

URGENT: MORNING “PIXC-BUSTER” UNDER THREAT! USE IT OR LOSE IT!

As previously reported London Overground started running an unadvertised additional train on 12th September departing Woodgrange Park at 07:59 and calling at Wanstead Park (08:02), Leytonstone High Road (08:06), Leyton Midland Road (08:08), Walthamstow Queen’s Road (08:11), Blackhorse Road (08:14), South Tottenham (08:18), Harringay Green Lanes (08:21), Crouch Hill (08:24) and terminating at Upper Holloway at 08:26. BGOLUG has welcomed London Overground’s initiative in trying to relieve morning peak overcrowding by running this “PIXC-buster” (PIXC is a rail industry acronym standing for **P**assengers **I**n **e**Xcess of **C**apacity). BGOLUG has been leafleting commuters to let them know about the new service (copy of a late draft of the leaflet attached). However many morning commuters are still unaware of the train’s existence as it does not appear in timetables and so has seats to spare while all other westbound morning peak trains remain heavily overcrowded. While London Overground has confirmed that the train is on trial and that funding from Transport for London would be required for the train to continue, they have so far refused to confirm that the train will run beyond the new winter timetable which starts on 11th December. BGOLUG is calling on more commuters to make use of this train to ease overcrowding on other morning services and lessen the likelihood of its withdrawal. A photograph of the “PIXC-buster” taken yesterday at Leytonstone High Road is attached.

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