Clapham Junction

Metro Shopping Fund LP
Proposal for Mixed Use Development and Improved Station Facilities at Clapham Junction

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1. Introduction

This document has been produced by the Metro Shopping Fund (MSF) and Network Rail (NR) to address a number of rail related queries raised in connection with MSF’s planning application for a major redevelopment of land adjoining Clapham Junction station. The document supports a recent letter dated 30th January 2009 issued by NR to Wandsworth Council.

This document sets out the case for improvements at Clapham Junction station and explains the approach to addressing the station’s capacity issues. The document summarises the capacity assessments undertaken by NR and MSF in arriving at the optimum and future proofed capacity solution. The proposed station enhancements are described in the context of the redevelopment and explain how they act as a catalyst for and dovetail with NR’s wider plans to improve the station for the benefit of the 10,000 local people who use the station everyday.

The MSF proposals to redevelop the adjacent shopping centre provide a unique opportunity to address underlying issues at the station and materially improve travel for local residents. The proposals include:

- Creating 21st Century station entrances that meet passenger needs in a safe, modern environment whilst providing effective interchange facilities with other modes of transport including buses, taxis and cycles.
- Transforming the way in which the station is used, providing a long-term solution to reduce congestion to acceptable levels.
- Enhancing functionality of the station to improve efficiency and thereby reducing passenger difficulties and train delays.
- Releasing the land adjoining platform 17 which would be needed to straighten and lengthen platforms to cater for the future aspiration of greater passenger movement through twelve car railway operations.

Without the MSF proposals, the opportunity to achieve radical enhancements to cope with passenger growth would be severely curtailed.
Dear Mr. Hunter,

Re: Clapham Junction Station Redevelopment

We are in discussion with your officers and Transport for London about the recent planning application, and would like to express our views to you about the significant impact that it would have on the Station in response to your recent letter. With the increasing demand for rail travel, a thorough and sustainable solution is needed to resolve the current capacity issues.

As many of the points raised are not directly related to the planning application and would be more logical to discuss in an informal meeting with you, Network Rail would like to propose a meeting at your convenience with the following agenda:

- A brief outline of the demand for rail travel and the capacity issues at Clapham Junction
- A presentation on the planning application for the new entrance and improvements
- A discussion on any concerns you may have about the proposed scheme

Please let us know your availability and we will arrange a suitable time and date.

Yours sincerely,

Network Rail