

TfL's Third Public Consultation on the Proposed Extension to the Docklands Light Railway to Beckton Riverside and Thamesmead

Response from The London Borough of Bexley. Approved by the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth & Infrastructure

The Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on TfL's third public consultation on proposals to extend the DLR to Beckton Riverside and Thamesmead.

As raised in the Council's previous consultation responses, the failure of TfL to pursue a more ambitious extension to Belvedere is considered a major missed opportunity to unlock significantly more housing and employment growth in the area. It appears hugely wasteful to go to all the expense of constructing a tunnel under the Thames solely to enable a single station serving one development site.

In terms of the detail provided in the current consultation, the Council supports, in principle, the construction of an elevated station at Thamesmead which offers the greatest potential for a future connection into the London Borough of Bexley.

It is noted that the majority of the details, included in this consultation, relate to matters which will mainly be of interest to those located in the immediate construction areas. However, the Council notes that further work is being undertaken to produce an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Transport Assessment (TA) and urges TfL to ensure these include possible impacts on neighbouring boroughs, such as Bexley. Subsequently, the Council looks forward to being consulted on drafts of the EIA and TA in due course.

The Council also looks forward to continued engagement with TfL on the development and delivery of the related Rapid Transit scheme.

Moreover, with the completion of the Silvertown Tunnel and the removal of the safeguarding direction for the Thames Gateway Bridge, the Council still awaits further proposals from the Mayor for additional road crossings in this part of the Capital to address the significant and damaging disparity in cross river connectivity between east and west London.

The Council would appreciate receiving a copy of the consultation report when it is available

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