**From:** Councillor Peter Jeffree
**To:** "The Programme Officer";
**cc:** Councillor George Derbyshire;
**Subject:** RE: Croxley Rail Link information for the Inquiry
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Dear Yvonne Parker,

As promised, here is my short supplementary statement in response to the Final report of the consideration by London TravelWatch of the proposed closure and discontinuance of services to and from Watford station date 28 August 2012.

I very much welcome all of the conclusions and recommendations set out in section 6 of the final report, and in particular paragraph 6.8 which states London TravelWatch's belief that there is a business case for retaining Watford Met station as part of a split service with the Croxley Rail Link and that a period of two years should be allowed following opening of the CRL for a split service to be trialled.
A split service was one of the options put forward in my statement of case. The principle of a trial period was also anticipated in my statement of case, paragraph 4.11 which states:

*"4.11 An obvious logical extension of this analysis is that option 2 could be operated initially as an equally split service to allow a period for assessing the impact of the CRL on demand at the Met before taking a final decision on the future viability of the Met station. If practical experience demonstrates that demand at the Met is unsustainable then the split could be varied to favour services along the CRL. If my belief that the Met is worth retaining is not borne out by practical experience, the case for its closure at some time in the future would become be self evident."*

It remains my view that there is and will continue to be a healthy demand for rail services from Watford Met and that this will be borne out by the trial. However it is essential that LUL engage with the LTW recommendation in a constructive way and offer a good level of service during the trial period. It would be all too easy for LUL to give it half hearted support and thereby undermine its chances of success by restricting the frequency and/or quality of service. A valid test will be one which tests and demonstrates the technical limits at higher departure frequencies and assesses the demand which results from excellent levels of service as well as bringing to light any technical difficulties.

It is also worth taking this opportunity to re-state that, drawing from LUL's own statement of case, the ultimate capacity of the CRL line between

Croxley and Watford Junction is limited and that it cannot cope with any future expansion in service on its own. Retaining Watford Met as a fully operational station is the obvious way of retaining capacity for longer term rail service expansion and of course for introducing a direct service between Watford and particularly the new Health Campus development to destinations further West via the West Curve as outlined in my statement of case and that of others too.

The other recommendations made in LTW's report regarding necessary improvements to the currently poor quality walking and cycling links to the existing and proposed stations are welcomed. Again it is essential that these recommendations are fully taken on board by the CRL team and Herts County Council in particular who would have responsibility for their delivery.

I hope the forthcoming enquiry will agree with me and fully endorse all of the recommendations made in the London TravelWatch final report.

Yours sincerely

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That is fine – thank you.
**Kind regards**
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Dear Yvonne Parker
Thank you for this reminder. Regarding proofs of evidence, I don't propose to change my original proof of evidence document, but I do intend to send you a supplementary statement which is in response to the recent recommendation to the Mayor of London which was issued by London TravelWatch. I will email you the supplementary statement later this week.
Regarding appearing at the enquiry, I shall be away in Canada for the first week of the enquiry between 7th and 14th October, however my colleague Cllr George Derbyshire will be attending and has offered to cover any points I would have made in his evidence.
Kind regards
Cllr Peter Jeffree

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Please find attached a note regarding the referencing of documents for the Croxley Rail Link inquiry.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.
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