



BULLETIN 21ST APRIL 2016

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent today by email to BGORUG's nominated contact at Transport for London. It seeks answers to the queries around fares protection for passengers making their diverted journeys during the closure of the line that were thrown up by the 'drop-in session' at Barking on Monday.

Should BGORUG ever receive answers to questions posed, we will of course let you know!

BGORUG will produce its own notes of the meeting with TfL on 10th March if no minutes are forthcoming from TfL.

It seems credible that for the last 2-3 months TfL has been trying to suppress facts that didn't fit in with the positive narrative it wanted to present about the Barking - Gospel Oak line closure. TfL has assured Walthamstow MP Stella Creasy, that passengers who had to divert through Zone 1 would not be charged extra for their journey. This now seems not to be the case.

I would draw your attention to the following:

- The document produced by Waltham Forest Council back in February http://barking-gospeloak.org.uk/documents/20160304_Gospel%20Oak%20to%20Barking%20Electrification.pdf It was apparent at the Monday "drop-in session" at Barking station that there was great annoyance that the information contained in this document had got into the public domain. At the meeting with TfL on 10th March, we were told that this document was "inaccurate", but it has never been explained what the inaccuracies were. BGORUG used this council report as the basis for its 27th February *Bulletin* http://barking-gospeloak.org.uk/documents/20160227_newsletter.pdf
- At TfL's request on 10th March, one of our members put a considerable amount of effort into producing this paper which was submitted to TfL on 21st March. We are still awaiting TfL's promised considered comments on this paper http://barking-gospeloak.org.uk/documents/20160321_electrification_blockade.pdf
- The same BGORUG member also produced a paper showing how electric 4-car trains could run on the Barking - Gospel Oak Route from mid-2017 http://barking-gospeloak.org.uk/documents/20160331_4car_trains.pdf TfL did finally acknowledge receipt of this paper but have not replied further, so far
- On Monday, a new TfL webpage went live. BGORUG asks you to look at this web page <https://tfl.gov.uk/status-updates/major-works-and-events/london-overground-closure?cid=london-overground-closure> and compare it with the Waltham Forest Council report of last February and see if you can spot any differences between them?
- Our urgent press release, issued yesterday is now posted on our website http://barking-gospeloak.org.uk/documents/20160420_press_release.pdf This was issued to urge passengers to check if their fares would increase when making their journeys while the line was closed.

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