

Priority Action for Camberwell Transport (PACT)

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Dear Mr Khan

An Open Letter in support of re-opening Camberwell Railway Station in SE5.

Amongst the many projects that would improve quality of life for Londoners, we hope that you are aware of plans under consideration by TfL and Network Rail to re-open the much needed railway station in Camberwell – SE5 (www.openourstation.uk). Our MPs Harriet Harman, Helen Hayes will be taking the parliamentary petition to the Department of Transport shortly. We were expecting the Business Case to be produced by TfL, but this has now been put back till September.

Meantime, to show our enthusiasm in other ways, campaigners got together this weekend to decorate a Huge Cake with a network rail logo. As you can see from the photos, the cake was shared with children and visitors at the Brunswick Park Fete. They also loved the toy train, but are keen to have the real thing stopping at a station in Camberwell as soon as possible. Besides sharing the photos, and a slice of cake which was saved specially for you, we wanted to highlight just why the station is so important to us.

Hospital Access: For Kings College Hospital, which provides nearly a million outpatient appointments a year, together with supporting family or friends travelling, as well the staff. We have the Maudsley, (South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust) recently named as London's 'Global Digital Exemplar' for Mental Health. Yet access to these world class hospitals compares unfavourably to the other great teaching hospitals in London. From a policy perspective, Health and Transport planners need to work together to integrate provision for people that are often more elderly, and/or more frail than the 'average Londoner' considered in the standard TfL model.

Travel Congestion: Denmark Hill has seen a huge rise in passenger journeys, up 95% in the period 2010/11 to 2016/16, and any user will tell you is running at capacity. Meanwhile, our bus services, along key roads such Walworth Road, are struggling with severe traffic congestion that results in extended journey times for users.

Economic and Social Development: When the Bakerloo extension was consulted on in 2014, the Camberwell Peckham route was the majority choice. It was disappointing that alternative route was selected. We know that travel and access, will bring jobs and investment to the area. And locally, we have the Camberwell College of Arts, a significant educational provider which needs good connections for students, and has been supporting our campaign.

We hope that as September's business case is finalised, you will ensure that TfL takes the time to review these points, and fully consider the strength of community support, and the support of our local councils, health-care providers and educational establishment and local businesses.

Yours sincerely,

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