

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Questions Regarding Rail Issues	
Key Decision	No	Item No 3
Ward	All	
Contributors		
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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. Are there still plans to increase the number of trains on the Crystal Palace route of the Overground system? **(Michael Abrahams, Forest Hill Society)**
2. When night trains run to New Cross Gate are there any plans to increase night buses from New Cross Gate, particularly following the route through to Honor Oak, Forest Hill and Sydenham? (eight new night bus routes were added to compliment night tubes in North London, so it would be good to see some in South London too) **(Michael Abrahams, Forest Hill Society)**
3. Who took the decision and when was it taken and why was it decided to proceed with the work on the Bakerloo line extension only up to Lewisham and we now have talk of a second extension at some unspecified future date to Hayes, which of course was the original plan for the extension. **(Cllr Roy Kennedy)**
4. What will GTR do to mitigate the effects of the severe cuts to our services namely:-
 - No trains to or from East Croydon during the morning or evening peaks. This impacts severely on people working in East or South Croydon, and secondary schoolchildren travelling to schools in South Croydon and Purley. Traffic congestion and lack of parking in Croydon make driving an impossible alternative. Tramslink is already at full capacity. Croydon Council supports and promotes active travel to schools. Croydon Council's Transport Vision (2016) encourages public transport over car use, and looks to work with the London Mayor to improve suburban rail routes. Removal of our direct peak time service works in opposition to this. **(The Sydenham Society)**

5. No trains between East Croydon and Norwood Junction during morning or afternoon peaks to offer an alternative route. Why? **(The Sydenham Society)**
6. Norwood Junction – are there any plans for its improvement? a lift? Any timetabling concession to allow easy cross platform transit to connecting trains? Could NR reactivate the line to platform 7 and create further paths to allow Thameslink plus local trains?
Why has our evening Southern service been reduced to half hourly? These trains are always busy, particularly our last current train at 00.36**(The Sydenham Society)**
7. Thameslink service removed- why?
 - Our few direct Thameslink trains from Penge East will be removed in 2018 and only replaced by the Southeastern service to Herne Hill connecting with Thameslink trains at Herne Hill. The proposed service of four Thameslink trains per hour will start much later than the present service, at 6.12 am compared with 5.12 for the present service. Additionally, the present service adds trains during the morning and evening peak, running up to six trains an hour in the morning peak between 8.01 and 8.54. The replacement service runs only four trains an hour at maximum, and so is less responsive to the needs of commuters into the City and central London.
 - All of these changes impact on commuters travelling to work or school from our area of London. Consultation has been low key so many people affected will not know the proposals till it is too late. **(The Sydenham Society)**
8. Is there an update from Southern on the proposed cuts to late evening services to Forest Hill and the reduction in trains connecting Norwood Junction to East Croydon in the 2018 timetable planning? **(Michael Abrahams, Forest Hill Society)**
9. 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 (follow up from the last meeting)
(David Mackenzie, Forest Hill Society)