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Dear Hugh

Proposed changes to rail services in London during the 2012 Games

I am writing, on behalf of the Transport Committee, about Southeastern's proposals to run a reduced rail service in the Greenwich area during the 2012 Games.

We are concerned about the potential impact of these proposed changes on existing passengers and spectators seeking to travel next summer. We would, therefore, welcome receiving more information from the ODA, as set out below.

- Details of the proposed changes to existing Southeastern services and the reasons why these changes are required. It has been reported that the ODA has asked Southeastern to channel passengers through certain stations such as Woolwich Arsenal which has led Southeastern to propose a reduction in, or complete withdrawal of, services at smaller stations.
- The next steps that the ODA and/or TfL will take in considering these proposals following the conclusion of Southeastern's consultation. The Committee was not formally consulted during this process and we trust that concerns which have been raised will be considered in detail.
- The actions that would be taken to mitigate the impact on passengers if any of the changes proceed including the level of compensation that might be provided to season ticket holders.
- Any other proposals for changes to existing rail services in London during the 2012 Games and the consultation that will be taking place in relation to any such changes.

In light of these proposed changes to rail services, we would also welcome receiving details of the proposed changes to bus routes during next summer. Please could the ODA or TfL provide details of all bus routes that are expected to be altered, the nature of the changes, and the steps that will be taken to mitigate the impact on existing passengers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Transport Committee

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