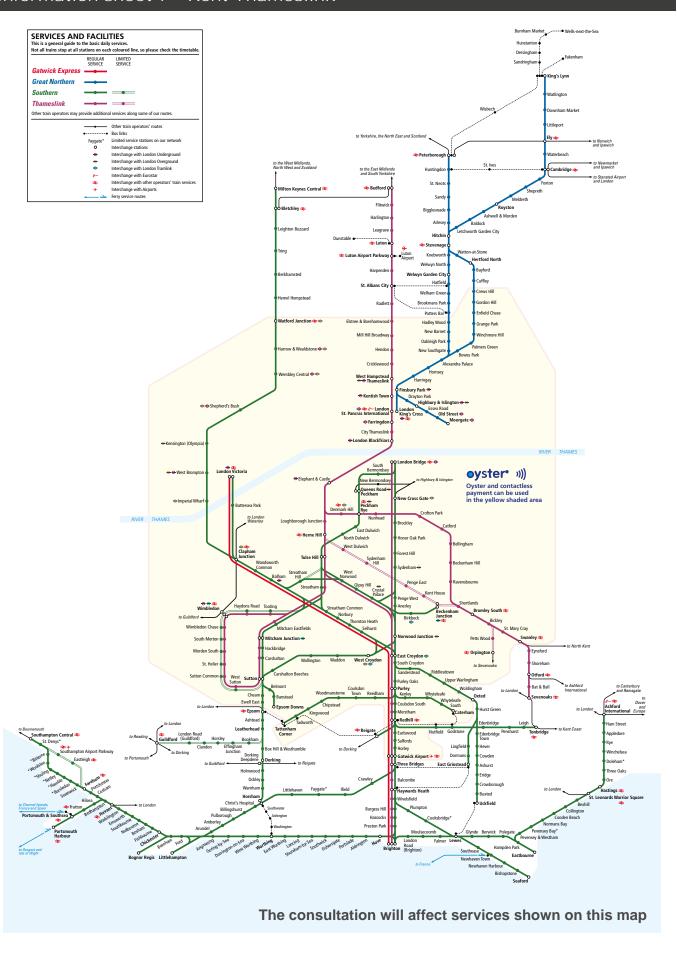
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Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) has launched an extensive Consultation which sets out proposed changes to the timetable which will be operated by GTR in 2018 following completion of the Thameslink Programme.

When the Programme completes in 2018, it will transform north-south travel through London; journeys will be improved with trains every two to three minutes through central London at peak times. Improved connections will give you better travel options to more destinations than ever before, modern track will make your journeys more reliable and new trains will provide additional capacity. This will be

the biggest timetable change on the routes affected in a generation. We are therefore seeking feedback from any interested parties who may be affected by the proposed changes to help shape the new patterns of service.

This consultation will be the earliest a train operator has released proposals in advance of the planned changes allowing sufficient time for meaningful and on-going engagement.

For further information and how to respond please visit our website: thameslinkrailway.com

Kent Thameslink services

Proposed service changes

Proposed new all-day Monday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday Thameslink service on the North Kent line via Greenwich, Dartford and Medway Towns

Proposed new all-day Monday to Friday and Saturday Thameslink service between Maidstone East and Cambridge

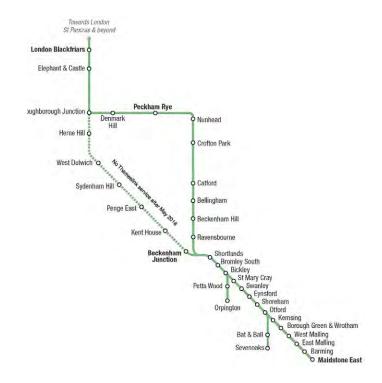
Proposals to double the frequency of Thameslink services on the Catford Loop

The following new Thameslink services are proposed to be introduced in 2018:

- Luton St Albans City West Hampstead Thameslink
 Central London (via Elephant & Castle) Catford –
 Bromley South Orpington
- Cambridge Stevenage Central London (via London Bridge) – Swanley – Maidstone East
- Luton St Albans City West Hampstead Thameslink – central London (via London Bridge) – Greenwich – Abbey Wood – Dartford – Medway towns

A summary of the proposed changes are:

- Improved off peak services for Luton, Luton Airport
 Parkway, Harpenden, St Albans City, Radlett, Elstree &
 Borehamwood, Mill Hill Broadway and West Hampstead
 Thameslink with services increased from four to six
 trains per hour during Monday to Fridays, Saturdays and
 Sundays. These additional train services will run semi
 fast between Luton and Central London and continue to
 Greenwich, Dartford and Rainham.
- New cross-London journey opportunities providing multiple connectivity opportunities will be created between Luton St Albans City West Hampstead Thameslink Central London (via London Bridge) Greenwich Abbey Wood Dartford Rochester Rainham. This new route will provide multiple new connections with the new east to west Elizabeth Line (formally Crossrail) at Abbey Wood. The route can also be operated by 8 or 12 car trains.
- New all day train services are proposed to be introduced between Kentish Town – Central London (via Elephant & Castle) – Catford – Bromley South – Orpington. During Monday to Friday peak periods these trains will



be extended to and from Luton. This is in addition to the current train services between London Blackfriars – Elephant & Castle – Catford – Bromley South – Swanley – Sevenoaks. During peak periods these trains will be extended to and from Welwyn Garden City. The two routes combine between London Blackfriars and Bickley to provide 4tph on the Catford Loop route at all times of the day, doubling the frequency of Thameslink train services.

• To provide increased frequency the stopping Cambridge services will be linked to Maidstone East. This will provide double the stopping train frequency between Cambridge and Central London. To improve journey times between Maidstone East and Central London, and to re-instate journey opportunities previously removed in 2009, these trains will run via London Bridge (instead of Elephant & Castle). Previously the Maidstone East services were intended to be a predominately peak only. It is now proposed for this service to operate all day Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays. Some services will also be extended to or from Ashford International.