

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 6 in the name of Councillor Upex to be seconded by Councillor Barnham	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: November 23 2016

Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) has launched an extensive consultation which sets out proposed changes to the timetable which will be operated by GTR in 2018 following completion of the Thameslink Programme.

Accordingly, the Council welcomes the imminent introduction of new rolling stock, with greater capacity. We also strongly welcome proposals in the current Thameslink timetable consultation to introduce four trains an hour Monday to Saturday, from 2018.

These proposals include:

- a) Diverting all our East Croydon services to West Croydon - making it take longer to get to Gatwick and other destinations in Sussex.
- b) Reducing our peak services to London Bridge to four trains an hour (the same capacity as the rest of the day). These services would be replaced by five carriage Overground trains to Dalston Junction.

This Council notes the Consultation taken place with regards to proposed changes to the timetable affecting residents who use the following stations - Sydenham, Forest Hill, Honor Oak, Brockley from 2018

This Council also supports the efforts of the 'Cinderella Line' campaign and Vicky Foxcroft MP to promote improvements to the unacceptably poor service on trains serving Crofton Park, Catford, Bellingham and stations beyond.

But the proposed improvements, while welcome, do not go far enough. We therefore call on Thameslink also to ensure:

- o That trains into central London do not terminate at Blackfriars – they should continue through to Kentish Town/St Pancras, because Blackfriars is difficult as an interchange.
- o four trains an hour also on Sundays, when demand can be as high as on other days
- o trains are timed evenly at 15–minute intervals, instead of 10 or 20 minutes, so that people have greater certainty about when the next train is due.

o Coordination with London overground services at Denmark Hill and Peckham
This Council call upon the Mayor of Lewisham to write to Southern on behalf of all Councillors and all passengers who use these services calling for the direct Service to East Croydon from these stations to be maintained and not cut. Whilst welcoming any proposed increase in Overground trains to Canada Water we have concerns with regards to safety at a this already overcrowded station, furthermore we call upon the Mayor oppose any cut in peak hour services to London Bridge. This council calls on this matter to be referred to the Public Transport Liaison Committee and its finding to be reported back to full council.