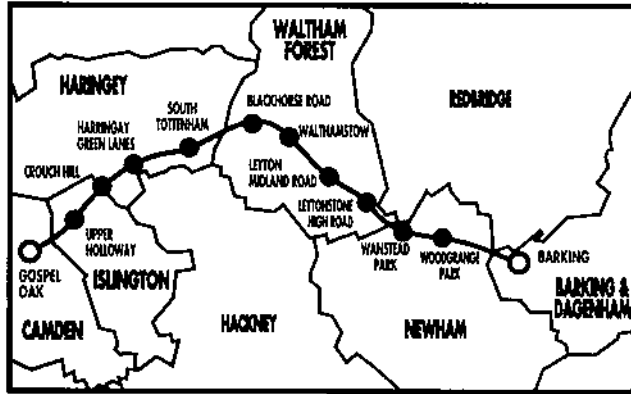


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EASIER SATURDAY SHOPPING & LATER NIGHTS OUT, THANKS TO LONDON OVERGROUND

Transport for London makes leisure travel easier as new timetable starts on Sunday 9th December

Passengers wishing to use the Barking-Gospel Oak Line for leisure travel will find their journeys easier after the national timetable change on Sunday 9th December. Transport for London (TfL) is adding extra trains to evening and weekend services on the local London Overground line.

- Late night services from Gospel Oak towards Barking extended by an hour.
- 20-minute frequency service for early Saturday shoppers and to get late Saturday shoppers home.
- Sunday trains starting around 9am and running every 30 minutes until around 11pm.

Graham Larkbey, Secretary of the Barking-Gospel Oak Line User Group (BGOLUG) said, "We welcome the improvements TfL are making, which will make the line easier to use for leisure travellers. We are especially pleased about the later evening trains, seven days a week and the all day half-hourly service on Sundays with earlier first trains."

However, the Group does have some criticisms. "Saturday shoppers will be confused by the lack of a 20-minute service in the middle of the day, what we need is an all day Monday to Saturday 20-minute service", said Graham Larkbey. "The most serious concern of ourselves and of London TravelWatch is TfL's complete lack of any plans to deal with our overcrowded peak period weekday trains. We have submitted our suggestions for increasing train frequencies at the busiest times, and await TfL's response."

Passengers can get further information about London Overground and the new timetable from (020) 7222 1234 or www.tfl.gov.uk/overground.

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