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# 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

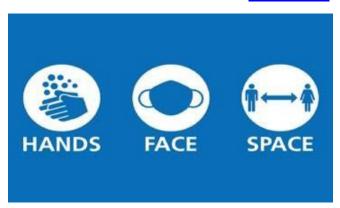
### What will attract passengers to rail?

# 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: <u>Transport Focus weekly Tracking Research</u>.

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 – <u>TfL's report on the 2019 consultation</u> was published on 30 November. This was our response to the third consultation in late-2019: <a href="https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display2225">https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display2225</a>. 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 <u>events page</u> – 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 <u>local authority consultations</u> 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 <u>t's and c's apply</u>: please respond individually as private citizens <u>without</u> making any reference to Railfuture, and **contribute your ideas** for Railfuture's responses to <u>roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk</u> 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 SCRP'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.

# Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: Happy December birthdays

- ~ on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Watford Stadium Halt station opened in 1982, match days only [services were suspended in 1996, station closed completely in September 2003]. One day, the stadium will be served again, by a new Watford Vicarage Road station on a new Croxley link!
- ~ on the 9<sup>th</sup>, London St. Pancras International's Thameslink platforms opened in 2007.

~ on the 11<sup>th</sup>, London Marylebone services extended between Oxford Parkway and Oxford in 2016.



~ on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Aylesbury Vale Parkway station with the line from Aylesbury opened in 2008. One day served by trains between East West Rail and Watford Junction?

## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

For any regular updates on "Decarbonising Transport", the DfT's <u>Transport Decarbonisation Plan</u> due to be published 'later in 2020', email TDP@dft.gov.uk

**Tuesday 1 December** Station usage estimates for 2019/20 published by Office of Rail and Road. **Tuesday 1 December** "On track for a safer railway." Afternoon online technical seminar.

**Tuesday 1 December** "Whole-railway resilience: planning for things that will probably never happen!" Free evening webinar.

Wednesday 2 December "The APM: the Project Management Profession." Free lunchtime webinar. Wednesday 2 December "In dialogue with rail freight: solutions available now, and plans for the future." Free afternoon webinar.

**Wednesday 2 December** "Realising Ebenezer Howard's Vision for Welwyn Garden City." Free evening webinar.

**Thursday 3 December** "Coping with COVID – stations." Free afternoon webinar.

**Thursday 3 December** Sussex & Coastway Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

**Monday 7 December** "How can lower-density development be made compatible with sustainable transport?" Free evening webinar.

**Tuesday 8 December** "East West Rail." Free evening webinar.

**Tuesday 8 December** "A Christmas Conversation." Railfuture East Midlands branch online evening event, all welcome.

Wednesday 9 December "EMAs, ERMAs, and concessions – what is next and how can we all shape the railway of the future?" Free lunchtime webinar. Wednesday 9 December "Engineering philosophy in the era of climate change." Free evening webinar. Wednesday 9 December Community Rail Awards. Free online evening event.



Sunday 13 December National timetable change.

**Monday 14 December** "Tram train." Free evening webinar.

**Tuesday 15 December** "A systems approach to infrastructure delivery." Free early-morning webinar. **Tuesday 15 December** "Asset management in the age of climate change." Free late-morning webinar.

**Wednesday 16 December** "Innovations and challenges in the design and construction of long-span bridges." Free early-morning webinar.

**Wednesday 16 December** Herts & Beds Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Wednesday 6 January 2021 "Brighton Main Line Enhancement proposals." Evening webinar.

**Thursday 7 January 2021** Sussex & Coastway Division online evening meeting. <u>Invite non-members!</u>

Full details in our **Events** and **Rail dates** web pages.

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