#### Epping Forest District Council Liaison Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008 Simon Williams

**Business Manager, Operational Strategy Implementation** 



### Agenda

- Epping Car Park, Retail Unit and Litter Clearance
- Ticket Selling and Freedom Passes
- Update on Metronet
- Station Modernisation and Refurbishment
  Programme
- Works at Buckhurst Hill
- Request for Extension to Stansted Airport
- Daytime Lighting and Energy Efficiency
- Questions and Discussion



## Epping Car Park (Cllr Whitehouse)

- Previous network study concluded only room for 70-150 additional spaces without major road alterations
- Decking cost prohibitive for small number of spaces
- LU developed scheme for builders' yard but would only accommodate 51 spaces
- Long payback period and no funding available
- Council have suggested might be willing to part fund decking – LU would like to discuss further – who is best contact?
- Alternative of new build at alternative site e.g. Theydon Bois might be more feasible if other issues such as access and cost can be resolved (Cllr Frankel)

# Epping Retail Unit (Cllr Whitehouse)

- Following Council representations LU are seeking way to retain tenant
- Proving difficult to find appropriate solution for relocation
- Hence costs for relocation not yet available and difficult to make decision
- Tenant likely to remain in situ in the meantime although discussions to be progressed



## Epping Litter Clearance (Cllr Whitehouse)

- Embankment adjacent to Station Approach responsibility of Metronet
- Would be useful to understand specific issues
- Any problems should be reported to Station Supervisor in first instance who can fault report to Metronet



## **Ticket Selling**

- New Advanced Fare Machines (AFMs) now installed at every station – proving very successful
- Demand for tickets continues to fall significantly with the success of Oyster
- Said last time this would lead to reductions in ticket office opening hours and some closures
- Currently on hold following customer, stakeholder and Trade Union feedback
- If it does go ahead all stations will remain staffed throughout the day



### Freedom Passes (Cllr Bateman)

- Paid for by local authorities through Association of London Government
- Matter for Essex County Council
- Holders of Senior Railcards can now receive discounts on Oyster travel
- National free bus travel includes London Buses



### **Update on Metronet**

- Both Metronet companies went into Administration in Summer 2007
- "PPP Administration" enabled work to continue, with routine safety and maintenance work prioritised
- Transfer of companies into TfL close to completion
- Long term arrangements under discussion



# Update on Station Modernisation and Refurbishment Programme



#### Metronet Administration has inevitably impacted on programme; however most EFDC area stations were already completed

## **Stations Completed**

- Epping
- Theydon Bois
- Debden
- Loughton
- Chigwell
- Roding Valley
- (Any outstanding snagging items will be completed)

# Stations Outstanding (Cllr Whitehouse)

- Buckhurst Hill (previously delayed to ca 2011)
- Grange Hill (previously due for completion in 2009)
- With current Metronet position work is limited to completing stations already on site (including Mile End) and progressing work on busy (mostly Zone 1) stations
- Long term plans and funding still unclear; however tentatively Buckhurst Hill and Grange Hill will be rescheduled for completion around 2013
- But there may be some more positive news...



#### Works at Buckhurst Hill

- Metronet are proposing to undertake structural maintenance works to the subway
- Refurbishment as part of this
- Council proposal to install CCTV in subway linked to existing town system
- Work ongoing to develop and integrate works
- Potentially on site this year



# Request for Extension to Stansted Airport (Cllr Bateman)

- Not currently part of TfL plans or funding
- Beyond GLA area
- Huge capital cost
  - Power supply
  - Tunnelling
  - Track and signalling
- Estimate of extension to Harlow was £215m at 2004 prices
- Business case weak due to much faster Stansted Express service to Tottenham Hale and Liverpool Street
- Local demand would be insufficient to justify huge capital cost

## Daytime Lighting and Energy Efficiency (Cllr Whitehouse)

- Lights should be switched off when daylight is bright enough
- At most stations this happens automatically
- Energy challenge competition to encourage stations to reduce energy consumption
  - Overall energy usage 14% lower than in 2000 despite new systems needing power
  - Central line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - Buckhurst Hill Group 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 41
- Specific examples would be helpful



# **Questions and Discussion**

