

Bakerloo line extension gets a thumbs up

PLANS to extend the Bakerloo line in south London have received overwhelming support at public consultation.

Ninety-six per cent of the 15,000 people who responded backed the proposals – the vast majority from people in Southwark, Lewisham and Bromley where the line will run.

The extension will improve public transport connections in south London, relieve congestion on the network and help meet expected population growth.

Two routes for the new line between Elephant & Castle and Lewisham have been proposed – via Camberwell and Peckham Rye, and via the Old

Kent Road. Both options received strong support.

TfL's managing director for planning Richard de Cani said: 'The Bakerloo line extension would provide much needed new rail links for south London to support new homes, jobs and growth, and access to public services in the area.'

With the capital's population expected to reach 10million by 2030, the extension would support anticipated growth in south London by providing improved transport infrastructure and unlocking access to tens of thousands of new homes.

As well as providing quicker, more direct journeys into central London, extending the Bakerloo line could also release capacity on the National Rail network, enabling more services to operate from other destinations and helping to reduce overcrowding on trains into London Bridge.

The cost of the extension is

estimated to reach £3billion.

Once relevant permissions are received and necessary funding secured, construction could start by 2025 and be completed during the early 2030s.

Consultation results:

- 50 per cent of respondents said the scheme would improve connectivity and reduce crowding and congestion
- 82 per cent of people said the scheme would help regeneration in the region
- 64 per cent favoured the route via Camberwell and Peckham Rye
- 49 per cent favoured the Old Kent Road route



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The new children's play zone, All Aboard, lets youngsters play on a fleet of miniature vehicles and dress up in uniforms to become drivers, station announcers and more.

They can climb into the driver's seat of a real Optare Solo bus, play in the 'Lost Property' office, serve passengers in the Nipper café, make driver announcements and

help customers at the mini information desk using a magnetic message board, maps and clocks.

There are also noisy seats to be found on some of the vehicles. Sit on them and they make some very funny sounds!

The museum has also introduced a special area for infants, Baby DLR, which is equipped with an interactive wall and building blocks.

Entrance is free for anyone under 18. Adult tickets (£16) give unlimited access to the museum for a year.

■ For further details, visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk



Tube improvements – post weekend update



District line:

Work took place to prepare the Richmond branch for longer trains.

Central line:

Track was replaced at Woodford and Epping.

Victoria line:

Track was replaced at the southern end of the line.

Jubilee line:

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