



## **BARKING – GOSPEL OAK LINE USER GROUP**

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#### **❖ BACK TO NORMAL! PIXC-buster & engineering work returns**

With the closure of the Paralympic games on Sunday, the London Overground timetable returned to normal on Monday, restoring the morning *PIXC-buster* [Passengers In eXcess of Capacity (07:59 SX Woodgrange Park to Hampstead Heath)] train now that its crew and Gospel Oak to Kensal Green Junction timetable path was no longer required for Games trains.

Also returning with a vengeance is weekend engineering work with: -

- East London Line;
- North London Line;
- Watford Local Line;
- West London Line;
- Abellio Greater Anglia;
- National Express c2c &
- First Capital Connect (Great Northern Suburban)

all affected as shown in the attached summary for this weekend, 15 – 16 September, which will be posted on our website [www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk](http://www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk).

Also this Saturday there are football matches at: -

- Brisbane Road: Leyton Orient v Brentford, affecting the Barking – Gospel Oak Line
- Emirates Stadium: Arsenal v Southampton, affecting the North London Line
- Loftus Road: Queen's Park Rangers v Chelsea, affecting the West London Line

#### **❖ WHAT NEXT AFTER HLOS DISAPPOINTMENT?**

The failure of the Government's £9bn July HLOS 2014 – 2019 announcement to include Barking – Gospel Oak electrification is not the end of the road for BGOLUG's campaign to secure early electrification of the route. The next milestone is January next year when Network Rail publishes its Strategic Business Plan for 2014 – 2019. This will be the rail industry's response to the HLOS and also Government's Statement of Funds Available (SoFA). This is then reviewed by the Office of Rail of Regulation (ORR) which will issue a draft determination for consultation in September 2013, followed by the final determination in October 2013.

BGOLUG understands that Transport for London (TfL) has already been in discussions with Network Rail (NR) about getting Barking – Gospel Oak electrification included in the Strategic Business Plan. Given that both organisations support electrification of the line along with the main players in the rail freight industry, BGOLUG hopes that with the weight of our supporting MPs and London Assembly members behind our campaign there is still every chance of the scheme being included in the ORR's final determination.

❖ **ANY VOLUNTEERS?**

BGOLUG is about to start the distribution of its summer 2012 Passenger Newsletter (copy attached) and as the usual volunteers are not getting any younger any assistance from members in spreading the word would be welcomed. If you are interested in helping please email the Assistant Secretary by return or [info@barking-gospeloak.org.uk](mailto:info@barking-gospeloak.org.uk).

Also included in this dispatch is issue No. 40 of the Newsletter of the *Friends of the Capital Transport Campaign* and last Friday's news round-up from Rail Co.

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