

# Kent Thameslink services



# Key service changes

At the start of the franchise in September 2014, services into Kent will continue to be operated jointly with Southeastern, who are currently responsible for services south of London Blackfriars. There is a regular pattern of two trains per hour (2tph) to and from Sevenoaks, plus assorted 'peak extras' to / from Beckenham Junction, Orpington, Ashford International, Rochester and elsewhere.

From December 2014, Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) will take over full responsibility for all of these services – except for six trains per day (three each to/from Ashford International and Rochester) which will remain with Southeastern and will start from / terminate at London Blackfriars.

At that point, the management of seven stations (Beckenham Hill, Bellingham, Catford, Crofton Park, Denmark Hill, Nunhead and Ravensbourne) also transfers from Southeastern to GTR.

Between 2016 and 2018, new class 700 trains will replace the class 319s on the Kent Thameslink routes.

## Stations

All stations on the franchise will benefit from a share of the £50m investment planned in improving station facilities and appearance. Our investment programme for stations includes funding for more CCTV, toilet refurbishments, new retail facilities, help points and car park improvements – as well as plans for increased cycle storage and improved transport integration. More details on specific plans for individual stations will be provided at a later stage.

### From early 2018

- The existing complex Thameslink pattern will be replaced by a regular all-day pattern of 2tph to / from Sevenoaks (all day, via the Catford Loop) and 2tph to / from Maidstone East (in the peaks and limited off-peak hours, with a more limited calling pattern)
- Sevenoaks services will operate through to London St Pancras International on weekday late evenings and on Saturdays, rather than terminating at London Blackfriars as they do at present (but will continue to terminate at London Blackfriars on Sundays)
- Additional services to / from London Blackfriars will be operated by Southeastern in place of the 'peak extras' that will cease to be part of this regular Thameslink pattern

### Free WiFi

Free WiFi is planned to be introduced at 104 of the busiest stations across the GTR franchise.

### First to last station staffing

First to last station staffing will be introduced at Denmark Hill, Elephant and Castle, Loughborough Junction and Nunhead – as part of plans to provide first to last staffing at the 101 busiest stations on the GTR franchise.