

Proposed closure of Watford station

Notice is given that London Underground Limited (“LUL”) as the operator of the Metropolitan line proposes to close, and discontinue services to and from, Watford station, Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford, Hertfordshire WD18 7LE.

This proposal is made in connection with the Croxley Rail Link Project (the “Project”). The Project involves the diversion of the Metropolitan line at a point 1.3 kilometres south of Watford station via a new viaduct to connect into the disused Croxley Green branch line before connecting into Network Rail’s existing network near Wiggshall Road. The Croxley Rail Link would provide new stations on Ascot Road and Vicarage Road and Metropolitan line services would also call at the existing stations at Watford High Street and Watford Junction (the latter becoming the new terminus). The frequency of the new service is expected to be similar to the existing service to Watford station and the new station on Ascot Road will be within 15 minutes’ walk of Watford station. Details of these proposals can be found online at www.croxleyrailink.com or by telephoning the Croxley Rail Link project office on FREEPHONE 0800 612 5240. The construction and operation of the Croxley Rail Link is to be authorised by separate statutory powers under the Transport and Works Act 1992. The proposal to close, and discontinue services to and from, Watford station is dependent on the making of an Order under that Act, the construction of the necessary works and the opening of the Croxley Rail Link to Metropolitan line services.

If you wish to object to the specific proposal to close, and discontinue services to and from, Watford station you should write to London TravelWatch (of which the formal title is the London Transport Users’ Committee) at 6 Middle Street, London EC1A 7JA (or email closures@londontravelwatch.org.uk).

Further details of the closure process may be found at:
www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/consultations/railway_closures

The proposal date is 13 April 2012 and that is the closing date for receipt of objections. However the closure of, and discontinuance of services to and from, Watford station will not take place before the opening of the Croxley Rail Link to passenger services. The programme for the extension anticipates the opening taking place in 2016.

