

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

What will attract passengers to rail?

Coronavirus and transport users

Lockdown is replaced by tiers, followed by a five-day festive period. Most rail users feel confident about travelling in safety, at 88%. Non-users don't, at 45%. Source: [Transport Focus weekly Tracking Research](#).

Also watch TF's **online** [Transport User Covid Debate](#).

Our first national **webinar** is available to [watch online](#).



COVID-19 briefing to Railfuture members

Stay abreast with Railfuture's web [articles](#) and [tweets](#).

Here's one we prepared earlier



Bakerloo line extension to Lewisham – [TfL's report on the 2019 consultation](#) was published on 30 November. This was our response to the third consultation in late-2019: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display2225>. No sign yet of support for renaming it the BakerLew line!

All Railfuture submissions in [Consultation responses](#).

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 has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-November edition no.29 of *inter-railse*, events – shown as **online** in our [events page](#) – Railfuture London and the South East members have:-

~ joined **online** meetings of our Eastern, Herts & Beds, Kent, and Sussex & Coastway Divisions.

~ participated in **online** meetings of Brighton Transport Partnership, Tunbridge Wells Public Transport Forum, Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee, MarshLink CRP's AGM addressed by new MP for Hastings & Rye Sally-Ann Hart and by GTR's Angie Doll.

~ participated in the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group **online** meeting on "The case for rail line re-openings."

~ responded to [local authority consultations](#) on Luton Local Transport Plan and the Kent Rail Strategy 2021.

~ held a meeting of regional Branch committee **online**.

What shall we be doing (remotely)?

~ drafting our responses to [three public consultations](#):
* Homes England's 10k-home / 10k-jobs development on land west of Ifield West Sussex; closes 1 December
* East Sussex County Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan; closing on 11 December
* Wealden District Council's Local Plan: *Direction of Travel*; to close on 18 January 2021.

Our usual **t's and c's apply**: please respond individually as private citizens without making any reference to Railfuture, and **contribute your ideas** for Railfuture's responses to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk who will be co-ordinating the responses on behalf of Railfuture.

~ participating in the **online** meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group on "Attracting people back to rail", including "How train fleets can keep pace with evolving passenger and operational demands."

~ participating in the London TravelWatch **webinar** on "The future of London's transport."

~ holding **online** meetings of our Sussex & Coastway and Herts & Beds divisions.

~ participating in the inaugural meeting, **online**, of SCRPs's new North Downs Line (west) Steering Group (for the stations managed by South Western Railway).

~ hold a meeting of regional Branch committee **online**.

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.

