
Secretariat's memorandum

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Canary Wharf Transport Forum: meeting on 27 April 2006

Attending for London TravelWatch: Elizabeth Hall

Others: Jim Berry (Chair) and others from Canary Wharf Group Ltd; transport providers; representatives of local employers; officials from LB Tower Hamlets.

Note: after a couple of exhortatory emails from the LBTH secretariat about poor attendance, there were many more employers and providers here than last time.

DLR update

Nick O'Donnell from DLR reviewed the current state of DLR plans, starting with the 10-12 ideas initially shortlisted which had come down to four:

- Barking Reach: likely to be operational in 2016; following Mayoral decision, now moving to TWA and engaging consultants;
- Wood Wharf: options being considered: would be alternatives to Delta Junction but more expensive;
- Catford: feasibility study to be completed in May 06 showed great difficulties in moving on from Lewisham;
- Bank etc: several ideas, including extensions to Liverpool St, Moorgate, Charing X to be decided in Sept 06.

These would feed into T2025 Project, June 06.

He also reviewed the Stratford/NLL closure, with new DLR to be opened 2010. In response to a question about DLR indicator boards on LUL platforms, Nick said that they would happen in the next few months.

Other DLR projects in gestation were: cycling links with DLR stations; station design guide; complementary works eg access or walkways; and DLR "urban realm". Improvements to Shadwell station were mentioned, and the improved Limehouse interchange for which funding had been lost and now might be on again.

C2C Rail

A short presentation on the new timetable and its announcement in Sept. News of more Limehouse stops and 20 min frequencies was well received.

Future Heathrow

Lord Clive Soley, who is leading this campaign, spoke passionately about the risk to London of losing Heathrow's hub status. To be a hub, an airport needs regional links and H'row has already declined relative to other airports (it's possible to fly to 21 UK regional airports from Amsterdam but only 9 from Heathrow). As things stand, the hub for NW Europe is likely to be A'dam or Paris. This would mean H'row losing its key trans-Atlantic function. Lord CS, an East End MP for more than 20 years, sees the risk as comparable to the loss of the London Docks, with devastating effects on the economy of London. He urged people to read the material in the promotional pack and return the lobbying form for a new short runway to carry regional traffic.

Cordon survey

CWG introduced the most recent survey of movement in and out of Canary Wharf, now conducted annually. There had been remarkable growth in travel outside the peaks and it was also noticeable that the Isle of Dogs was becoming a place to live – with commuting into the City. 12% of CW workers now walk to work.

Other items

The manager of Canary Wharf LUL station announced that scanners would be introduced from 28 May, with prior publicity. (Also at Paddington and two other stations). They would be voluntary [??].

On-bus display (iBus) had been successfully piloted and would be rolled out next year.

Blackwall Tunnel n'bound would have fire safety work starting early 07 with w/e and night closures for two years. This follows the successful upgrade of the s'bound tunnel.