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Slade Green councillors welcome passenger benefit fund

Slade Green and Northend Labour Councillors have welcomed the announcement that the Department for Transport (DfT) have instructed Govia Thameslink, who operate train services through Slade Green, to pay £15 million towards a passenger benefit fund following disruption in summer 2018.

Whilst Slade Green station is a Southeastern managed station, and not managed by GTR Thameslink, the station is served by Govia Thameslink trains. Residents will therefore benefit from the £30,000 pot allocated to Slade Green station to be spent on improving the station experience.

Cllr. Stefano Borella (Slade Green and Northend ward), Shadow Cabinet Member for Transport said “I have requested that options for the funds include that they be used in partnership with Southeastern to reopen the station toilets that have been closed for many years or investigate opening a post office counter in the station.”

Cllr. Brenda Langstead said “Alternatively, these funds could be used to make a contribution towards the Big Local station garden project which is helping to make the station forecourt a much more inviting place for residents.”

She continued “The delays to Thameslink services in summer 2018, affected residents in Slade Green and these allocated funds should be invested on the station in Slade Green. Southeastern is a partner rail franchise also owned by Govia so these rail operators should work together to improve the station environment at Slade Green.”

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Notes to editors

- For further information, please contact Councillor Stef Borella on Stefano.borella@bexley.gov.uk
- More information on the passenger benefit fund can be found at <https://www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/>