

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

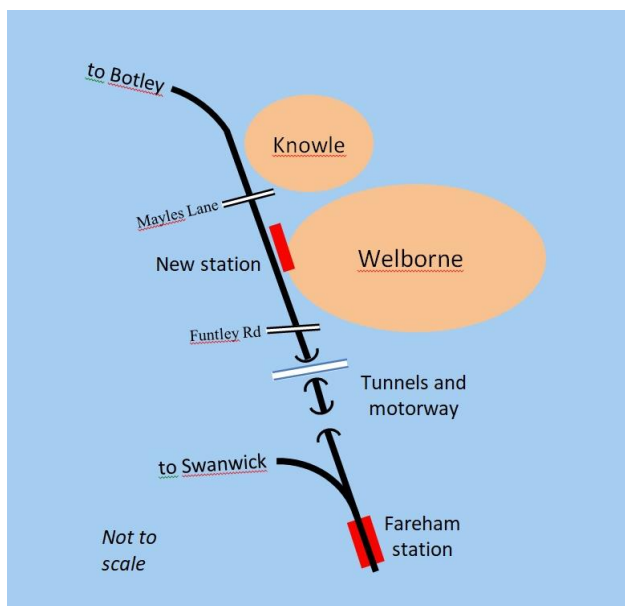
Welcome to your Easter edition

Since the previous, March, edition Railfuture has:

- ~ issued two [consultation responses](#) on
 - improvements to [Barking station](#)
 - route options for [East West Rail](#) central section
- ~ published four '[News and views](#)' articles, one about a new garden village in Hampshire at [Welborne](#) and the campaign by Wessex branch for a station to serve it.
- ~ issued three [national tweets](#) on
 - electrification at lower cost
 - running trains on time
 - fixing franchising? Yes we can!
- ~ issued two [branch tweets](#) on
 - [improvements to Barking station](#)
 - the latest quarterly newsletter *railse* no.143
- ~ published [Rail User Express](#) for March. Get it direct to your Inbox as soon as it's published, either as a link or a pdf, just by emailing ruginlink@railfuture.org.uk
- ~ set out our stall at the annual London Festival of Railway Modelling at Alexandra Palace.

New stations needed for new homes

New [Garden Communities](#) need new stations, as at [Welborne](#) – and new lines need new homes built too!



Explore [Welborne Garden Village](#), Fareham, Hampshire

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.

Before the next edition of *inter-railse* in May we shall be wending our way to Worthing on Thursday 4th to work out, provoked by three speakers and with your support, “*How to improve West Coastway rail services*”, and then gather in London on Saturday 27th for our annual open meeting, with speakers on rail access to airports.



Branch annual meeting venue: Wesley's Chapel, EC1Y 1AU

Calendar of current consultations

Williams Rail Review's [Call for Evidence: objectives and assessment criteria](#) – published 19 March, closes Tuesday 30 April.

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; see our [article](#) by Policy Director Ian Brown CBE, including our [briefing](#) and [response](#) to the 'initial listening phase'. The 'call for evidence' is 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.

That's campaigning, folks, but not as some know it. It's Railfuture's way, extending our influence with informed, insightful and independent analysis and comment.

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

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

Tuesday 2 April “*The gauging challenge*”. Free evening talk in Basingstoke.

Wednesday 3 April Network Rail public drop-in for Bromley residents, at Grove Park.

Wednesday 3 April “*The platform train interface*”. Free evening talk in Reading.

Wednesday 3 April “*Lifeskills event: effective negotiation*”. Free evening workshop in Chelmsford.

Thursday 4 April “*How to improve West Coastway rail services*”. Sussex & Coastway Division, Worthing.

Thursday 4 April “*Ottawa light rail*”. Free evening talk in London.

Saturday 6 April Wessex branch AGM, Portsmouth.

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 Watford RUG.

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

Wednesday 10 April Vernon Murphy Memorial Lecture by Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Network Rail Chair. Book for free evening event in London.

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.

Tuesday 16 April “*How to deliver a better safer railway*”. Free evening lecture in London.

Tuesday 23 April Thames Valley branch AGM, Oxford.

Wednesday 24 April “*London Underground, then and now*”. Free evening talk in Chichester.

Wednesday 24 April “*Runway capacity in the South East*”. Free evening talk in London.

Thursday 25 April “*Developing HS2 into reality*”. Technical seminar in London, preceded by lunch.

Friday 26 April “*Dealing with conflict*”. Free lunchtime webinar.

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

Saturday-Sunday 27-28 April “*Love your line*”. London Transport Museum open weekend at Acton.

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

Tuesday 30 April Copy date for your campaign news/reports for London & SE branch Local Action column in July's *railwatch* no.160 and for June's *railse* no.144. Send to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

Wednesday 1 May “*Offloading demand on fuel to electricity: too heavy to bear?*” Free evening panel debate in Guildford.

Thursday 2 May Sussex & Coastway Division.

Tuesday 7 May “*The Wessex Route Strategy*”. Free evening talk in London.

Wednesday 8 May Eastern Division, Stratford.

Friday 10 May “*The art of being assertive*”. Free morning webinar.

Friday 10 May Copy date for your campaign news, letters, articles, photos to appear in July's *railwatch* no.160. Send them direct to editor@railwatch.org.uk

Saturday 11 May Herts & Beds Division, St. Albans.

Monday 13 May Bexhill Rail Action Group.

Monday 13 May “*Brighton line upgrade: unblocking the Croydon bottleneck*”. Free evening talk in Croydon.

Tuesday 14 May “*Franchising*”. Free evening talk in West Drayton.

Tuesday 14 May “*A history of the Post Office Underground Railway*”. Free evening talk in Hitchin.

Tuesday 14 May Chesham & District TUG.

Wednesday 15 May “*Community Rail in the city*” day.

Saturday 18 May Railfuture national AGM, Cardiff.

Saturday 25 May Kent Division.

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