](#) to Network Rail's consultation on "Connecting Reigate to Thameslink", the planned [Reigate station upgrade](#) which closed on 6 April.



Network Rail public consultation presentation diagrams

~ [responded](#) to the Department for Transport's consultation on Network Rail's proposed [Closure of Newhaven Marine station](#) which ended on 19 April. No more ghost trains; click [class 313](#) or [class 377](#) to watch!



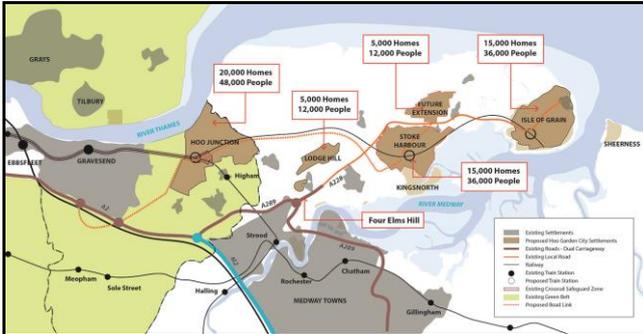
Newhaven Harbour level crossing in the foreground, and the signal box, have both closed since completion of Network Rail's [Lewes to Seaford re-signalling](#) project.

[Community Rail Network](#) is the new name, with logo, for the old Association of Community Rail Partnerships. It is currently producing e-newsletters weekly rather than monthly, and the sign-up to subscribe is [here](#).

## What shall we be doing (remotely)?

Continuation for a month more of *modus operandi* shift.

Medway Council's consultation on "[Planning for growth on the Hoo Peninsula](#)" will now close on Monday 11 May (extended from Friday 17 April).



Masterplan from [Shelter for Wolfson Economics Prize, 2014](#)  
See a summary and full report for [Stoke Harbour Garden City](#)  
60,000 new homes / 144,000 people would need trains!

See the [Kent Division](#) web page for a couple of videos!

**1 June 2020** "Unblocking the Croydon bottleneck" – Network Rail have confirmed the start of the second round of public consultation on the [Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme](#), until Sunday 20 September.



Indicative view of Selhurst Triangle, 'Croydon unblocked'

We shall **ask our audience**, you our members! **Your comments** to [roger.blake@raifuture.org.uk](mailto:roger.blake@raifuture.org.uk) who will forward them to whoever is leading on our response.

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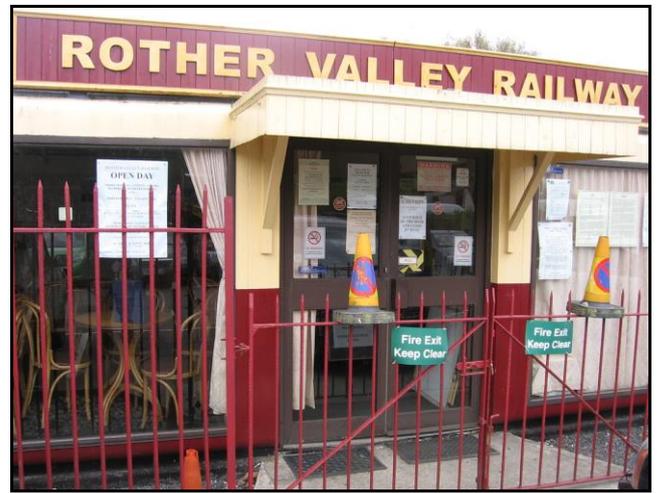
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One thing which we shall not be doing is engaging with the Public Inquiry for unresolved objections to the application for a Transport & Works Act Order for Robertsbridge Junction-Bodiam, which had been due to start on 26 May but has been postponed *sine diem*.

## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

For regular updates on "Decarbonising Transport", the DfT's [Transport Decarbonisation Plan](#) due to be published 'later in 2020', email [TDP@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TDP@dft.gov.uk)

**Thursday 7 May** "Timetable planning." **Online** talk.

**Thursday 7 May** Sussex & Coastway Division **online** meeting.

**Monday 11 May** Bexhill Rail Action Group **online** meeting.

**Wednesday 13 May** "High Speed Rail: a comparison between European and Japanese approaches." **Online** talk.

**Thursday 14 May** Virtual railway pub quiz. **Online** event.

**Saturday 30 May** Herts & Beds Division **online** meeting.

**Saturday 27 June** Raifuture national AGM, and presentations of RUG Awards and of Raifuture Campaigner of the Year 2020 award. **CANCELLED**.

Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.