

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of The Camberwell Society the officially recognised amenity society for Camberwell, with over 600 members, in response to the South Eastern Franchise Consultation.

King's College Hospital is located in Camberwell and we note that the hospital's Transport Feeder Group has provided a detailed response to the Consultation. We also note that a response to the Consultation has been submitted by the Southwark Rail Users Group. The Camberwell Society supports the submissions made in both these detailed responses but we wish to add some specific points relating to Camberwell.

Camberwell has a well documented high level of social and economic deprivation and unlike most inner London areas is not served by a tube service. Therefore much reliance is based on access to local rail services. Camberwell is served by Denmark Hill Station.

Denmark Hill Station is currently undergoing major works to provide accessibility improvements and it is expected that passenger numbers and demand for services will increase as a result.

Whilst Denmark Hill station serves key central London stations and tube networks the number of services and times they run are not sufficient to serve travellers in a "tube like way". To serve this densely populated area, which contains a number of major health care providers, it is essential that rail services are regular (at least four trains per hour), reliable and can serve the station at both peak and off peak times, 7 days a week.

From December 2012, following the withdrawal of the South London Line, Denmark Hill station will no longer have a direct service to London Bridge and will have a reduced service to Victoria (only two trains per hour and none in the evenings or Sundays). We wish consideration to be given to compensating for these lost services. We particularly wish to see services from Denmark Hill to Victoria to be at a frequency of at least four trains per hour seven days a week, by extending the hours of the Dartford to Victoria service and the introduction of the new Bromley/Bellingham service.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Blacknell, on behalf of The Camberwell Society