

Council: Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Opposition Business Item: Councillor Geof Cooke

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Rail Services in Barnet

Add the words "and Boris Johnson "after control of TfL

Replace bullet point starting Cricklewood and Hendon with welcomes the new Thameslink station proposed as part of the Brent Cross development

Add to second bullet point "which could be funded by the abandonment of the extravagant and pointless HS2 project"

Delete the rest of the item

Substantive Business Item to read:

Council is strongly in favour of improved rail services in the borough.

Council believes that the successful applicant in the Government Department for Transport's Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern tender, due to be awarded in May 2014, should be required to provide:

- a long overdue improvement in the train frequency on the Great Northern service from New Barnet, Oakleigh Park and New Southgate stations to a minimum of 4 trains per hour in each direction all day, every day and at least that frequency on the Thameslink line serving Mill Hill Broadway, Hendon and Cricklewood stations to implement the Mayor of London's aspiration for Metro frequency services on all lines in Greater London;
- a service linking the Great Northern line stations in Barnet with the Thameslink line at St Pancras as soon as the new tunnels are available;
- for journeys within London full alignment of ticketing with Transport for London Tube services including all zone-to-zone fares, all-day Freedom Pass usage and free travel for primary school aged children.

Council notes and welcomes the huge improvement in service standards and passenger numbers when national rail services in other boroughs have been put under the control of TfL and Boris Johnson as London Overground and the planned expansion of London Overground into West Anglia lines in north east London.

Council believes similar improvements should be made in Barnet services, and in particular:

- welcomes the new Thameslink station proposed as part of the Brent Cross development
- All stations in Barnet should be made step-free as soon as practicable with improvements in signage and customer information, which could be funded by the abandonment of the extravagant and pointless HS2 project.