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**From:** James Blake [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 June 2019 20:05  
**To:** StagBreweryRedevelopment  
**Subject:** Suggestions to improve the transport problems in SW14 in the light of Hammersmith bridge closure and in anticipation of the new Brewery Development

**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs

The closure of Hammersmith Bridge is a major concern for all who live and work in the area all options should be explored, including a full replacement of the bridge, if that is the best long-term solution. As iconic as the bridge is, if it is not fit for purpose for this century – it should be replaced, and I am sure a winning design could restore or reimagine the iconic features of the current bridge.

There are actionable ideas that can be put into place now to help ease some of the strain on transport in the area and I would like to make three suggestions that will help, are not difficult to introduce and will provide a lasting benefit to the areas infrastructure and sustainability. It is essential something is done soon as the bridge closure makes this urgent in the near-term and the new Mortlake Brewery development make this essential in the medium and long-term. As most of us know the new brewery development will increase the population of Mortlake by more than 30% adding significant strain to infrastructure and risks to life at key points such as Mortlake station and level crossing.

Key workers such as nurses and doctors typically start a shift at central London hospitals such as St. Thomas' at 7am or 8am. The early morning options for commuters in the area from North Sheen to Putney are severely limited between 6am and 7am and this is made so much worse by the bridge closure. The below will help early morning commuters and have a wider benefit for the community as well as helping ease the problem of the bridge closure.

The three solutions are:

1. **Add an additional train from Mortlake to Waterloo at 06:37**
2. **Extend the 209 bus route to Kew Retail Park**
3. **Increase the current 06:46 train from Barnes Bridge to Waterloo to an 8 or 10 carriage train (from the current 5 carriages)**

In detail:

1. There is a 30 minute 'gap' in the timetable between 06:23 and 06:53 at Mortlake station. This gap puts a strain on other forms of transport such as the 419 bus and Barnes Bridge trains and if one of the trains between 6 and 7am is cancelled – leaves commuters with few options which are now not available due to the bridge closure. There are trains at 37 minutes past the hour during the rest of the day – so it is possible to add a new train into the timetable. This 30 minute gap in service at Mortlake needs to be addressed urgently in the light of the bridge closure.
2. By extending the 209 to Kew Retail park – you provide two immediate benefits; this will allow residents from Sheen and Mortlake to connect with District Line and London Overground services at Kew Gardens station. It also adds in a

viable way to get to Kew Retail Park by public transport: Currently there is no such option. As a resident of Mortlake, I currently drive to Kew Retail Park but would welcome the chance to reduce the strain on traffic and the environment and travel by bus. The 209 is one of the shortest bus routes in London and is already expected to be extended for the brewery development – taking the route further to Kew will solve several problems in one go. The addition of the temporary 533 bus is helping services at the moment – but is only a short-term fix and is insufficient as there are only two per hour.

3. The gap in services at Mortlake leads to spill over to the 06:46 at Barnes Bridge station. Sadly, at 5 carriages; this train is one of the shortest of the South Western Trains fleet and is already full by the time it reaches Barnes Bridge. Adding an additional 3 to 5 carriages to this existing service will increase the capacity, helping to alleviate the current problem with the bridge and help to prepare for the extra capacity needed in future as the Mortlake population grows. As an existing service already exists - extending the length of this train should be one of the easiest and cheapest solutions to ease the current lack of transport capacity.

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