

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Questions Regarding Rail and Bus Issues	
Key Decision	No	Item No 3
Ward	All	
Contributors		
Class	Part 1	Date: 4 February 2019

1. Summary

This report informs members of the questions put forward to be addressed by transport providers and the Committee.

Questions:

1. Following the recent briefings on the Bakerloo Line Extension, can *TfL* update is on their current plans? In particular, extending the line beyond Lewisham to Lower Sydenham? Have representations to move Lower Sydenham station been considered in the wider strategic considerations? (Cllr Alan Hall)
2. Why are there so many delays to trains in Lewisham area (*Southeastern Railway*)? (Richard Holland, Downham Assembly)
3. Please may we be updated on the frequency and punctuality of trains on the Catford Loop Line including Beckenham Hill, Bellingham, Catford & Crofton Park? (Cllr Alan Hall)
4. Residents have raised accessibility on the Elizabeth Line. What plans are there for full step free access on this new Line? How will disabled Lewisham residents be able to use this new service? (Cllr Alan Hall)
5. The Greenwich Line Users' Group has been complaining to Southeastern about the station skipping in their autumn timetable. This reduces the off-peak service from Deptford station from 5 trains an hour to 3 an hour, in each direction. Passengers get annoyed and frustrated when their normal train goes through the station non-stop, often early, and they have to wait for the next one. We have challenged the necessity for this policy. I attach, for your information, a copy of a letter we have sent to the Managing Director and a copy of our analysis (Appendix 1). It would be helpful if Lewisham Council's

Public Transport Liaison Committee could support us in any contact they have with *Southeastern*. (Mike Sparham, Greenwich Line Users' Group)

6. Ahead of the next Public transport Liaison Committee, I would be grateful if you could ask TfL to consider the case for a change in the zoning of Honor Oak park station. There is a local campaign emerging on this issue (see: <https://se23.life/t/is-hop-being-ripped-off-by-tfl/10494>)
- As I understand it, that London's travel zones were originally based on the distance from Piccadilly Circus. Campaigners point out that Lewisham Station is 6.08 miles from Piccadilly Circus, and is Zone 2&3. The distance from Honor Oak Park Station to Piccadilly Circus is 5.72 miles and yet this station is Zone 3.
- Adopting a more modern reference point (the City and the West End are arguably twin centres of Central London) and taking Blackfriars as a notional mid-point between Piccadilly Circus and Bank we find.
- The distance to Blackfriars as the crow flies from Honor Oak Park is 4.93 miles. HOP is Zone 3.
 - The distance to Blackfriars as the crow flies from East Putney is 5.89 miles. EP is Zones 2&3.

This means a commuter working in the City travelling from East Putney to Bank pays $£131 \times 12 = £1572$ per annum to travel 6.45 miles - yet my constituents, commuting from Honor Oak Park to the exact same station pay $£153.60 \times 12 = £1843.20$ per annum to travel only 4.77 miles. A shorter distance by 27%, yet paying £271.20 more per year. Hardly seems fair.

Nor does it seem merely an east-west issue: stations in east London in Zones 2&3, such as Canning Town and North Greenwich, are a lot further away than Honor Oak Park.

I understand Crofton Park also suffers similarly.

I would be very interested in *TfL's* observations on this. (Cllr Chris Barnham)

7. It has come to the attention of local residents that *Southeastern* have instructed a consultant called On Trak to 'monitor' St John's station passenger traffic. On Trak suggested to one resident that *Southeastern* are keen to shut down St John's Station.

Please will *Southeastern* provide a representative to attend the meeting and also provide in writing:

- The exact purpose for which On Trak has been instructed;
- What instructions have been given in relation to their monitoring activities;
- The date by which any report is due and if already reported, its findings;

- Clarification as to whether or not there is an intention to close or further limit the trains stopping at St Johns;
- An explanation as to why there has been no consultation about this exercise with elected members or local community groups.

The St John's Society very strongly objects to any measures that would lead to further loss of local services at our station.

8. Public concern about changes to local bus routes including 171 from Bellingham is widespread - what is the outcome of the public consultation?
(Cllr Alan Hall)