

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Questions Regarding Rail Issues	
Key Decision	No	Item No
Ward	All	
Contributors	Committee Support Officer	
Class		Date: 5 October 2016

1. Summary

This report informs members of the questions put forward ahead of the meeting to be addressed either in writing or in person.

2. Question regarding rail issues.

- a) Could we have an update on the reopening of London Bridge station through trains to Charing Cross and any possible impact on punctuality for Southern and South Eastern? (*M. Abrahams, Chair of Forest Hill Society*)
- b) Can we have an update on Thameslink services through the Catford Loop line? The short trains and lateness have been raised by the "Cinderella Line" Group and been the subject of many councillors' concerns. Stations include: Beckenham Hill, Bellingham, Catford, Crofton Park? (*Cllr Hall*)

(We are aware that Govia have recently announced proposals in 2018 which include the Catford Loop receiving 4 trains per hour in each direction. The Cinderella Line Group and Vicky Foxcroft MP were informed at a public meeting held in Crofton Park in September – please ask if they would like to attend to announce the good news to a wider Council group)

- c) Please could the committee discuss the changes to the Southeastern timetable over the second half of this year? We understand that, due to London Bridge works, the main central London trains will be changed so that some only stop at one central London station (Cannon St) whereas others will stop at 3 (London Bridge, Waterloo East and Charing Cross). Currently, most trains stop at 2 each (London Bridge & Cannon St, and Waterloo East and Charing Cross). These changes, particularly during rush hour are likely to main commuters' lives much more difficult with the main trains with 3 stops becoming increasingly overcrowded. As many of the rush hour trains are already horrifically overcrowded, these changes could present a real issue. (*Cllr Hooks*)

- d) We would like to press for late night Overground trains running south of New Cross Gate on Friday and Saturday nights. An extension to Crystal Palace, even for an hour. At present the last Southern train passes through Forest Hill at 00:50, but the last Overground train passes through Forest Hill at 00:15 (*M. Abrahams*)

- e) What can Lewisham do to make the exit from Forest Hill station safer? We have seen some temporary traffic lights on Perry Vale and believe that a permanent pedestrian crossing at this location would be improve safety for passengers approaching and leaving Forest Hill station. (*M. Abrahams*)