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Dear Sir/Madam,

Improving transport links between Abbey Wood and Ebbsfleet

Railfuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning for a better railway across a bigger network for passenger and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities. We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in transport planning.

Section A - Personal details

How are you responding to this consultation? Are you responding to this consultation as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation, group or club? Please tick one only

- As an individual (Please go to section B)
- On behalf of an organisation, group or club
- Other

Organisation details: If you are representing an organisation, group or club, please provide the following details:

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Please describe how the views of members were gathered:

Kent divisional meeting,
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Section B - Transport Challenges

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the strategic objectives identified for improving transport connectivity in the study Corridor?

For reference the strategic objectives are:

- **Support ambitious and sustainable housing growth**
- **Support employment growth, intensification, and productivity**
- **Deliver an uplift in the quality and capacity of public transport**
- **Support climate change and zero carbon goals targets and environmentally sustainable growth**
- **Improve connectivity from the Corridor to key strategic international gateways**
- **Affordability**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Of the strategic objectives presented, which are most important?

Please select up to three options

- Support ambitious and sustainable housing growth
- Support employment growth, intensification, and productivity
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Do you have any additional comments to make about the strategic objectives for the scheme? For example, do you think there are other objectives that should be considered for a major transport scheme?



What do you think are the main transport challenges for you and other people living and working in the study area?

Please select all that apply

- The trains are too slow/take too long to where I want to get to
- I have to change buses/trains too many times to get to where I need to be
- There are no bus stops/train stations within walking distance from my house
- Trains are too crowded at peak times
- Buses are too crowded at peak times
- Train tickets are too expensive
- Buses are too unreliable
- Trains are too unreliable
- There are too many engineering works/faults causing delays
- Public transport does not really fit the journeys I need to make
- I cannot get a ticket that covers all stages of my journey (e.g covering both rail and bus)
- I don't think there are any problems with the transport network
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

What do you think are the most important factors we should be considering when deciding on the best solutions?

Please select up to three options

- Frequency of service
- Having more choices in the way I travel
- Having more access to different areas in the study area
- Being able to travel into other parts of London
- Direct services
- Improving reliability of transport services
- Trying to keep the cost of the design/construction as low as possible
- Trying to keep the operating costs as low as possible (leading to lower ticket costs)
- Improving transport to cater for new housing and developments
- Improving air quality in the study area
- Reducing noise pollution in the study area
- Other things we should consider (please state)

If 'other things we should consider', please state:

Section C - About the presented options

Bearing in mind that the Elizabeth line will be in place, which of the presented options do you think best meets each of the objectives for the scheme as described in the consultation materials?

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Having considered the benefits and delivery and impact profiles of each of the options presented, please indicate your level of support for each of the options?

Strongly support

Support

Support with reservations

Please provide any additional information or views on the options that have been presented to you?

Did you send a response to the previous AW2E consultation (held in March 2021)?

Yes

No

Section D - Travel habits

Currently, what is your preferred mode of transport?

- Train
- Car
- Taxi/private hire vehicle
- Bus
- Cycling
- Walking
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

What are the main purposes of the journey(s) you make by public transport?

Please select all that apply

- Work/business
- Study
- Shopping
- Visiting friends/relatives
- Leisure/recreation
- Personal business
- Other (please state)

If 'other', please state:

When using public transport, where is your primary destination (most often)?

- Central London
- Canary Wharf
- Other parts of London
- Dartford
- Bexley
- Kent (please specify nearest town)
- Other (please specify)

If 'Kent' or 'other', please specify:

How might your travel habits change with the expected introduction of the Elizabeth Line service to Abbey Wood (i.e. from 2022)?

- My travel habits will remain the same
- I'm probably going to be mostly working from home for the long term so will be travelling less
- I'm going to be travelling by train less
- I'm going to be travelling by train more
- I'm going to be travelling by bus less
- I'm going to be travelling by bus more
- I'm going to use my car less
- I'm going to use my car more
- I'm going to walk or cycle less
- I'm going to walk or cycle more

My mode of travel will change in another way (please specify)

If your mode of travel will change in another way, please specify:e.g. from bus to train

How will your travel habits subsequently change with the introduction of your preferred option?

My travel habits will remain the same

I'm probably going to be mostly working from home for the long term so will be travelling less

I'm going to be travelling by train less/more

I'm going to be travelling by bus less/more

I'm going to use my car less/more

I'm going to walk or cycle less/more

My mode of travel will change in another way (please specify)

If your mode of travel will change in another way, please specify:e.g. from bus to train

Section E - Equality

C2E Partnership is committed to the principle that all our customers have the right to equality and fairness in the way they are treated and in the services that they receive. We would like to ask you some questions to help us understand who is responding. Responses will not be attributed to individuals, and all questions are optional.

NB THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY APPLY IF YOU ARE RESPONDING AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Yours faithfully,

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Vice-Chair London & South East regional branch
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