

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

(ORDINARY MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2012

PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE THEME

1. QUESTION FROM CHARMAINE ELLIOTT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING

Commuting into central London or connecting to tube takes 30 minutes plus, impacting getting to work, area investment, community wellbeing, business desirability, shopping attractiveness. Lewisham council is looking at the tube via Burgess Park, then out to Lewisham. What plans have we for better commuting mid-borough tube, tram, more buses?

RESPONSE

Transport for London manages the public transport operations including bus and tube services. We continue to lobby them for both investment in new infrastructure or improvements to existing public transport services.

The council has been a supporter of the East London Line extension and from Sunday 9 December 2012, services on the new London Overground extension running from Clapham Junction to Surrey Quays will launch. The new connections afforded by the Overground line will offer alternative routes from south London to the key economic centres of the capital's future, including Stratford, Whitechapel (connecting to Crossrail) and Canary Wharf.

The council has been working with Lewisham Council to lobby the Mayor of London to progress the extension of the Bakerloo Line to south east London serving the central section of the borough.

To facilitate future public transport provision, the council included within the Aylesbury Area Action Plan a public transport corridor to support either improvements to bus services or a future connection for a tram.