

The **quarterly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway – for passengers and freight

Rail transport for new homes on the Hoo Peninsula, Medway

During September and October Medway Council consulted on “Setting the direction for Medway 2040” – a precursor to their new draft Local Plan. Our full response was submitted on 31st October.



Our submission can be found in the three usual places in the website (national library at foot of home page, dashboard in branch page, Campaigns / Consultation responses / Local authorities at top of home page).

We specifically noted that almost 40% of Medway's future housing capacity is on the Hoo Peninsula (14,736 homes), and re-iterated the case for reviving the railway project stalled since the abandonment in July of the Housing Infrastructure Fund allocation. In early-October the branch Vice-Chair had met senior Medway officers, in particular referencing the potential role of Land Value Capture as an innovative financing model capable of making a very significant third-party contribution to the cost of the project, separate from and in addition to conventional developer contributions.

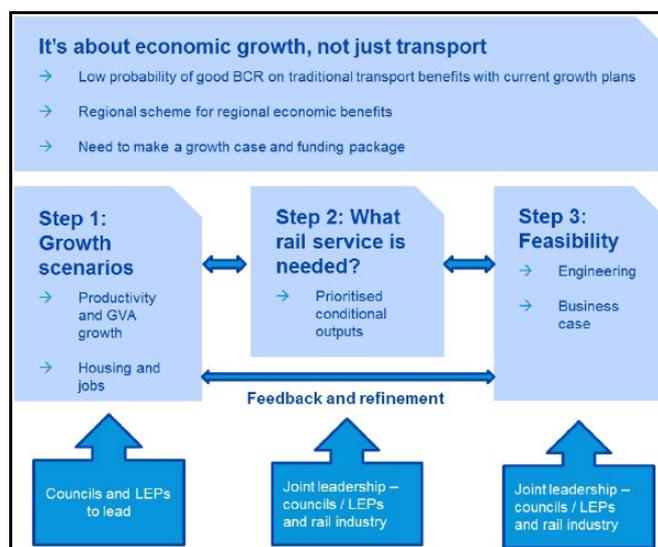


Showing in red new Hoo (St. Werburgh) station (upper right) and currently-unplanned new chord (upper left)

See our [website article](#) of January 2020 and our five [consultation responses](#) to Medway in November and January '22, April '21, May '20, and May '18.

Rail transport for new homes in the Low Weald, Lewes

Whatever the numbers turn out to be, Lewes District is facing pressures to plan for long-term housing growth, not just to meet its own needs but also, as a neighbour of hemmed-in Brighton & Hove, some of its needs too.



As this newsletter is being published, consultation is likely to have started on the next stage ('Preferred Options and Policies directions') in the Council's preparations of its new Local Plan “Towards a Local Plan Spatial Strategy and Policy Approaches” – policy directions for policies to be developed further at the subsequent draft Local Plan stage – and be concluded well before the next branch newsletter is published.

The scale of long-term housing growth planned for, over the 2020-40 period, is highly likely to fall well short of the Local Housing Needs Assessment of 12,040 additional homes. For Railfuture, in the context of prospects for a new Lewes-Uckfield rail link, the number matters less than whether they are dispersed or agglomerated and, if the latter, their location.



Our vision for rail: A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.

Control Period 7, 2024-29 – funding for Network Rail: Periodic Review 23

Further to the preamble in the previous newsletter, the [ORR](#) published its [Final Determination](#) on 31st October. There are in fact two, one for England & Wales and another for Scotland. The Final Determination in full includes several [settlement and supporting documents](#).



One such is the ORR's [CP7 Delivery Plan Notice](#) as the next and final development in its Periodic Review process will be Network Rail's publication, no later than 31st March 2024, of their Delivery Plan for 2024-29.

For our regional branch area two of the four Settlement Documents matter most, for Network Rail's [Eastern](#) and [Southern](#) regions. Note that our regional branch area includes only parts of three of Eastern region's four routes - Anglia, East Midlands, and East Coast - whereas it includes the whole of three of Southern region's four routes - High Speed, Kent, and Sussex - and part of Wessex route (although High Speed route is not included in the ORR's Final Determination).

Eastern's projected expenditure in CP7 is £12.3 billion (including National Functions). This is 1% less compared to (CP6) expenditure in 2023-24 prices when adjusted for inflation. The ORR has accepted Eastern's proposed £165 million 'Additional core asset renewal expenditure' above ORR's draft determination.

Southern's projected expenditure in CP7 is £9.8 billion (including National Functions). This is 5% less compared to CP6 expenditure in 2023-24 prices when adjusted for inflation. ORR has accepted Southern's proposed £191 million 'Additional core asset renewal expenditure' above ORR's draft determination.

Both regions require 'Additional core asset renewal expenditure' on Earthworks, Signalling and Structures, Eastern also on Track and Electrification / Fixed plant.

Britain's Growing Railway – a bigger better railway in London & South East

The anniversaries of our fourth-quarter local successes, with seven re-opened stations, seven new 'domestic' stations, one new 'domestic' and two new international parts of existing stations, two new international stations, two new 'domestic' services, two extended 'domestic' services, three new international services:-

October

~ in 1981, on the 5th, Kentish Town West reopened; a fire a decade earlier had necessitated its closure.

~ in 1988, on the 3rd, Arlesey, in Central Bedfordshire, reopened after a 1959 BBC (Before Beeching Closure).

~ in 1988, on the 22nd, How Wood opened as a new station on the Abbey line as the line was electrified.

~ in 2015, on the 26th, new Chiltern services began between London Marylebone and Oxford Parkway, via the new Bicester chord and re-opened stations at Islip and Bicester Village – a first glimpse of East-West Rail.

November

~ in 1960, on the 21st, Southbury (previously Churchbury) and Theobalds Grove in Enfield, and Turkey Street (previously Forty Hill) in Broxbourne, Hertfordshire all re-opened with route electrification.

~ in 1974, on the 25th, Basildon opened, fully 25 years after being designated a New Town!

~ in 1994, on the 14th, Eurostar Channel Tunnel services, Waterloo Curve / Stewarts Lane Viaduct, and Waterloo International opened.

~ in 1999, on the 8th, Braintree Freeport opened.

~ in 1999, on the 21st, Luton Airport Parkway opened.

~ in 2007, on the 14th, Channel Tunnel Rail Link (HS1) phase 2 (from Southfleet Junction into London St. Pancras International) opened.

~ in 2007, on the 19th, Ebbsfleet International opened.

~ in 2009, on the 30th, Stratford International opened.

December

~ in 1982, on the 4th, Watford Stadium Halt opened, on match days only (to be served one day by a new station on a revived Croxley link, at Watford Vicarage Road!)

~ in 1994, on the 22nd, Eurotunnel Le Shuttle services for cars started.

~ in 2007, on the 9th, Thameslink platforms A and B opened at London St. Pancras International.

~ in 2008, on the 14th, Aylesbury Vale Parkway station, and the extended line from Aylesbury, opened (one day to be served by trains between the re-branded East West Main Line and Watford Junction?)

~ in 2012, on the 9th, new London Overground services extended from Surrey Quays via a new link at Silwood Junction to Queens Road Peckham, Peckham Rye, Denmark Hill, Clapham High Street, and Wandsworth Road to Battersea Park / Clapham Junction, at last completing London's new 'outer circle' railway.

~ in 2016, on the 11th, London Marylebone services extended beyond Oxford Parkway into Oxford.

Coming soon: Thameslink's new Brent Cross West, in the Thameslink timetable from Sunday 10th December.

Stay up-to-date and lend your support via our website pages under '**Campaigns**' > 'Restoring Your Railway.'

In memoriam: John Bigny MBE

We have noted the passing in October of member John Bigny, from Edenbridge, awarded his MBE in the New Year honours announced on 31st December 2009 "For services to Edenbridge and District Rail Travellers' Association Kent." Then aged 74, he had already been EDRTA Secretary for 25 years! His honour was mentioned in issue 12, 9th January 2010, of "Tonbridge Wells on Saturday." There was additional coverage in [BBC News](#) and [Rail News](#).



John's work as an active member of Railfuture is documented for posterity in at least three places. In Railwatch no.075 for April 1998 he's named in an article "Fighting for rail on all fronts" and in Railwatch no.084 for June 2000 he's named as one of three in a post-AGM resolution working party "to look at all aspects of the current constitution, several of which are in need of revision or clarification." Later in Railwatch no.130 for December 2011 he had a letter, after that year's national AGM in Brighton, pointedly reminding readers that "the campaign for improvements in the late-night service on the Uckfield line was led by the Edenbridge and District Rail Travellers' Association of which I was the hon. secretary from 1984 to 2010. The campaign led by E&DRTA was supported by the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee."

In December 2005 his name had appeared in [Hansard](#), courtesy of Sir John Stanley MP, then member for the Tonbridge & Malling constituency which includes Edenbridge Town and Edenbridge 'top' (should it be 'North?') stations.

His MBE came in the same year as other rail notables:
~ Order of the Bath: Christopher Bolt - Arbitrator, London Underground Public Private Partnership Agreements and lately Chairman, Office of Rail Regulation.

~ CBE: Adrian Shooter - Chairman, Chiltern Railway Company Ltd. (a Railfuture Vice-President from 2012).

~ OBE: Stuart Baker - Deputy Director, National Projects, Rail and National Networks, DfT.

~ OBE: Michael Hart - Director, Ffestinog Railway Company and Chairman, Welsh Highland Railway Construction Ltd.

~ OBE: Heidi Mottram - Managing Director, Northern Rail.

~ MBE: John Alfred Bigny, Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers Association.

~ MBE: Richard Burningham - Manager, Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership.

~ MBE: Peter Roberts - Chairman, Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

Railfuture Awards - Rail User Groups



No sooner has the dust settled on one year's awards and all the ensuing publicity than preparations for the following year begin. As in both of the previous post-pandemic in-person national Annual General Meetings, the plan again is for presentations to follow the 2024 AGM, to be held on Saturday 13th July in Edinburgh.

Similarly, the closing date for nominations will again be Easter Saturday, next year on 30th March.

Details in <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/RUG-Awards>

Unsung heroes: gone, not forgotten

Black History Month in October was preceded on Thursday 28th September by the naming at London's Euston station of Pendolino 390103 "Asquith Xavier". Asquith became part of railway history in 1966 when he overturned a decision not to employ him because of his ethnicity after he applied to become a guard at Euston station. Before applying for the job at Euston, Asquith worked at Marylebone station after arriving in the UK from the Caribbean island of Dominica in 1956. Read the full story (2nd October) at [Avanti West Coast](#).



Asquith Xavier's family by the train



His two daughters look on admiringly

Read our October 2016 article 'Resistance to change' - <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/article1722-Resistance-to-change> The continuing story: see p.3 of *railse* no.150 for December 2020, and also p.2 of *railse* no.151 for March 2021 and p.2 of no.154 for December 2021.

Transport for the South East from Transport Strategy > Strategic Investment Plan > Delivery Action Plan

The next stage in the evolution of regional transport policy and planning is TfSE's Delivery Action Plan.



Further to the previous newsletter's mention of, and links to, 30 Localised Factsheets plus an interactive map to help locate them, TfSE has since published an interactive [Story Map](#), displaying all 292 interventions in the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)!

Also published are seven Policy Position Statements, including one for Rail, which talk about the actions needed to deliver the global policy interventions in the SIP in more detail. There is no longer any shortage of evidence-based policy to support our campaigning!



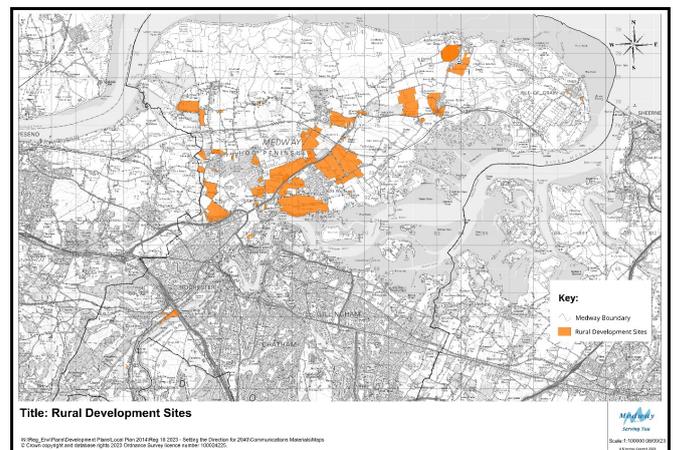
From the Minutes of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the South East's AGM held on 5th July 2023: "The Chair (Sally-Ann Hart MP, Hastings & Rye) explained that the current inquiry: *"The South East and 'Global Britain': what role for transport infrastructure in underpinning Britain's plan to trade and grow?"* was launched (with the image below) on 1st February 2023.



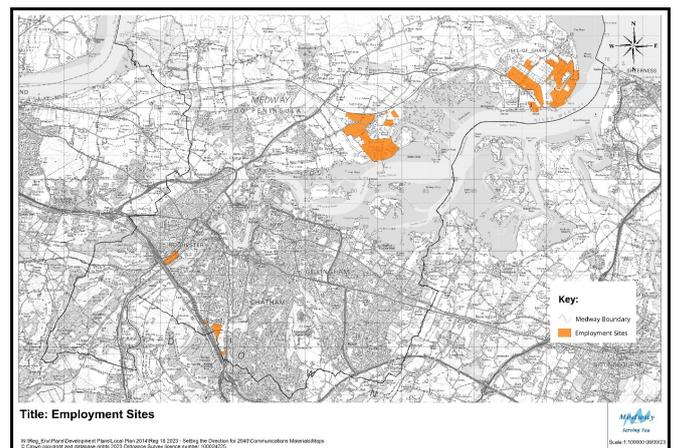
It had received written submissions from over 45 organisations (including Railfuture). The Chair said (six months ago) *"The report is being produced and is due to be published shortly."* She shared her view that it is important to continue to lobby the Government to designate Transport for the South East a statutory body. [Newsletter editor's note](#): very disappointing and frustrating that publication of the report is still awaited.

TfSE rail – north Kent: Medway – Gravesham / Tonbridge & Malling HMK-GRV-DFD-ABW-GNW-LBG HMK-HGM-SOO-RTR-CTM-GLM-RAI HMK-HGM-SOO-SDA-MDB-PDW-TON

Railfuture's interest in what might be portrayed as the Medway / Kent equivalent of the Northumberland Line project – upgrade an active freight-only line to restore long-lost passenger services to serve a new station – has been established since the January 2020 website article by Chris Fribbins. The maps below, taken from the recent Local Plan consultation by Medway Council to illustrate potential housing and employment sites, demonstrate the size of the prize if a rejuvenated rail line can both facilitate those developments and capture healthy proportions of the new travel markets for rail, rather than the already badly-congested local roads.



"Setting the direction for Medway 2040" identified the sites on the Hoo Peninsula as representing capacity for up to c.15k new homes, or c.35-40k residents, well above the unofficial 'guide price' to justify a railway which offers a good frequency of passenger services.



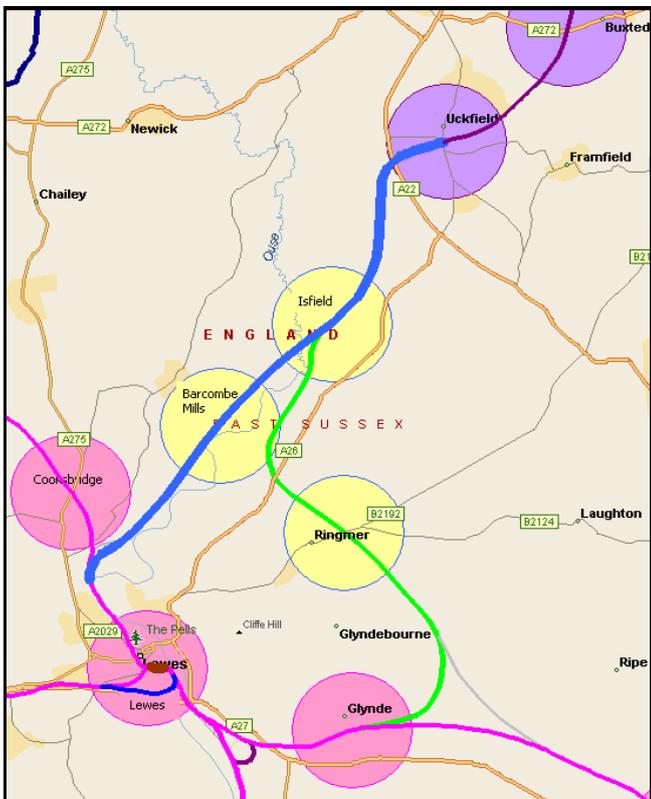
"Setting the direction for Medway 2040" identified the strategic employment sites at Grain and Kingsnorth on the Hoo Peninsula, offering unique opportunities in specialist sectors such as green technology and energy, and making use of wharfage facilities. An upgraded Hoo Peninsula Railway, with an additional connection, therefore has the prospect of investment with cost-efficiencies and synergies for significant rail passenger and freight market growth. Railfuture will continue campaigning through brokering collaborations.

TfSE rail – west of East Sussex: Brighton - East Sussex - Kent BTN-FMR-LWS-UCK-COH-ERI-TBW

You were warned, in the previous newsletter! As of mid-November, Lewes District Council's Cabinet had agreed recommendations to go forward for Full Council approval to commence a public consultation just before this newsletter is published, and after 10 weeks then close just before the next newsletter is published. Full details will be found in the branch website page. The next stage will be a draft Local Plan, in Spring 2024.



A reminder of previous coverage, in *railse* no.152 for June 2021 and no.153 for September 2021, also in no.156 for June 2022 after the previous 'Issues and Options' consultation results had been published.

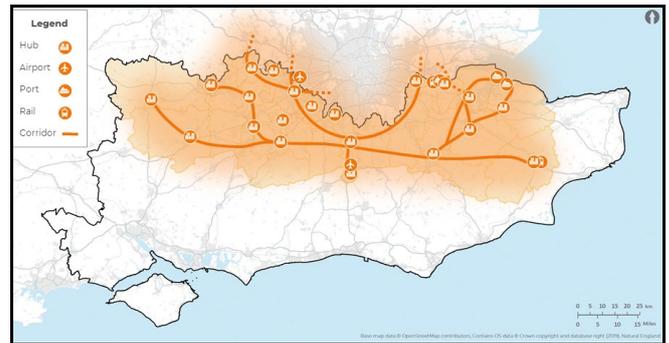


Above are three possibilities, in yellow, for community growth hubs, and there may be others – you choose where the District's long-term housing growth should be concentrated, in order for a new rail link between Uckfield and Lewes to be justified through serving it.

See more about [Railfuture's Uckfield-Lewes campaign](#)

TfSE rail - R25 inner orbital west: West Sussex - Surrey - Hampshire - Berkshire GTW-RDH-REI-DPD-GLD-WKM-RDG

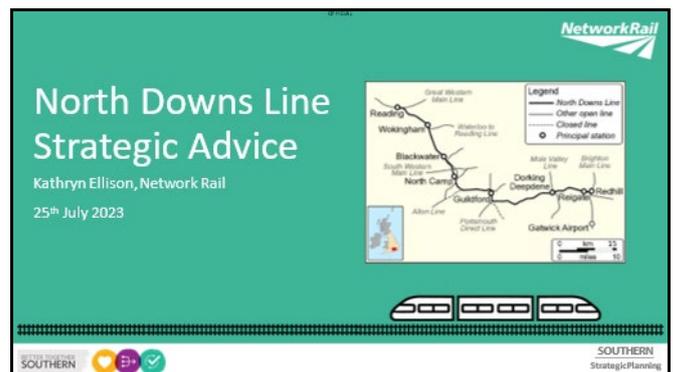
What's in a name? Some of TfSE's early work for its Transport Strategy used an 'inner orbital area study' which to give it a rail focus we've tagged as the R25. The North Downs Line plus the Redhill-Tonbridge Line plus the Tonbridge-Paddock Wood-Medway Valley Line all add up to an 'East West Rail South' or a R2R (Reading to Rochester) or a Thames-Medway Rail or a – what's best to convey a sense of a strategic network, more than just a string of separate lines and services?



TfSE's Inner Orbital area

Soon after this newsletter's publication, Great Western Railway from Sunday 10 December add value to their established 2tph North Downs Line 3-car Turbostar services by running both to and from an, at last, fully upgraded Gatwick Airport station ([from 21 November](#)).

Back in July Railfuture representatives, meeting there for the Southeast CRP's North Downs Line Steering Group, were given a first insight into some Network Rail work looking at the consequences of the withdrawal of the ex-Thameslink hybrid fleet from GWR, and future prospects as the diesel Turbostars are already more than 30 years old. Network Rail expect to be able to share a draft report with stakeholders next Spring.



For strategic fit, include for context Wales & Western Region's Reading Area Strategic Study ("*How can rail best support sustainable economic and housing growth in the Reading sub-region?*") published in February 2023, and Southern Region's imminent Kent-Gatwick Connectivity study (reported extensively in recent newsletters) and upcoming Wessex Suburban study ("*Focusing on Reading to Guildford and Reading to Bracknell and how to address future passenger demand as identified by Economic Analysis.*") All such publications are or will be in Network Rail's website under '[Running the railway / Long-term planning.](#)'

Campaigns calendar, London & SE

Our **campaigning** has continued through responding to **consultations** and **calls for evidence** and making other **submissions**, such as to local planning and transport authorities and to transport watchdogs.

Current consultations of specific and general interest to our London and South East regional branch area are shown in the **"What's on"** section of the website, within **'Rail dates'**, and linked [here](#).

Not just one but two major campaign successes within the space of a week must be almost unprecedented.



First, on Tuesday 24th October, came the news that the One-Day Travelcard would after all be retained.



Then, on Tuesday 31st October, following publication of damning reports from Transport Focus and London Travelwatch, which had been preceded on Monday 23rd October by a critical report from the House of Commons Transport Committee, proposals to change ticket retailing at stations by closing ticket offices were officially abandoned.

Since the previous newsletter, *railse* no.161 for September, went to press the regional branch committee has overseen submissions to:



City of London Corporation on proposals for Liverpool Street station, which were due to close for representations on the 'Standard Consultation Expiry Date' of Saturday 18th November. See our previous submission, dated 28th November 2022, to the Network Rail / MTR / Stellar consortium promoting the proposals, in our website, and also page 6 of *railse* no.159 for March 2023. The new planning application, reference no. 23/00453/FULEIA, can be found in the City of London Corporation's Planning website at: <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application>

GTR, on 27th September, on proposals for changes to the Southern timetable for West Coastway services planned for next summer's timetable change in June.

Emerging Local Transport Plan

Public Consultation

Your feedback will help us to understand the transport challenges faced in Kent and develop proposals to tackle these challenges.

Have your say!
Visit www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5
Consultation closes 18 September 2023

Kent County Council, on 18th September, on their emerging Local Transport Plan (ready for when new, and badly overdue, DfT guidance is published).



Medway Council, on 31st October, on "Setting the direction for Medway 2040" (Medway Local Plan 2040).

As we closed for press in mid-November:



Lewes District Council were due to adopt their Cabinet's recommendation and approve for public consultation the next stage in the development of their Local Plan 2040 - "Towards a Local Plan spatial strategy and policies directions." If it's agreed to commence on Wednesday 29th November it would then close on Thursday 8th February 2024.

CITY HALL

May 2024 will bring London Mayoral and Assembly elections. Branch committee is already thinking that we should again produce our own Manifesto for Rail.

Your opportunity to influence our responses to Calls for Evidence and Consultations, and policy development, is to email londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

Our **responses** to all **consultations** and **calls for evidence** and **submissions to planning bodies** etc are in the **"Campaigns"** section of the main website, within **'Consultation responses'**, and linked [here](#). For our regional branch see **'Submissions'** [here](#).

Our vision for Railfuture: *An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, and which rail users are proud to join and recommend.*

Forthcoming calendar / diary dates

Saturday 2 December East Anglia branch afternoon open in-person meeting, Cambridge.

Thursday 7 December ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Q2 2023/24 (July - September 2023) - Public Performance Measure (PPM), Cancelled and Significantly Late (CaSL).

Thursday 7 December Sussex & Coastway Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Sunday 10 December National rail timetable change.

Monday 11 December Herts & Beds Division evening **online** meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Tuesday 12 December ORR publishes Freight rail usage and performance Q2 2023/24 (July - September) - freight moved, freight lifted, normalised freight delay.

Thursday 14 December ORR publishes Estimates of Station Usage 2022/23.

Saturday 16 December – Sunday 7 January Schools' holiday: >95% of the rail network remains open for customers! Enjoy your local heritage railways.

Saturday 16 December – Sunday 14 January Major works affecting Southeastern London Victoria services and London Overground Clapham Junction services.

Tuesday 19 December ORR publishes Passenger rail usage Q2 2023/24 (July - September) - Passenger train KM, Passenger KM, journeys, revenue.

Friday 5 January ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 9, 12 November – 9 December 2023.

Wednesday 10 January Eastern Division evening meeting, **online**. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 11 January ORR publishes Passenger rail service complaints: Q2 2023/24 (July - September '23).

Thursday 11 January ORR publishes Delay compensation claims: Periods 5-7 (23 July-14 October).

Thursday 11 January Sussex & Coastway Division festive season evening, Lewes. [Invite non-members!](#)

Saturday 13 January Herts & Beds Division morning in-person meeting, venue TBC. [Invite non-members!](#)

Wednesday 17 January London Metro Division evening meeting, in-person. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 18 January ORR publishes Disabled Persons Railcards and assisted journeys: Periods 5-7 (23 July - 14 October 2023).

Friday 26 January ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 10, 10 December 2023 – 6 January 2024.

Friday 26 January Copy date for your campaign news / reports for the London & South East regional branch Local Action column in April's *railwatch* no.179, and for March's *railse* no.163. Send to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

Saturday 27 – Sunday 28 January Kent Division campaigns stall at Longfield Academy, DA3 7PH.

Wednesday 31 January Copy date for your letters, campaign news, articles, photos to appear in April's *railwatch* no.179. Send to editor@railwatch.org.uk

Thursday 8 February Close of Lewes District Council public consultation on Lewes Local Plan 2040, Preferred Options and Policies directions – “Towards a Local Plan spatial strategy and policies directions.”

Saturday 10 – Sunday 18 February Schools' holiday: >95% of the rail network remains open for customers! Enjoy your local heritage railways.

Saturday 17 February Kent Division afternoon meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Friday 23 February ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 11, 7 January – 3 February.

Thursday 7 March ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Q3 2023/24 (October - December 2023) - Public Performance Measure (PPM), Cancelled and Significantly Late (CaSL).

Wednesday 13 March Eastern Division evening meeting, **online**. [Invite non-members!](#)

Thursday 14 March ORR publishes Freight rail usage and performance Q3 2023/24 (October - December) - freight moved, freight lifted, normalised freight delay.



Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 March regional branch campaigns stall at Alexandra Palace, N22 7AY.

Thursday 21 March ORR publishes Passenger rail usage Q3 2023/24 (October - December) - Passenger train KM, Passenger KM, journeys, revenue.

Friday 22 March ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for Period 12, 4 February – 2 March.

Good Friday 29 March – Sunday 14 April Schools' holiday: >95% of the rail network remains open for customers! Enjoy your local heritage railways.



Easter Saturday 30 March Closing date for nominations for Railfuture's Rail User Group Awards, to be presented at July's 2024 AGM in Edinburgh.

Details of these and other important dates are in the Railfuture website's [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) pages.

Your branch divisions' meetings – all members, and non-members, welcome

Eastern [s. Essex and n. & e. London] – meets alternate months on second Wednesdays, **online** at 19.00 – next due on **10 January**, then 13 March. Division Convener is Howard Thomas (opposite). See [Eastern Division](#).

Herts & Beds – meets monthly – next, evening of **11 December** **online**, then morning of 13 January in-person, London. Division Convener is Neil Middleton (opposite). See [Herts & Beds Division](#).

Kent – meets quarterly on third Saturdays, at 14.00 – next due on **17 February**. Division Convener is Chris Fribbins at chris.fribbins@railfuture.org.uk See [Kent Division](#).

London Metro – a Division to cover all TfL rail modes: Docklands Light Railway, Elizabeth line, London Trams, Overground, and Underground. Evening meeting in central London, Wednesday **17 January**. Contact Branch Vice-Chair Roger Blake (opposite). See [London Metro Division](#).

Surrey – Division Convener is Stephen Rolph at stephen.rolph@railfuture.org.uk. See [Surrey Division](#).

Sussex & Coastway – meets monthly on first Thursdays, at 18.00. Next, **online**, on **7 December**, then 11 January in Lewes. Division Convener is John Black at jcbblack@yahoo.co.uk, Division Secretary is Robert Cheesman at robertcheesman@btinternet.com See [Sussex & Coastway Division](#).

Your branch committee's meetings

Officers and other committee members continue to meet, **online**, every 4 weeks on Wednesday evenings.

raise online

Available in the 'Branch news' area of our branch's main web page: <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/London-and-South-East-branch-news>. The links in blue are clickable hyperlinks.

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The copy deadline for **raise** issue no.163, due to be published in March 2024, will be Friday 26 January 2024

Items for this newsletter and our branch Local Action column in **railwatch** to londonandsoutheast@railfuture.org.uk

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Railfuture campaigns (noun, and verb!)

Our five national **railfuture** policy priorities:

Attracting passengers back to rail – improving the travelling environment

Climate change and modal shift – how the railway can help reduce the carbon footprint of transport

Restoring Your Railway – restoring communities' rail connections by reopening lines and stations

Fares and ticketing – making the system easier and fairer

Industry structure and Great British Railways – taking the opportunity to move to devolution and concessions.

Railfuture 'news and views', and Railfuture 'in the news'

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture's and others' reports and thoughts published in our website [articles](#).

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture members making, not just watching, things happen in our website [media extracts](#).

~ Railfuture is also on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Neighbouring and other branches

All 14 branch websites, including their **events** and **newsletters**, are **online** in '[Railfuture near you](#)'.

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