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Have your say

1 Did you take part in the 2013 consultation on Crossrail 2?

No

2 If yes, did you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose, or have no view for the principle of Crossrail 2?

Not Answered

3 Considering the options in this consultation, do you strongly support, support, oppose or strongly oppose, or have no view for the principle of Crossrail 2?

Support

4 Do you agree with the extended route from Alexandra Palace to New Southgate?

No opinion

5 Please let us know if you have any comments about this particular proposal here.

Comments about New Southgate:

6 In regards to the route north of Angel, do you prefer:

Yes:

No:

Not sure:

No opinion:

The 2013 route, serving Dalston Junction and Hackney Central?

7 Please let us know if you have any comments about this particular proposal here.

Comments about the route north of Angel:

8 Regarding the King's Road station, do you prefer:

Yes:

No:

Not sure:

The 2013 location, on King's Road near the fire station?

No opinion:

9 Please let us know if you have any comments about this particular proposal here.

Comments on King's Road Station options:

The Battersea Society is the recognised civic society for the original parish and former Metropolitan Borough of Battersea, an area which includes at its heart Clapham Junction. Among other things the Society seeks to represent the Interests of Battersea and its residents on planning and transport issues. These views are submitted in response to the consultation document issued by TfL on 2 June 2014.

The Battersea Society strongly supports the proposal that Crossrail 2 should be routed through Clapham Junction, so giving the town centre of Battersea direct links to central London and across London. The issue raised in this consultation is whether there should be a Crossrail station in Chelsea, and if so where. The Battersea Society does not have a strong view on that. We have not expressed a view on whether Crossrail should be built and operated as a regional system or a metro system (the issue on which TfL consulted last year); but, if it is going to be a regional system, the case for including an intermediate station in Chelsea would seem to be that much weaker. If there is to be a station in Chelsea, however, a location at Worlds End would be more logical in terms of urban regeneration and improving links to a less accessible area of London.

We note that the route of the tunnel between Victoria/Chelsea and Clapham Junction has yet to be defined, and will inevitably pass under Battersea whichever option is chosen in the Chelsea area. The earlier proposal for a Chelsea-Hackney Line was not planned to pass under Battersea. However, the safeguarded route for the Chelsea-Hackney Line nevertheless included a spur extending under the river and across Battersea Park. We are not aware of the original justification for that safeguarded spur, but we are very concerned it might mean Battersea Park was seen, in the then current state of tunnelling technology, as a soft option for locating entry points to the tunnel and the removal of spoil. Whatever route is eventually chosen for the Crossrail 2 tunnel we want to give notice that we would

oppose very strongly any proposal to use Battersea Park as an entry point for tunnelling or as a site for spoil removal. Battersea Park is not just a valuable open space but also of great historic interest and intensively used for a wide variety of activities. Even if damage to it would not be permanent its effective loss for an extended period would be a calamity.

We also await with keen interest initial proposals for the major reconstruction that will be necessary to accommodate Crossrail 2 within the already complex interchange at Clapham Junction. Among other things we support the point made by Wandsworth Borough Council in its response to the 2013 consultation that the plans for the Crossrail 2 station at Clapham Junction should include provision for a future extension of the Northern Line from Battersea Power Station to Clapham Junction.

10 If you have any comments regarding other aspects of this consultation please use the text box here.

Any other comments about this consultation:

About you

11 What is your name?

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12 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation

13 If you are representing an organisation, which one?

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