

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Report Title	Questions Regarding Rail Issues		
Key Decision	No		Item No 3
Ward	All		
Contributors	Committee Support Officer		
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1. Summary

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

Question regarding rail issues.

1. Night service on **Overground** (Highbury to West Croydon) - when will this be introduced?
(Telegraph Ward Councillors)

2. Can I direct a question towards **South Eastern/Network Rail**- 'Has the railway given any consideration towards rebuilding, wholesale, Lewisham Station? Since it was constructed to serve a small market town in the mid-19th century it has become one of the most significant interchanges in south London, and is manifestly no longer large enough to serve the population using it.
(Roger Lewis, Chairman, The St. John's Society)

3. May I have an update on any works to improve the accessibility and frequency of the Catford Loop Line otherwise known as the 'Cinderella Line'?
(Councillor Alan Hall)

4. Please ask **Network Rail & Southeastern** what plans they have to reopen and seek a retail/business tenant for the buildings adjacent to platform 1 at Catford Bridge Station, now that the Catford Green development has a large number of residents who commute daily from the station.
(Councillor John Muldoon)

5. **i)** Can Southern rail guarantee the continuance of a direct service to Caterham from Sydenham/Forest Hill after 2018?
ii) When will GTR (parent company of Southern) start their next consultation

period, and will the consultation process be less tortuous than the last one, which involved scanning through a huge document covering all their services? We would like a consultation document tailored to our area, at least, ideally to just our line

iii) When will Norwood Junction station be improved (GTR and Network rail)?

iv) Is there an update on the proposed 2018 timetable changes on Southern Railways including; withdrawal of direct services between Forest Hill and East Croydon and reduction of peak morning services from Forest Hill to London Bridge

v) Can any additional information be provided on the proposed Bakerloo station at New Cross Gate, especially details of interchange between Overground and Bakerloo lines?

(Michael Abrahams, Forest Hill Society)

6. **For Network Rail-** Since the removal of trees from the section of railway embankment on the Catford loop between the Manwood Road bridge and Catford station, the increase in intrusive noise has been considerable. Goods trains pass through in the early hours disturbing sleep. Will Network Rail be installing any mitigation, such as wooden fences which are a feature of the embankment between Crofton Park station and the Manwood Road bridge?

(Geoffrey Thurley, Ladywell Society)

7. The performance of the **London Overground** has been poor since Arriva has taken over. According to Len's office it is on 91% reliability which is not good enough. Please comment
(Councillor Paul Bell)

8. **South-Eastern / Railtrack / Network Rail:** Could thought be given to creating a second exit at the Southern end of the Ladywell Train-station on the Hayes Bound platform, to alleviate commuter jam at the rear of the train and spread passengers, particularly on fast-services to Ladywell throughout the Train?
(Councillor James-J Walsh)

9. I have had some calls and discussions with fellow **Southeastern** Rail users following last week's (*early February*) issues which for four days affected Lee station and affected others for one or two days. Whilst we are back to relative normality an engineer advised me that the points between Lewisham and St Johns are long overdue major works and this is why the track had to be replaced completely - a very long freight train - not unusual, caused the damage but he suggested that without the necessary overhaul of that area a further issue was very likely. I wondered in view of the immense work being done at London Bridge etc, whether any planned works in the area described were planned? It is not the first time Lee has been affected even since Xmas. Nice to get a free coffee- but have claimed delay repay as might cover extra buses/petrol getting to and from work and to Council and other meetings last week
(Councillor Hilary Moore)

10. Unlike during previous Southern strikes, **London Overground** did not run any extra services, usually an additional 4 trains per hour. Could TfL please give a reason as to why and reassure us that extra services will run during future strikes

(David Mackenzie, Forest Hill Society)