

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

Bienvenue!

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

Calendar of current consultations

Railfuture-style campaigning: seeking to influence the outcomes from calls for evidence and consultations with our informed, insightful and independent analysis.

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>

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> and also <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/CLUA-Introduction>

Network Rail's Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme – published 5 November, closes 17 December. See <https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/remember-remember-the-5th-of-november-as-public-consultation-begins-on-plans-to-remove-britains-worst-railway-bottleneck> including 11 public information drop-ins (see p.2 below)

Network Rail
Public Consultation:
Unblocking the Croydon bottleneck
For more information on our proposals visit networkrail.co.uk/croydon or email us at CARs@networkrail.co.uk
Consultation is open from 5 November to 17 December 2018.
Working for you

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/> including six public exhibitions (see p.2 below).

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, said it; who now sorts it?

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

Wealden District Council's submission Local Plan – closed 8 October.
See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1873>

London TravelWatch's Arriva Rail London proposed closure of 51 low-use London Overground ticket offices – closed 12 October.
See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1879>

Network Rail's 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 <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1844>
Any unresolved objections will be heard in a Public Inquiry yet to be arranged. Railfuture will also give oral evidence, for which a Statement of Case had to be submitted by 22 October.
See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1886>

Wide range of RUGs to choose from

As "the number one advocate for Britain's railway and rail users" Railfuture aims to be to Rail User Groups what, for example, ACoRP is to the Community Rail Partnerships [but without any paid staff!] Across our regional branch area there are known to be about 80 groups, 20 or so of which are affiliated members of Railfuture. A complete listing can be viewed at <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display1639> and reports of errors and omissions are always welcome. One of the key benefits of affiliation is access to Railfuture's Fighting Fund to support campaigns for Network Development, Rail Defence, or Promotion. Find out more at <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Fighting+Fund>

At this time of year there's anticipation about winners in our annual Awards for Rail User Groups, to be presented at our Reading conference on 10 November. See more at <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/RUG+Awards>



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

Thursday 1 November Copy date for your reports, pictures to appear in December's *raillse* no.142.

Send news to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

Thursday 1 November Sussex & Coastway Division.

<https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Sussex+and+Coastway>

Thursday 1 November "Managing a national route within Network Rail." Free evening talk in London.

Friday 2 November "Developing your approach to communication; understanding the importance of perspective." Free lunchtime webinar.

Fridays 2, 9 November "Great Model Railway Challenge" on Channel 5, 20.00. Episodes 5 and 6.

Saturday 3 November West Sussex Rail Users Association AGM, Horsham.

Saturday 3 until Saturday 24 November six public exhibitions across six venues for Gatwick Airport's public consultation on its Draft Master Plan 2018.

Sundays 4, 18, 25 November "Trains that changed the world." Yesterday TV, channel 19, 22.00.

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

Tuesday 6 November "Clapham Junction Capacity Improvements." Free evening talk in London.

Tuesday 6 November Watford Rail Users' Group.

Tuesday 6 until Thursday 22 November 11 drop-in events in seven local venues for Network Rail's public consultation on Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme.

Wednesdays 7, 14 November "Trains that changed the world." Yesterday TV, channel 19, 20.00.

Thursday 8 November Sutton Rail Users' Forum, Carshalton. See <https://sruf.org.uk/>

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

Monday 12 November "The art of being assertive." Free morning webinar.

Monday 12 November Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Tuesday 13 November Transport Planning Day. Free afternoon and evening talks/events in London.

Wednesday 14 November "Switch on to Mindfulness." Free lunchtime webinar.

Wednesday 14 November Eastern Division.

<https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Eastern>

Wednesday 14 November "Managing conflict." Free evening workshops in Slough and Eton.

Saturday 17 November Kent Division.

See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Kent>

Monday 19 November "The kneeling train – rolling stock research to improve accessibility." Free evening talk in London.

Monday 19 November "The next 200 years – what will London look like in 2218." Free evening talk in London.

Monday 19 November Abbey Line Users' Group open meeting and AGM. See <http://www.abfly.org.uk/>

Tuesday 20 November TeenTech Surrey.

Wednesday 21 November "Rail Accident Investigation Branch." Free evening talk in Aldershot.

Thursday 22 November "CROSS Forum – why very few questions are dumb." Free evening talk in London.

Monday 26 November "Managing change." Free lunchtime webinar.

Monday 26 November "Colonel Stephens – the man and his railway empire." Free evening talk, Maidenhead

Tuesday 27 November Surrey Division, Redhill.

See <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Surrey>

Tuesday 27 November "The privatisation disaster." Free evening talk in Woking.

Wednesday 28 November "Inclusive design – the power of bias." Free lunchtime webinar.

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.

Wednesday 5 December Sussex & Coastway Division

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