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Dear Caroline

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Thank you for your letter on the Victoria to Bellingham service.

A number of options were proposed in the South London Route Utilisation Strategy (RUS) to address the withdrawal of the South London Line. One was Phase 2 of the East London Line, providing a more frequent 4 trains per hour (tph) service on this line serving all stations between Clapham Junction and Surrey Quays and onto Dalston Junction, and the other was a 2tph service running between Victoria and Bellingham via Denmark Hill.

East London Line phase 2 is a good way of mitigating the impact on passengers of the loss of the South London Line at the eastern end. The Victoria-Bellingham service is a good way of doing the same at the western end. Although individually both services offer value for money, this is not the case if both are run together. Running 6tph across the whole day is excessive for the passenger volumes on this line. Furthermore, neither TfL nor DfT can afford both services given budgetary pressures.

Within the Greater London area TfL has the power to supplement DfT levels of service (increments) and pay for the additional cost of these investments. We also have the power to request reductions (decrements) from the levels of service specified by the DfT and then keep any associated savings. On consideration of the forecast demand for East London Line Phase 2 services, together with the more rapid growth in demand for destinations in the City and Docklands, TfL made the case to DfT that the available funding would be better spent on this service given the greater associated benefits.

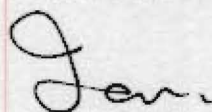
On 13th February 2009 I sent out letters to stakeholders – including Assembly Members – to announce that agreement had been reached between the Mayor, TfL and DfT on funding for East London Line Phase 2. This letter explained that South London Line services would be withdrawn in 2012 because of the Thameslink works and set out the service implications for passengers travelling to London Bridge and Victoria. A copy of the letter is enclosed along with the stakeholder list. My Director of London Rail Development, Peter Field, has also briefed King's College Hospital Trust Governors on the project and the likely service implications.

The Victoria – Bellingham service is not an existing service and was not due to be introduced until 2012. There is an ongoing process with Network Rail and other operators to create a robust timetable that meets the needs of all railway users as far as possible in this part of south London. It would be premature to announce the implications of the Victoria-Bellingham service not being introduced until this work has been completed.

Furthermore, over the next six months TfL has committed to investigate opportunities to address the withdrawal of service to Victoria and we will keep principal stakeholders informed about this work. However, as mentioned above, the timetable for services in South London in 2012 has yet to be finalised (and is unlikely to be until nearer the time), so it will be difficult to confirm the feasible options until this information is available.

TfL is currently investing over £1bn to expand and improve rail services in London and I am confident that both existing and new passengers will see the benefits as our plans for London Overground are delivered.

Yours sincerely & regards



Ian A. Brown

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Letter to stakeholders

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13 February 2009

Dear

Funding for Phase 2 of the East London Line Extension

I am delighted to inform you that TfL and the Mayor have reached agreement with the DfT on a funding package to build phase 2 of the East London Line Extension. The project will link Surrey Quays to Clapham Junction, at a cost of approximately £75 million.

TfL will contribute £15 million to the phase 2 extension and DfT will provide £64 million for this project and other TfL improvements.

This agreement means that we can now complete the final link in our orbital network, which will enable us to extend the high standards provided on our existing London Overground services to other parts of the rail network in London, particularly south London.

Additional services

This much-needed scheme will provide an additional public transport link for south Londoners who currently have limited access to the Tube network. TfL is planning to provide a train every fifteen minutes between Clapham Junction and Surrey Quays and onto Dalston Junction calling at all stations en route, including the new 'City' station at Shoreditch High Street. Once the phase 2 extension is operational, the frequency of services between Surrey Quays and Dalston Junction on phase 1 of the East London Line extension will increase from 12 to 16 trains per hour (a 33 per cent capacity increase).

In addition, the further extension will reduce the disruption caused by the major Thameslink works at London Bridge by providing alternative routes to the City and Docklands.

Surrey Canal Road

Construction of a new station at Surrey Canal Road will be considered as part of the regeneration scheme for the area and will be dependent on a Value for Money study that TfL is currently carrying out.

South London Line services

Network Rail, as detailed within the South London Route Utilisation Strategy (RUS), has proposed the withdrawal of the current South London line service between London Victoria and London Bridge in October 2012 to accommodate the Thameslink remodelling works at London Bridge.

In place of this service, Phase 2 of the East London Line extension will provide a more frequent four trains per hour service on this line into Clapham Junction, providing new journey opportunities to the Docklands (Canada Water) and the City (Shoreditch High Street), with staff at all London Overground stations, increased security and Oyster pay as you go ticketing.

Those customers wanting to travel to London Bridge would be able to change trains (using the same platform) at Peckham Rye. Passengers at Denmark Hill and Peckham Rye will still have a direct service to London Victoria using the Dartford to Victoria service.

Passengers at Clapham High Street or Wandsworth Road will be able to travel via Clapham North (Tube services) or Clapham Junction (high frequency rail services) respectively to London Victoria.

Next steps

Now that this significant milestone has been reached, TfL in conjunction with Network Rail will continue with the detailed design for the scheme which we anticipate could be completed by May 2012.

We will continue to keep you updated of progress on the phase 2 extension.

If you have any queries, please contact Emma Stewart, Stakeholder Relations Manager at emmastewart@tfl.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ian Brown

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