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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sutton Link

Railfuture is Britain's leading national independent voluntary organisation campaigning for a better railway across a bigger network for passenger and freight users in order to support economic growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities.

1. What is your view on the principle of the Sutton Link proposals to improve transport links between Merton and Sutton town centre?

Strongly support.

2. Please let us know your level of support or opposition for Route Option 1 (South Wimbledon to Sutton town centre).

Support.

3. Which of the following aspects are most important to you and influenced your level of support or opposition to Route Option 1?

Onward journey connections provided, places served by route, public transport journey times

4. Please let us know your level of support or opposition for Route Option 2 (Colliers Wood to Sutton town centre).

Strongly support.

5. Which of the following aspects are most important to you and influenced your level of support or opposition to Route Option 2?

Onward journey connections provided, places served by route, public transport journey times, value for money, and best prospects for joining existing network at Belgrave Walk.

6. Please let us know your level of support or opposition for Route Option 3 (Wimbledon station to Sutton town centre).

Neither support nor oppose.

7. Which of the following aspects are most important to you and influenced your level of support or opposition to Route Option 3?

Other: weak strategic fit with scheme objectives, indefinite delay pending Crossrail 2.

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8. Do you have an overall preference for a route?

Yes.

If Yes, what is your preferred route?

Route Option 2.

9. Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the route options for the Sutton Link project?

Added advantage of Route Options 1 and 2 is potential for loop to serve St. Helier Hospital.

10. Please let us know your level of support or opposition for the Sutton Link being a new tram route.

Strongly support.

11. Which of the following aspects are most important to you and influenced your level of support or opposition to using trams to run services on the Sutton Link?

Environmental impacts, frequency of service, onward journey connections provided, public transport journey times, and positive likelihood of significant mode shift from private cars.

12. Please let us know your level of support or opposition for the Sutton Link being a new Bus Rapid Transit route.

Neither support nor oppose.

13. Which of the following aspects are most important to you and influenced your level of support or opposition to using Bus Rapid Transit vehicles to run services on the Sutton Link?

Other: negative likelihood of significant mode shift from private cars.

14. Do you have an overall preference for a transport option?

Yes.

If Yes, what is your preferred transport option?

Tram.

15. Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the transport options for the Sutton Link project?

Route Options 1 and 2 need to be developed to assess feasibility and costs/benefits of initial establishment of either for BRT with provision for later upgrade to tram, to capture benefits of developing a new public transport corridor and its connectivity if tram is unaffordable initially.

Yours faithfully,

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