

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 4 in the name of Councillor McGeevor to be seconded by Councillor Muldoon	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: November 22 2017

Lewisham Council supports the growth of sustainable transport, and desires a safe rail service that residents can rely on. As a Council, it understands that the railway infrastructure must be maintained on a regular basis and that the borough contains extremely busy sections of track and signalling on which residents from across London and the South East depend. Council also believes that these can be maintained in a way that minimises disruption to residents.

Lewisham Council notes that many residents who live near to railway lines and stations are unduly disturbed by night-time maintenance works taking place at short notice, or with no notice at all. In recent years, residents in the St Johns area of Brockley Ward have been subject to short-notice works over the Christmas period.

Lewisham Council appreciates that some repairs must be made at short-notice, but expects that this should only be necessary in exceptional circumstances.

Lewisham Council calls upon Network Rail to respect the amenity of Lewisham residents.

Lewisham Council calls upon Network Rail to:

Give due notice to residents in all roads affected by maintenance works. Residents should be given a minimum of four weeks notice before works begin, and a minimum of twelve weeks notice when works are due to take place over the Christmas period.

Safeguard Lewisham residents by limiting the use of HGVs on residential roads. HGVs should only be used to deliver equipment in exceptional circumstances and never in the hours of the 'school-run'.

Ensure that all contractors are trained to understand that they are working in residential areas and must limit light pollution and noise wherever possible. Air quality of residents must also be respected and car and diesel powered machinery must not be left to idle or run unnecessarily.

Respond to the enquiries and complaints of residents, representatives and council officers in a timely manner.

Protect woodland and wildlife on railway sidings

Maintain and refurbish bridges and footways, so that they are both safe and visually appealing thereby positively contributing to the street scape.

Lewisham Council asks that the Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock, writes to Rt Hon Chris Grayling, MP, Secretary of State for Transport, Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Chair of Network Rail & Mr Arthur Leathley, Chair of London Travelwatch to advise them of these concerns.

Lewisham Council recommends that the Public Transport Liaison Committee incorporates a standing item on rail infrastructure repairs and renewals in its work programme, so that Members and the public can be assured that the activities of Network Rail are adequately scrutinised in this regard.”