



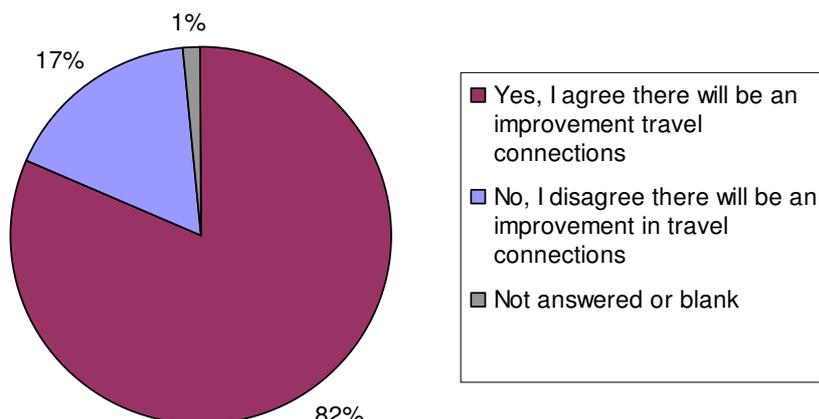
Key features of the consultation period

- Leaflets were delivered to c.53,000 properties within Watford Borough Council, Three Rivers District Council and Hertsmere Borough Council boundaries.
- Posters were erected in public places in Watford and Croxley Green and at stations along the Metropolitan line and London Overground Euston to Watford Junction line advertising the scheme and alerting people to the consultation period. Further posters were erected towards the end of the period to remind people to how respond and of the closing date.
- Newspaper adverts in the Watford Observer and Watford Free papers
- Radio adverts and interviews on the local stations - Heart Radio and BBC Three Counties
- Public Exhibitions over four days within Watford and Croxley which were well attended, with 538 people visiting the Watford venue and 229 visiting the Croxley venue.
- 750 people completed survey forms either online through the project website or in hard copy.
- A further 331 people commented via the project website, emails and letters
- The project team gave presentations to a variety of different organisations in the area including Croxley Green Area Forum, Disability Watford, Harrow Rail Users Group, Croxley Green Business Park

What people said about the scheme

611 respondents to the survey agreed that the Croxley Rail Link will provide improvement in transport connections and improvement to the local area

On balance do you agree Croxley Rail Link will provide improvement in transport connections and improvement to the local area?





The majority of respondents believed that the Croxley Rail Link would also result in improvements to the environment (61%), travel connections (84%), economic growth (72%) and personal travel choices (86%).

The improvement to personal travel choices was the area where most people agreed, with 604 respondents (86%) saying yes. As one of the main aims of the project is to make travelling in the area easier, quicker and more convenient it is encouraging that public opinion is in agreement that the Croxley Rail Link achieves that aim.

A number of people also expressed concerns about some aspects of the project. The five main issues raised were.

| Issue | Number of Responses |
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| 1. Closure of existing Watford Terminus Station (Watford Met.) | 138 |
| 2. Alternative Proposals (Including Bus or Train Shuttle service from Watford Met., a peak only service to Watford Met., running a service between Amersham and Watford) | 45 |
| 3. Noise from construction and operations | 39 |
| 4. Increased Volume of Traffic around Watford | 34 |
| 5. Visual Impact of Viaduct | 33 |

The project’s response to these issues can be seen in the ‘Key Issues’ Factsheet.

Many key stakeholders were met during the consultation period, including British Waterways and The Environment Agency, and there was general agreement that the scheme would benefit the local area. Stakeholders were keen that the project recognised issues in relation to the environment, accessibility and public opinion to ensure the scheme is developed in harmony with the local communities.

The project has been in contact with all the landowners whose land (or rights over it) will be acquired permanently or used temporarily by the proposals.