

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

Welcome to the second edition to appear at the **beginning** of the cover month!

Since the previous, February, edition Railfuture has:

~ issued a national press release "[Franchising cannot continue – so how to fix the railway?](#)" in response to the Chair of the Williams Rail Review giving the [George Bradshaw address](#) for 2019. That followed a [special report](#) from the House of Commons Transport Committee reacting to government's deferral of its full response to the Committee's [Inquiry on Rail timetable changes](#) until after the Rail Review.

~ had four national and local [media](#) contacts to give our responses on topics as diverse as:

- the compensation paid to train operators compared with what's paid to passengers who have been delayed,
- the Rail Delivery Group's 'easier fares' reforms,
- the Commons Public Accounts Committee's report on '[Rail management and timetabling](#)'.

~ issued three [branch tweets](#) on:

- the 50th anniversary of the last passenger train to run between Uckfield and Lewes,
- accessibility improvements at Tring station,
- c2c's plans for Barking station (below).

Calendar of current consultations

Barking & Dagenham Council on Trenitalia-owned c2c's applications for planning permission and listed building consent for [improvements to Barking station](#) – published 28 January, closes Monday 11 March.



Not quite [Roma Termini](#), but based on 'one prepared earlier'!

East West Rail Company's non-statutory consultation on five route options for [East West Rail Central Section](#) (Bedford-Cambridge) – published 28 January, closes Monday 11 March.

DEFRA's [National Air Pollution Control Programme](#) – published 14 February, closes Thursday 14 March.

South Downs National Park Authority's main [Local Plan modifications](#) – published 1 February, closes Thursday 28 March.

DfT's [Extending Pay-As-You-Go \(PAYG\) on rail](#) – published 7 February, closes Wednesday 1 May.

DfT's 'call for evidence' on [Light rail and other rapid transit solutions in cities and towns](#) – also published 7 February, closes Sunday 19 May.

DfT's [Rail Review](#) – published 6 December, the 'initial listening phase' closed 18 January; see our [article](#) by Policy Director Ian Brown CBE including links to our briefing and initial response. The 'call for evidence' remains open until Friday 31 May.

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 who will forward them to the Railfuture member leading on our response.

Railfuture's various submissions in response to calls for evidence and consultations and are shown in [here](#).

Campaigning, not as some know it but the Railfuture way: extending Railfuture's influence with informed, insightful and independent analysis and comment.

“We weren't assigned, we was requested!”

Some may know the film with that ending, so it's worth mentioning that this branch is being asked to do things:

- chair the initial meeting of the working group on the Dorking Transport Hub,
- participate, and nominate rail user groups to join, in TfSE's Transport Strategy workshop,
- participate in Network Rail's workshop on West Coastway connectivity,
- give a presentation to Tunbridge Wells Public Transport Forum about Railfuture,
- chair a Portcullis House meeting of GTR and Thameslink stakeholders, including MPs.

And finally – since the February edition of **inter-railse** no.8 there has also been the February edition of **Rail User Express**. If you'd like to receive it, or the occasional **Rail Action**, direct to your Inbox when they're published, either as a link or a pdf, just email ruglink@railfuture.org.uk for monthly [Rail User Express](#) and/or renewals@railfuture.org.uk for [Rail Action](#). This monthly **inter-mediate railse** is also posted [here](#) for viewing / downloading / sharing.

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

Full details can always be found in our national website's [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) pages.

Monday 4 March "RSSB developments and update." Free evening talk in London.

Monday 4 March "Planning to run effective meetings." Free evening workshop in Guildford.

Tuesday 5 March Campaign for Better Transport, London group. Non-members welcome, Farringdon.

Wednesday 6 March Sussex & Coastway Division.

Wednesday 6 March "Bridges and climate change". Free evening talk in Guildford.

Thursday 7 March "Hydrogen fuel and approach to decarbonisation". Free evening talk in London.

Thursday 7-Sunday 10 March All East Coastway services suspended west of Eastbourne via Lewes, to/from Brighton, Haywards Heath and Seaford.

Friday 8 March "Introduction to management." Free morning webinar.

Monday 11 March Consultation closes on c2c's applications for Barking station improvements.

Monday 11 March Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Monday 11 March Consultation closes on five route options for East-West Rail Central Section, between Bedford and Cambridge.

Tuesday 12 March "Elstree and Borehamwood – the first 150 years." Free evening talk in West Drayton.

Wednesday 13 March Eastern Division, Stratford.

Thursday 14 March "Environment, climate change and sustainability..." Free evening talk in Falmer.

Thursday 14 March "British railway signalling: its evolution and the impact of human fallibility on its development". Free evening talk in Stevenage.

Monday 18 March "Leading and developing successful teams." Free lunchtime webinar.

Tuesday 19 March "Access all areas" Accessible transport exhibition hosted by TfL at ExCel, London.

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.

Thursday 21 March "From local link to Metro link: a decade of national transport planning". Evening talk in London.

Saturday-Sunday 23/24 March L&SE Branch stall at London's Alexandra Palace.

Monday 25 March "Building for people not for cars: lessons from the Netherlands." Transport for New Homes event in London.

Monday 25 March L&SE Branch committee, London.

Monday 25 March GWR MD Mark Hopwood speaks at free evening 100th anniversary event in Maidenhead.

Tuesday 26 March "Rail electrification: a policy reset?" Free lunchtime webinar.

Thursday 28 March "West Anglia Main Line Upgrade – what a STAR." Free evening talk in London.

Tuesday 2 April Chesham & District TUG.

Wednesday 3 April "The platform train interface". Free evening talk in Reading.

Thursday 4 April Sussex & Coastway Division

Monday 8 April Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Monday 8 April "Air quality in enclosed railway stations". Free evening talk in London.

Tuesday 9 April Bedford-Bletchley RUA AGM.

Tuesday 9 April Campaign for Better Transport, London group. Non-members welcome, Farringdon.

Thursday 11 April "The Windsor Link Railway." Free evening talk in Croydon.

Monday 15 April "Managing change." Free morning webinar.

Tuesday 16 April "Transport Focus." Sharon Hedges speaks to free evening meeting in Redhill.

Saturday 27 April L&SE Branch AGM, preceded by open morning meeting with guest speakers, London.

Tuesday 30 April Close of members-only discount bookings for Railfuture's annual national summer conference, in Darlington on Saturday 22 June.

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