

LONDON TRAVELWATCH

London TravelWatch is London's independent transport watchdog, using evidence to campaign to improve journeys, and advocate for all people travelling in London.

It is in this role that we are responding to TfL's consultation about the proposed changes to route 319.

We make the following comments:

- We note that there was limited usage on route 319's weekend night service before the pandemic and that this limited number of passengers would not justify its reintroduction given the financial constraints under which TfL operate.
- As the service has been suspended since 2020, we acknowledge TfL's view that passengers who used the 319's night service have likely changed their travel habits since then and, therefore, the formal withdrawal of this service would not impact on existing passengers.
- We recognise TfL's argument that withdrawing the route will help ensure that resources can be made available in areas where they are needed more.

Taking these elements together, we reluctantly accept the proposal to withdraw route 319's weekend night services. However, should the proposal be taken forward, we urge TfL to continue to monitor usage on those night services which replicate parts of the 319, to ensure that sufficient capacity remains.