

# Responding to the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) 2018 Timetable Consultation

## A Guide for Better Bankside Members

The Thameslink Programme is a programme of rail infrastructure improvements, transforming North-South travel through London and creating extra capacity. Therefore, once the works are complete in 2018, there will be a number of changes to timetables on a number of services across London.

The current consultation is primarily about the proposed frequency of trains between 07:00 and 22:00. A second consultation will take place next year on early morning and late night services and the number of carriages and capacity. The **deadline for responses is 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

### Will you be impacted?

GTR, who are consulting on the timetable changes, operate train services under four brands covered by the consultation:

- 1) **Gatwick Express:** non-stop direct services between London Victoria, Gatwick Airport and Brighton
- 2) **Great Northern:** connects London with Welwyn Garden City, Hertford, Stevenage, Cambridge, Peterborough, Ely and Kings Lynn
- 3) **Southern:** frequent Metro service between London and South London and Surrey. Mainline services between London, Gatwick Airport and the Sussex Coast. Coastway services between Brighton, Worthing, Chichester, Portsmouth, Southampton to the West and Lewes, Eastbourne, Hastings and Ashford to the East
- 4) **Thameslink:** cross-London services linking north and south between Bedford, Brighton, Wimbledon and Sevenoaks

### What should I read?

The main consultation document, that outlines the proposed services and the questions is downloadable here: <http://www.thameslinkrailway.com/download/12366.9/timetable-consultation/>

This is a long document, but depending on where you travel, you will probably only need to read a bit of it. To help you locate the bits that are most relevant to you, here is a short contents:

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Your answers should be submitted through the [online survey](#) and for each question you wish to answer you can refer back to this document for information relevant to that question.

You can find further information on the main consultation page:

<http://www.thameslinkrailway.com/your-journey/timetable-consultation>

The website includes further information such as:

- Information sheets for specific routes
- A station comparison tool to see how services at your specific station will vary
- Information on the top 6 destinations from your station

### What questions should I answer?

Responses are [submitted online](#).

Again, there are many questions, but don't be put off; only some of them will be relevant to you. Here is a brief summary:

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You can also attend an event in person to find out more and have your say. Upcoming events are:

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Reigate, 17:00 – 19:00
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – London Bridge station, 16:30 – 19:00