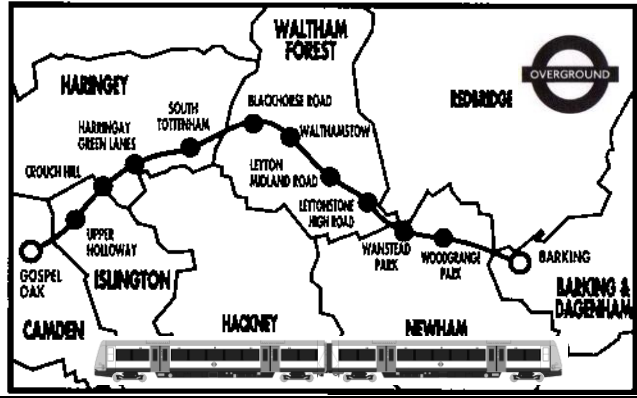


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|-------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 12:39 | Woodgrange Park | 2        | 12:58     | TOC         |
| 12:49 | Gospel Oak      | 1        | On time   |             |
| 12:55 | Barking         | 2        | On time   |             |
| 13:04 | Gospel Oak      | 1        | On time   |             |
| 13:07 | Barking         | 2        | Cancelled |             |
| 13:19 | Gospel Oak      | 1        | On time   |             |
| 13:22 | Barking         | 2        | Cancelled |             |
| 13:33 | Gospel Oak      | 1        | On time   |             |
| 13:37 | Barking         | 2        | On time   |             |

Time now 12:46:04



**NEWS RELEASE**  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**CAN'T TAKE THE TRAIN CRUSH?**



**TAKE THE BUS!**



**London Overground introduces new crowd-busting 'express' buses to Walthamstow Central from Leyton Midland Road & Leytonstone High Road stations**





## CAN'T TAKE THE TRAIN CRUSH? TAKE THE BUS!

The severe overcrowding on peak Barking—Gospel Oak rail services has been even worse since the withdrawal of the five additional peak-time services on 29<sup>th</sup> June. This was caused by a reduction in the line's train fleet from eight to seven, which means there is also no spare train to cover for train break-downs resulting in frequent cancellations.

In an effort to offer relief from the sardine-like travelling conditions, Transport for London (TfL) are hiring in two buses every Monday to Friday morning to provide extra capacity between the line's Leytonstone High Road and Leyton Midland Road stations & Walthamstow Central on the Victoria Line and London Overground line to Liverpool Street.

| Westbound Monday – Friday only   |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Leytonstone High Road bus stop J | 07:00 | 07:30 | 08:05 | 08:35 |
| Leyton Midland Road bus stop NA  | 07:11 | 07:41 | 08:16 | 08:46 |
| Walthamstow Central bus stop W   | 07:22 | 07:52 | 08:29 | 08:59 |

To travel on these bus services, you must buy a paper ticket for your journey or have sufficient credit on your Oyster card. 'Wave & pay' is NOT available.

Glenn Wallis, Secretary of the Barking – Gospel Oak Rail User Group (BGORUG)<sup>[1]</sup>, said, "While Transport for London (TfL)<sup>[2]</sup> is to be congratulated for putting these buses on, they will only be of use to a handful of passengers who have the time required to make the road journey to Walthamstow Central and complete their journey from there. Many of our passengers are heading for destinations in North West London."

These buses will continue to operate until new 4-car electric trains take over the service towards the end of the year.

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### NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Formed in 1964 as the Barking – Kentish Town Line Committee to fight Dr. Beeching's proposed closure of the line, the Barking – Gospel Oak Rail 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 part of the London Overground network, approved by the Government on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The completed project was signed off by the Rail Regulator (ORR) in June 2018, some 12 months late. It is hoped that electric passenger trains will have commenced operation by the end of 2018.
2. The transfer of responsibility for the former *Silverlink Metro* services from the Department for Transport (DfT) to Transport for London (TfL) in 2006, led to creation of the *London Overground* network on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Operation of the *London Rail Concession* is currently carried out by Arriva Rail London Ltd. (Deutsche Bahn) for TfL.

