

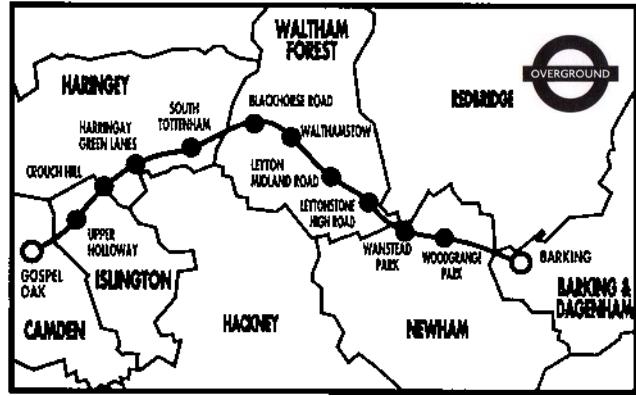
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# OVERGROUND USERS WARN OF ALL DAY CRUSH DURING OLYMPICS

## Rail group calls for extra evening and Sunday trains

**While London Overground are running enhanced all-day services on the North and West London Lines to Games venues at Stratford and Earl's Court, services on the Barking – Gospel Oak Line, which skirts the Olympic Park, will remain unchanged.**

At a recent meeting (25<sup>th</sup> June) at Waltham Forest Town Hall, representatives from the Barking – Gospel Oak Line User Group called upon Transport for London to agree to run the daytime 15-minute train frequency to the end of service with a weekday start on Sunday mornings when the Games are in session.

Said Secretary Richard Pout, "Many commuters and games spectators are likely to divert to the Barking – Gospel Oak Line in an attempt to avoid packed trains and gridlocked streets. Instead, they will find trains already packed at peak times and long waits for equally busy trains after 10 O'clock at night."

"We know the small fleet of diesel trains that has to be used on our line is already fully utilised during the day but cutting the service to half-hourly from 10 O'clock in the evening on Games days will just ensure trains stay packed all night. Likewise, with a ban on engineering work during the Games, there is no reason why a Saturday service could not be operated on Sundays instead of the first trains being well after the morning's Olympic events have started."



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BGOLUG are calling upon TfL to:

- Operate a 15-minute frequency service from start to finish of service throughout the Games period
- Start and finish Sunday operations at Saturday times and run every 15 minutes throughout the day when Olympic events are scheduled.



*Scenes such as those above are likely to become the norm until the last train at night unless TfL boost evening and Sunday morning services during the Olympic Games.*

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The London Overground Olympic timetable will provide:

- A train around every 7½ minutes between Stratford and Willesden Junction, with alternate trains continuing to Clapham Junction and Richmond 7 days a week until 1 O'clock in the morning.
- 2 extra trains an hour between Stratford and Camden Road during commuter peak times.
- A train around every 5 minutes between Highbury and Islington and Surrey Quays, 7 days a week until 1.30 AM.

- ENDS -

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### NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Formed as the Barking – Kentish Town Line Committee to fight Dr. Beeching's closure proposals in the 1960s, the Barking – Gospel Oak Line User Group has continued to represent the line's passengers and campaign for improved services and station facilities, and also for the electrification of the only non-electrified railway in North East London.

