

QUESTION FROM CHLOE-JANE ROSS, CHAIR, COPERS COPE AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, FOR WRITTEN REPLY

What action is Bromley Council going to take to secure the future of Thameslink services from Beckenham Junction, Kent House, Penge to St Pancras and beyond, to Blackfriars from 2018, and to lobby for improved/additional commuter rail links from Beckenham Junction onwards?

Reply

I thank Ms Ross for her question.

The Council, along with Southeastern Railways and other south east London boroughs, were surprised by the then rail minister's announcement in January 2013 safeguarding services from Wimbledon Loop through central London ahead of those services from the south east including Beckenham Junction, against the recommendation of Network Rail.

I understand from one of your local Ward Councillors that you had sight of the Council's advice (dd 29th May) on related matters. Both Southeastern and Govia (the new operator of the TSGN franchise) have yet to set out the services from 2018 although we note that the Department for Transport's service specification does include services through to St Pancras and beyond.

If there is any suggested detrimental change to the current provision for local services be it either part of the TSGN or South Eastern franchise from 2018, the Council will of course involve itself in opposing such measures, I am hopeful supported by our four local MPs.

QUESTIONS FROM MR COLIN WILLETTS FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Question 1

With regard to your reply 25/3/14, what was the outcome following a shortly to be arranged meeting with the directly affected residents to various possibilities, which broadly amounted to widening the turn and to provide additional safe parking around Robin Hood Green?

Reply

Following two local changes at the 2014 Local Election, the views of the two new Ward Councillors have been sought for consideration.

Question 2

Dear Portfolio Holder following a complaint received from the proprietor of The Shoe Doctor in Orpington High Street regarding a trip hazard (redundant pit on the footway outside the shop), could you have this made safe with rectification at the earliest opportunity?

Reply

This matter will be picked up as a standard operation issue.

Question 3

Dear Portfolio Holder, could you instigate the removal of a large pile of aggregate spoil including broken glass from the amenity grass area to the flank of 19 Robin Way?

Reply

This matter will be picked up as a standard operation issue.
