

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Gareth,

Thank you for sharing the petition to extend the E1 bus route with me.

The starting point for the scheme to extend the E1 to Osterley was the development at the former Osterley Homebase and Tesco sites. Discussion between the developers, Greater London Authority (GLA) and Transport for London (TfL) concluded that the size of the proposed development would require an improvement to the bus network.

TfL is aware that demand is also growing on the corridor between Ealing and Brentford, and that London Borough of Hounslow want to improve access to the Great West Road between Brentford and Osterley to improve access to employment opportunities.

TfL was required to develop a business case to see if this extension could be justified. The business case needed to take account of three things, the first was increasing frequency on roads already served by the bus network. This is where the E1 extension would have the same routeing as route 65 between Ealing and Great West Road and as route H91 along Great West Road. TfL used existing travel demand data to understand how many people were travelling on these sections and then model the effect of increasing frequencies.

The second was to take account of the trips from the new developments. This was done by using trip generation numbers from the Transport Assessment that was produced as part of the planning application process.

The third was to take account of new direct journey opportunities. Extending the E1 would mean that people in Greenford, for example, could travel to South Ealing without changing buses. This would benefit people already making these journeys as they could do so more quickly and encourage to more people to start making these journeys by bus. An assessment was made of the benefits based on journey patterns on other routes in the area.

The expected increase in demand for public transport from the residents of the new development has been the main factor in warranting the extension to Osterley. As such, a business case cannot be made to extend route E1 prior to the completion date of the development which is expected in 2026 or 2027. TfL will keep the implementation date under review and will keep stakeholders updated.

Beside the E1 extension, I have committed to improving the bus network in outer London. The Superloop has been a success across Outer London, with demand on corridors served by Superloop routes growing by around 15 per cent more than the network average. During my recent election campaign, I proposed Superloop 2 so that we can better connect outer London with public transport. A timeline has not yet been finalised for the implementation of Superloop 2, but plans are being drawn up and we will update stakeholders when a date has been confirmed.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Seb Dance". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Seb Dance

Deputy Mayor for Transport