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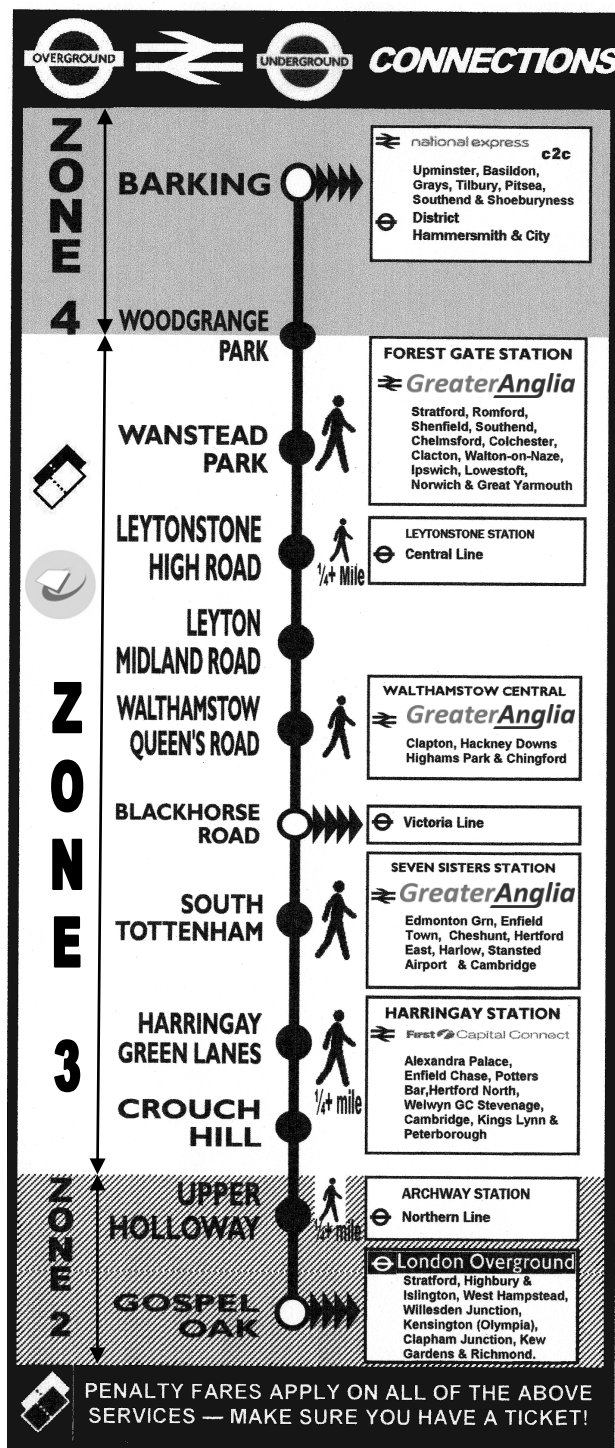
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Passenger Newsletter

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Justine & Boris played ping-pong!

Will Patrick stop playing games?

**FORGET ELECTRIFICATION...
...THE FUTURE'S DIESEL!**

Govt. & Mayor both say the other must fund line's electrification

On 16th July stunned campaigners heard the then Secretary of State for Transport, Justine Greening, tell Parliament, during a £9bn railway investment announcement that electrifying the Barking—Gospel Oak Line was nothing to do with her but was a matter for the London Mayor!

Yet Mayor Boris Johnson has been insisting that it was the Government's job ever since his 'spat' over the matter with previous Labour Transport Secretary, Lord Andrew Adonis back in 2008!

The scheme was included in Transport for London's recommendations to the Transport Secretary and had the backing of Network Rail and the rail freight industry.

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3-coach diesels in 2013?

On 16th May, Transport for London (TfL) sought expressions of interest in supplying 3-coach diesel trains for the Barking—Gospel Oak service in 2013.

Games cancellation

The 07:59 Monday-Friday Woodgrange Park to Hampstead Heath train was cancelled during the Olympic and Paralympic Games to free train crew for the Games trains to Stratford.

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Islington North MP Jeremy Corbyn was so surprised that there was no mention of the line in the Transport Secretary's announcement that he asked her if it was to be electrified and was told that it was a matter for Transport for London (TfL).

Electrification and 4-coach trains were included in Mayor Boris Johnson's Transport manifesto, but less than a month before Justine Greening's announcement he was still insisting that he was lobbying the Government to provide funding. Yet in a Parliamentary answer to Jeremy Corbyn on 16th April it was stated that the Mayor had had **no** discussions with the Secretary of State about electrification! The Mayor also refuses to visit or travel on the line.



BGOLUG Secretary Richard Pout said, "We were in the bizarre situation where a Conservative Secretary of State could not agree with a recently re-elected Conservative Mayor how to fund a small infill electrification scheme, which the whole rail industry views as essential."

"Justine Greening was disingenuous to claim that electrification of the Barking - Gospel Oak Line is solely a matter for the Mayor. She was badly briefed by her officials who appear to be more interested in a game of 'one-up-manship' with the Mayor and his officials rather than improving and greening the rail network. We are looking to new Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin to show some common sense on this issue."

Jeremy Corbyn is seeking a meeting with the new Secretary of State. So



far (left to right) Stella Creasey, MP for Walthamstow, Stephen Timms, MP for East Ham, Caroline Pidgeon and Val Shawcross, London Assembly Transport Chair and Vice Chair along with Members Jennette Arnold (Hackney, Islington & Waltham Forest) and John Biggs (City & East London) have all expressed their support for Jeremy and BGOLUG's electrification campaign.

December timetable to be discussed
BGOLUG will be meeting managers on 17th October to discuss the 9th December Winter timetable. BGOLUG will be asking

for more frequent late evening trains with an earlier start to Sunday services. Let us know what changes you would like to improve your train service.

Buses replace trains

Buses replace trains between South Tottenham & Gospel Oak until 13:00 on Sunday 23rd September. More details from www.barking-gospel oak.org.uk.

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