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Dear Sir or Madam

Response to consultation: London and South East Route Utilisation Strategy

With regard to the current consultation document relating to the above, I would like to make the following representations for inclusion in the final strategy document.

South London Line

As you will be aware, the South London Line (SLL) twice hourly 'loop' service between London Bridge and Victoria via Peckham Rye is to be withdrawn in 2012, and there is a widely held local view, which I share, that this will be to the disbenefit of a large number of inner-London residents. This has been confirmed by a research study commissioned by Passenger Focus and London Travel Watch in 2009. You will also be aware of the disappointment that funding for a part-replacement service from Victoria to Bromley South via the Catford Loop, which would have continued to serve a number of SLL stations, as well as providing enhanced travel options for passengers from Catford loop stations, was not forthcoming, either from the DfT or TfL.

I would like to request that future capacity for such a Victoria to Bromley South service be considered for inclusion in future franchise tendering.

Secondly regarding the SLL service, I note that on page 14 of the executive summary of the consultation document states that 'On the South London Line service changes as part of the London Overground extension to Clapham Junction are planned, and the RUS considers that the post Thameslink Programme timetable is likely to provide the opportunity for a four tph all day serve to/from London Victoria at Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye'. This would be welcome for passengers at Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill, as well as maintaining a link to Kings College Hospital. I would welcome more information on how this is proposed.

I am aware that there is currently work underway to seek the stopping of longer distance services from Kent into Victoria at Peckham Rye and Denmark Hill to mitigate the loss of the SLL. I welcome this and would wish to see this proposal come to fruition.

However, this does not address the service gap between London Bridge and Denmark Hill and Victoria created by the loss of the SLL and I would ask that, post Thameslink, consideration be given as to how this situation may be ameliorated in future service plans.

Bakerloo Line proposed extension

The Mayor's transport strategy mentions proposals to extend the Bakerloo line south from Elephant & Castle as a long term aspiration of TfL and the Mayor. Clearly I would welcome this, though would want to see the communities most in need of enhanced transport links benefit from this. Therefore I would favour any future extension proposed to serve the Camberwell and Peckham areas. Camberwell in particular suffers from a lack of good public transport links and any improvements for this community would help to reduce isolation and potentially have benefits on the local economy in this disadvantaged area. Utilising the 'Catford loop' in any extension would, I feel, also be beneficial as this line, we learned during work on the SLL mitigation options, runs to stations which are some of the only ones in London to only have a two tph service outside the morning peak.

Waterloo International platforms

Lastly, I fully welcome and support plans to bring the former Waterloo International platforms into use and enhance the Waterloo station experience for passengers.

I hope that my representations can be considered favourably and look forward to working with partners and stakeholders to progress the strategy.

Yours sincerely



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