

Watford Station Closure Panel

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Agenda

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10am to 1pm
Watford Colosseum,
Rickmansworth Road, Watford,
WD17 3JN
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The public meeting will be preceded by a members' only session from 9.45 am til 10.00 am.

The public meeting will begin at 10.00 am and will be open to the news media and public unless a resolution to move into private session is passed in respect of specific agenda items – this is not anticipated.

Members: David Barry, Gail Engert, David Leibling (Chair)

1. **10.00 Chair's introduction and pre-meeting announcements**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Declarations of Interest**

All members have been asked to make a standing declaration of interests which can be consulted at the London TravelWatch office or viewed on the internet at: http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/home/declarations_of_interest. If any item on this agenda requires a specific declaration to be made, members are requested to do so.
4. **10.10 Consideration of the reasons for the proposal: London Underground Limited (LUL) to present their case**

LUL, the promoters of the closure will present their case for closing Watford station.
5. **10.40 Members questions**

Members will ask questions to clarify issues LUL have raised. This will not be the substantive discussion.
6. **10:50 Objectors to the closure of Watford station**

Objectors will have 50 minutes to speak. Prior to the meeting London TravelWatch Secretariat will seek to manage contributions so that all issues are raised. This may mean not all objectors will be able to speak. This will be at the Chair's discretion.
7. **11.40 Comfort Break (The Café bar will be open for refreshments)**
8. **11.50 Consideration of the closure by members**

Members will ask questions of the LUL and objectors, debate what they have read, heard and seen during a previous site visit.

It is hoped that the panel will be in a position to direct the Secretariat in the production of its final report.

9 13.00 Meeting closes

Notes on the Agenda

- i The meeting will take place in the Watford Colosseum, Rickmansworth Road, Watford, WD17 3JN. Access to the meeting room is step-free. Please tell us if you have any particular access needs.
- ii The Chair will make every effort to keep to the timings shown for items on this agenda, but there may be occasions when it is necessary to alter them at short notice.
- iii Tea and coffee will be available for members from 11:40. Refreshments are available at the café bar.
- iv Contact for queries regarding this meeting: Kathiravan Uthayanan 020 7726 9997 or email Kathiravan.Uthayanan@londontravelwatch.org.uk

NOTES ON PROCEDURE

The Chair has agreed the following as guidance for people attending the meeting:

1. The meeting will take place in public. However, the Panel may choose to move into private session in certain circumstances – for example, in order to discuss information which has been given to it in confidence. No such information has been received at the time of writing.
2. During the course of the meeting, you may find it helpful to refer to London Underground's Supporting Statement. You will probably have been sent a copy of this already, but extra copies will be available at the meeting.
3. Members of the public may make oral comments to the Panel in the 'open forum' session. The Chair is likely to call institutional objectors (such as local authorities) to speak first, followed by individuals. Every effort will be made to allow everyone to speak, but if too many objectors wish to speak the Secretariat will try to ensure all issues are aired. This may mean not all objectors may be able to contribute.
4. Members of the public do not have to be present throughout the meeting, but it may be useful to be present throughout in order to hear what preceding speakers have said.
5. The Panel is a lay body, and the meeting is not a 'court case'. The procedures are designed accordingly. It is not necessary for anyone to be represented by legal advisors. You may have a legal representative (or indeed any other representative) to speak on your behalf. The Panel will not want a legal representative to take 'witnesses' through proofs of evidence.
6. There will not be any 'cross-examination'. All speakers will be asked to address their remarks to the Chair. The Chair will decide whether or not to ask the proposers of the closure (LUL) to respond to any particular point made.
7. **The written comments that you have already submitted will be considered by the Panel, even if you do not speak at the meeting or you do not attend at all. As a result, it would help the meeting to progress faster if, when speaking, you do not simply repeat what you have already written, but instead add to the points you have made or raise new points.**
8. Similarly, it would help the meeting to progress faster if speakers do not duplicate what previous speakers have said. If a previous speaker has made a point, and you agree with it, you do not need to repeat the details; it will be sufficient just to say that you agree with it. The Chair reserves the right to stop people from speaking if they are duplicating points already made. (You may, of course, *add* to what a previous speaker has said.)
9. Once the Panel has heard all the information presented, and has asked all its questions, it may or may not be in a position to come to final conclusions immediately. If the issues are complicated, or if additional written information is required from anyone, the Panel may wish to adjourn, in order to allow time for the Secretariat to prepare a draft report.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- A Agenda, procedural notes and list of documents
- B Secretariat's memorandum: The Closure Process
- C Summary of representations, LUL's responses to them and commentary by the Secretariat.
- D London Underground Limited Closure Notices
- E LUL's supporting statement
- F The Secretariat's summary of representations made before 13 April 2012 and LUL's responses. Plus any other correspondence.
- G (*Members only*) Copies of responses to the consultation