

Full Council – 15 September 2025

2nd Labour Group Motion

Breathing new life into Brent's transport infrastructure projects

This Council notes:

- That a robust and integrated transport network is fundamental to the economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and social well-being of Brent's residents.
- The significant challenges posed by climate change and the urgent need to transition to more sustainable modes of transport, reducing reliance on private cars.
- The Government's £2.2bn multi-year capital funding settlement to Transport for London earlier this year, which made note of support for high priority new rolling stock and signalling procurements on the Bakerloo Line.
- That both the proposed Bakerloo Line Extension and the West London Orbital projects have been identified as key strategic transport schemes that would deliver transformative benefits for Brent and the wider region.
- The compelling economic case for both projects, delivering on tens of thousands of new homes and jobs, and unlocking growth in key areas across the borough and beyond, including creative and cultural hubs in Park Royal and Soho.
- That reports estimate upgrading the Bakerloo line will create capacity for an additional 150,000 daily journeys, connecting some of London's least served areas to the TfL network.
- That the Council has already demonstrated its commitment to the West London Orbital, having approved a contribution of £465,516 plus a £150,000 contingency from its Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy to fund the next stage of its development, in collaboration with the West London Alliance.
- That the upcoming Autumn Budget presents a crucial opportunity for the Government to demonstrate its commitment to investing in strategic transport infrastructure.

This Council believes:

- The Bakerloo Line is an iconic part of London's underground, its history, and culture, connecting landmarks from Wembley to the West End and beyond.
- The West London Orbital is a crucial, shovel-ready rail link that would connect strategic growth areas in West and North West London, providing a sustainable transport corridor, reducing congestion on local roads, and offering our residents new, direct journey opportunities.
- The combined delivery of both projects would create a resilient and interconnected transport network that serves the needs of our current residents and supports the sustainable growth of our borough for decades to come.
- The delivery of these projects aligns with the Labour Government's policy of creating a unified, simplified, and publicly accountable rail network, as outlined in its commitment to establish Great British Railways.

This Council resolves:

- (1) To formally and unequivocally support the delivery of both the Bakerloo Line Upgrade and Extension and the West London Orbital projects.
- (2) To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, the Secretary of State for Transport and the Chancellor to express Brent's strong support, and to urge the Government to use the upcoming Autumn Budget to deliver on its rail commitments and prioritise funding for these critical projects.
- (3) To commit to working collaboratively with Transport for London and other partners to ensure that Brent's interests are at the forefront of the planning and implementation of these schemes, including additional lobbying on providing step-free access at transport stations across the borough.

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