

Proposed amendments to some late night & early morning services from December 2020

We are writing to you to let you know about our current consultation on the proposed amendments to some services from 13th December 2020.

These proposals would remove a small number of late night and early morning services from Sunday to Thursday from December 2020 allowing Network Rail on average 45 minutes extra to carry out essential maintenance work in the suburban area. This will help to reduce the number of infrastructure faults, resulting in a more reliable railway for everyone. These performance benefits were identified by Sir Michael Holden as part of his review into performance on our network and he made a recommendation that these changes be examined (www.southwesternrailway.com/other/about-us/independent-performance-review Section 9).

Providing this additional time during the week for critical maintenance work, would allow trains to run later into the evening on Fridays and Saturdays to cater for the growing number of late evening travellers. Where late night services operate on our network, demand is far higher on Friday and Saturday nights than earlier in the week, a pattern reflected in the London area which led to the introduction of later services on some parts of London Underground.

The improvements to reliability and performance are vital to both SWR, Network Rail, and, of course, our passengers. The number of passenger journeys directly impacted by the removal of some late night services, represents fewer than 400 out of the 600,000 passenger journeys on our network every day, with everyone benefiting from a more reliable railway.

The consultation opens on 29th October 2019. You can view the full details of the consultation at www.southwesternrailway.com/consultation. We welcome your responses to these proposals until 23rd December 2019. You can submit your feedback by email to timetablefeedback@networkrail.co.uk or by writing to:

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