2 responses on twitter

Date: 2020-02-26 18:39

Hello,

Regarding the recent request on Lee Neighbourhood Plan consultation, I would like to present the following two points.

I am a resident on Fernbrook Road, having purchsed a house there almost 6 years ago.

- 1. I feel there would be a benefit from a direct route to Greenwich, for example to the market or Greenwich peninsula. Currently, I take the 202 from Lee Green to Blackheath Royal Parade, and then 386 to Greenwich. With the wait time between buses, this journey sometimes takes an hour, or longer. This leads to a preference of driving over bus, given that this only takes 20 minutes in the car.
- 2. One issue our road (Fernbrook Road) encounters frequently is when two buses travelling in opposite directions use our road. The two buses end up creating a traffic jam with other cars/vans being backed up until the buses have passed each other. On some occasions, the traffic on one side is forced to reverse back until one of the buses is able to get past.

In order to get past each other, the buses and other vehicles get extremely close to parked cars. Last March we had a bus hit our parked car as it was trying to get past it, causing significant damage. TFL admitted liability and it had to be kept off the road for almost 2 weeks whilst it was repaired. We were fortunate that TFL finally agreed to pay for our repairs, but we know other residents who experience the same

damage, but had to pay for the repairs themselves.

One suggestion we have would be to create a one-way system. So, as an

example, Fernbrook Road could be used for west to east traffic, then

Longhurst can be used for east to west traffic.

We feel this would work as the roads in our area run parallel with each

other. Also, this shouldn't cause much disruption for TFL routes. Buses

are frequently diverted away from Fernbrook Road to allow for pedestrian

events, for example, the summer street party and the Christmas Fayre.

I have photos and video evidence of the extent of this issue and I am

happy to share them if you feel this would help.

**Thanks** 

Date: 2020-02-24 14:10

Dear Sir,

I would like to see the B16 bus extended to Lee Green, and also a

direct bus provided to greenwich.

Frequency of other bus routes seem ok to me,

From:

Hi there,

I am responding your request in twitter for feedback on bus routes.

I believe it would be incredibly useful to have a direct bus to Greenwich the village/ Town Centre and to Greenwich Peninsula from Lee. I also believe it would be helpful to have a direct bus to Central London. I know the N21 covers this, but it would be useful if this route was available for the day time

too.

Kind regards, Yvette 45 responses on Email: Date: 2020-02-10 10:24 Dear Lee Forum Thank you for your email about bus routes. I think the bus routes are really good, however a bus route closer to Greenwich (town centre) without having to change would be great. Date: 2020-02-10 11:46 I fully support a service to both the Greenwich Peninsular and Greenwich Town centre. Best regards Date: 2020-02-10 15:38 Hi there,

A brief message to confirm that I would be in support of bus routes to both Greenwich Peninsula and Greenwich Town Centre. These are destinations that I go to on a regular basis for leisure.

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Thanks,

Date: 2020-02-10 15:42

In response to your recent email, I would like to see the 122 run a more frequent service.

In fact I would go as far as to say it is the one of the weakest bus route in terms of performance in Lewisham in my experience.

Not only should the 122 run more frequently but it needs to run to the 'live bus arrivals checker' as often it comes earlier or later than it shows.

Also, buses on this route often run in pairs which means if you miss either of them there is a long wait for the next one.

I have also noticed that the other three main bus routes that go along
Lee High Road through to Lee Green, 321,178, 261, also leave within
minutes of each other when they set off from the Lewisham depot.
Why aren't these bus departures staggered?? Again, the similar bad
practice that the 122 uses eg travelling in pairs also applies to these
three routes. There should be a 10 minute margin between buses leaving
so that passengers who miss one know there will be another one going
through Lee Green very shortly.

If TFL wishes to cut down on car journeys it MUST provide regular alternative methods for people to use, for those who will find walking for long periods difficult, of which I am one (due to arthritis in both

my knees).

This brings me to my last point. If we are to be encouraged to use

public transport I would expect to see the mindset of bus drivers

changed, so that passengers have a chance to sit down once they get on

a bus before they are flung about by impatient drivers in a hurry to

get to their end destination for reasons best known to themselves.

If TFL can proactively take my points on board and implement them I

will consider it a miracle, but the reality is you cannot remove one

choice of transport for people without replacing it with robust

alternatives.

With regards

Date: 2020-02-11 10:23

Hello,

Following your recent post on Facebook, I wanted to put forward my suggestions for additional bus

services in the area.

We are currently served by the 202 and 261. Neither service is particularly frequent so an increase in

services would be very welcome.

What we miss most, however, is the ability to get to Greenwich town centre. It is such a fabulous place to visit, but currently impossible to get to on public transport. This would be a fantastic

addition.

We would also welcome the introduction of a service to North Greenwich. Possibly extending the

202 to continue from Blackheath Royal Standard over to NG would be a good option (this would enable people to get to both the jubilee line and the shops such as B&Q and Ikea).

Many thanks.

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

Date: 2020-02-12 16:47

I would like to see increase frequency on the 273. It would also be a

good idea to make existing bus lanes 7 day a week and all day/night so

that they speed buses at all times and offer protection for cyclists,

effectively operating as cycle lanes as well as bus lanes.

A new route to Greenwich through Lee Green is sorely needed. At the

moment everything is via Lewisham.

king regards

Date: 2020-02-18 15:27

Hi

Thanks for posting about this.

I have lives in Lee for some decades now, and hope these comments are

helpful. Thank you for collating these for TfL.

One of the main bus issues with living in Lee is that, if you want to go

to Greenwich or now North Greenwich to Spend time there travel further

afield in London from your only nearby tube station, you have no direct

bus link. Given this, I don't use the bus as much as I would if I

could get from Lee to North Greenwich station or to Greenwich, two local

areas with good amenities that we are not connected with.

There are some simple solutions for this.

1. Bus route 202 - extension to terminate/depart from North Greenwich station

This extension would be an absolute game-changer, not only for those local people who wish to use the amenities at north Greenwich, such as the shops, services and restaurants or visit the o2, but also to encourage more journeys by public transport in the area. It would be a vital link to our area's only tube network stop, and add to the resilience of the transport system in the local area as a whole, by providing more options for public travel.

The 202 route Currently runs from Crystal Palace to Blackheath standard. At Lee, heading north this means the bus is only useful to get you to Blackheath. To pick up connecting bus services there involves a wait and the journey times beyond are too unpredictable to make this a viable form of transport. I expect tfl are aware that, like connecting train journeys, the number of people making connecting journeys as opposed to direct journeys is far lower. This suggests that if there is a simple alternative to provide a direct connection it would be of greater benefit, and avoid the need for two bus journeys (or a journey by car) before someone living in the area could connect to the jubilee line and tube network.

On days where I have a lot of time, I might catch a connecting bus to North Greenwich. However, most of the time if I have to get there I get a private car or Uber lift to North Greenwich as the need to make an onward connecting journey after these two bus journeys adds too much time and unpredictability of that timing to the journey to make it viable.

Also, if local residents wish to stay in the area and attend an event at the o2, or for example Shop by public transport at the new ikea at Greenwich peninsula (as the local council is encouraging people to please do instead of using cars), they don't have a way to get home directly on a bus. But residents of many other surrounding areas, including Lewisham, Eltham, Bexleyheath, Greenwich and other destinations locally do. Lee is poorly served in this respect. Standing at quiet bus stops late at night After a visit to the o2 to change buses is not an option. I've done it, it does not feel safe. So, again, car it is.

This extension would make a huge difference to all of us living along the 202 route and i believe would save many journeys by car to and from the Greenwich peninsula.

To illustrate my point on other areas being served in this manner, If for example I lived one station further away on the train line from Lee I could catch a bus to North Greenwich, the 161. Please could TfL extend the 202 bus route from Blackheath standard to North Greenwich station.

I've asked TfL for this extension before, but have received a reply that just listed the connecting bus journey. This isn't a solution. If TfL is, like we in the area are, serious about alleviating the number of private vehicle journeys in London and facilitating the use of public transport, I hope it can find a way to make this happen.

2. A direct bus from Lee (eg Burnt ash road onwards) to Greenwich town centre

Similar to 1 above, getting to Greenwich by public transport is not

straightforward from Lee. A local bus service linking the two would again make a big difference. Just a suggestion, but is there scope to run the 273 via Lewisham station on to Greenwich town centre?

At the moment a journey to Greenwich involves either multiple bus journeys, a train to London Bridge and out, a train or bus to Lewisham and then a dlr journey, or a bus to Blackheath then walk to the river. It takes far more time and, again, is complex for somewhere so near to the area. Like with a journey to North Greenwich, it's more complex to stay local than it is to travel to central london.

#### 3. Links to local Elizabeth line stations

Finally, a more general request for regular direct links to local

Elizabeth line stations, again to provide options for travel east and

west of london that do not involve the hub and spoke approach of travel
into central london via London Bridge or Waterloo east.

Thank you for your time. I hope this helps. Anything that increases our ability to travel on public transport and do this locally, as well as provide resilience options for those of us that rely heavily on the overground train network to make journeys further afield Is welcome. If there is anything more you'd like from me do please let me know.

#### Best wishes

On 2020-02-08 19:27,

- > Living close to four bus routes I have no problem with frequency, but
- > am interested to note suggestions for improved routing.

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- > Many Lee residents may not be aware of the new 335 route, between
- > North Greenwich and Kidbrooke Village, a route we have felt was needed

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> since the O2 was first built. This of course connects with the 178 at
> various places, and could possibly be extended into the Lee area.
> I agree that a direct route to Greenwich is needed, the difficulty
> being Greenwich Park and the adjacent steep hills which must be
> bypassed. A single decker route from Grove Park through Lee and
> Blackheath, then via either Westcombe Hill or Royal Hill to maritime
> Greenwich, has a lot to commend it .
> Regards
On 2020-02-08 09:38,
> A bus to Greenwich Town Centre (for getting to the cinema) please
> Sent from my iPad
On 2020-02-08 06:51,
> Hello,
> Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on bus new bus
> routes.
> We need a more frequent and reliable 178 bus service. My son used to
> take this bus from the Brandram Road stop to Thomas Tallis school.
> Considering the bus only starts at Lewisham station, you would think
> that it could at least leave on time and stay on time but no. My son
> now has no option but to walk to school which to me makes the 178 a
> completely non-service. I have a TFL Bus App and the 178 is either
> never on there, or the timings they give keep changing to an ever
> increased wait time or it says 3 mins and then it just disappears! A
> more frequent service would also make shopping at the new Aldi a lot
> more convenient.
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> could also make cycling easier for these routes and along theauaggy
> such as has been done for the ravens urne
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On 2020-02-07 16:13,
> Hello
> As a regular Bus passenger, living just off Baring Road SE12, I think
> bus routes to Lewisham and Bromley are ok (261) but think we are
> desperately in need of a route from at least Grove park to Greenwich
> centre direct either via Lewisham or Blackheath or it takes 3 buses to
> get to Greenwich central DLR or Peninsular!!
> Kind regards
On 2020-02-07 15:36,
> Thank you for sending round the information about this consultation.
> I do not have any comments about the frequency of the existing bus
> routes. I would, however, strongly support the suggestion that there
> should be a direct bus route between Lee Green and Greenwich Town
> Centre and Peninsula. I regularly travel on this route. There is a
> relatively short distance between the two areas but using current
> transport links often involves a quite torturous journey.
> Best wishes,
On 2020-02-07 15:33,
> A direct bus route from Lee to Greenwich as previously suggested would
> be extremely welcome....
> Sent from my iPad
On 2020-02-07 13:59, "
> Hello,
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> In response to the TFL letter, my ask would be to run additional 202
> service during busy periods. It no longer stops at Micheldever Road
> bus stop in the direction of Blackheath in the mornings because it is
> so full, and walking to next stop is not always a viable option with
> two young children and I sometimes end up using the car (which I would
> prefer not to). I have written to TFL several times, but my feedback
> does not seem to be making much difference.
> It's great to see that the council is doing something for the future,
> I strongly support the scheme for many reasons.
> Many thanks for taking on my feedback.
> Regards,
On 2020-02-07 13:25,
> Hello
> The 261 bus is frequently late or does not arrive so more frequent
> ones would be brilliant
> Also need a bus from lee coming down Burnt ash to Eltham via Eltham rd
> Also buses to Greenwich town centre and the O2
On 2020-02-07 12:15,
> I live in Brightfield Road and have to say that I feel I have a very
> good bus service and I do not need any changes/improvements.
> Regards
On 2020-02-07 12:03,
> I would like the 202 and 261 routes to be increased in number.
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> Could the 202 route be extended to Charlton Riverside Place where the > big Sainsbury's has moved to? This would also give access to the > Greenwich Shopping Park in Bugsby Way without having to change buses. > A direct bus service to Greenwich Town Centre and to North > Greenwich/O2 would be great. On 2020-02-07 11:28: > Hi > I live on Burnt Ash Road and I work in central London. > I regularly use all of the bus routes between Lee and either Lewisham > or Blackheath. > From my perspective, there is no requirement for any new routes. > However, we definitely need more frequent services at peak hours as > the buses are often too full to allow passengers on. This will be all > the more so when new homes with very few car parking spaces are built > in the Leegate regeneration programme. > I also believe that the traffic reduction plans will only work if we > can persuade more people to use alternative means of transport. > Unfortunately the current plan seems to assume everyone will travel by > bike, which I think it's highly unlikely! Anyone who chooses to cycle > along Lee High Road at rush hour must be either social or crazy! > The best solution will be a more frequent bus service where travelers > know they won't have to wait long and they stand a reasonable chance > of getting a seat.

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> Apologies for my rant and thank you for taking the time to collate and
> pass on local residents' opinions.
> Regards,
On 2020-02-07 08:59
> It would be great if we could get a direct bus to Greenwich from Lee
> via O2, many thanks,
On 2020-02-07 00:38,
> I agree bus route to Greenwich would be great, Peninsula and town centre
> Sent from my iPhone
On 2020-02-06 20:04,
> Hello,
> In response to your question about the frequency of buses, although
> more frequent buses to Lewisham would be nice they are not a priority
> for me. I would welcome a direct bus route to Greenwich town centre
> and the peninsula though.
> Best regards
On 2020-02-06 19:39, Gra
> Dear Lee Forum,
> To answer your questions, it would help my wife and I greatly if the
> 261 and 202 routes were more frequent as they only seem to be around
> every 10-12 minutes.
> With regard to new routes a route to Bexleyheath would be very helpful
> as well as one to the Dome.
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> Regards,
On 2020-02-06 18:37,
> Hi there
> Re more frequent bus services. A bus service to Greenwich /Greenwich
> Peninsula via blackheath would be good from hither green.
> Also the 273 bus. As this is a small bus designed for residential
> streets, it would be good if they prioritise this route for
> electric/clean fuel buses as part of their upgrades. It's a diesel
> pumping one at the moment.
> Thank you
On 2020-02-06 14:51,
> Yes I would like the 273 to be more frequent. It helps so many of us
> out on the back roads beyond the 261/202 route. Also a bus to
> Greenwich and onto the Peninsula would be great. The 108 could maybe
> finish at Grove Park bus station instead of Blackheath church??
> Also a bus from New Cross to have options for the Overground network
> at New Cross. If you miss a Lee train from New Cross it is a pain to
> wait and the options are limited I find. Am aware of the 321 but then
> you got to wait for a 202 or 261.
> We all get on with it as it is but when I have friends or family come
> they think it's really difficult to get to Lee!
> If I can say so we REALLY need more train services especially at rush
> hour, there is a 17 min wait between the 7.30am and 7.49am which I
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> think is ridiculous for a an area 10 miles from Central London. Of
> course, if one has the Tube then 10 miles is so easy to get to.
> Lee/Grove Park is like a no-mans land at times!
> We need more ESPECIALLY when so many new flats and therefore
> additional passengers being created at Lewisham.
> The service needs to meet the growth, but I guess it's also needed
> across the country. In many industries! TFL needs to consider the
> lack of Tube in the SE and find more solutions. And soon not in 2030!
> Regards
On 2020-02-06 12:28,
> Good afternoon
> I have seen the Facebook post about bus routes. I strongly support the
> proposal to raise the need for a direct connection to Greenwich.
> On the question about frequencies, I would say that north-south routes
> are much less well served than east-west (by both bus and train), so I
> would propose better frequency on the 202 as top priority, as it is
> the only north-south public transport from Lee.
> Best wishes
On 2020-02-06 12:01,:
> Hello,
> I have seen your post on Facebook and here is my response :
> My nearest bus stop is on Eltham Road, by the Kidbrooke Park Road
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- > junction. All of the 3 west bound services go to Lewisham. I too would
- > like to see a direct route to Greenwich town centre, preferably via
- > Blackheath.
- > It would also be helpful if the new 335 route could service the
- > southern end of Kidbrooke Park Road and maybe Eltham Road, perhaps
- > incorporating Weigal Road.
- > Also, if the proposed road closure go ahead in the Lewisham part of
- > Lee (which I strongly object to) it would be helpful to reintroduce
- > the local hopper bus that we used to have (in the early 90s), which
- > could use bus filters (as per the one proposed in Southbrook Road).
- > For those of us less mobile it is going to be a nightmare to get to
- > our local amenities such as train station, church, doctor, dentist,
- > shops, cafes etc., which would involve for me 2 buses with a change at
- > Lee Green.
- > I hope you find my views helpful.
- > Regards,

### On 2020-02-06 10:40,

> Dear Friends,

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- > If we are being asked which bus route should be more frequent, my
- > preference would be the 261. It's our only way to get to Bromley which
- > is our major local shopping centre (there is really nothing between
- > Bromley and Stratford Westfield), and also our only link to Grove
- > Park. For people who live south of Lee Green it's a valuable route to
- > Lewisham station.

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> Best wishes,

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> Hi,
> I don't live in your catchment area but hopefully, my suggestions
> still count as I travel through the area every weekday.
> Since the new school year back in September 2019 the 202 buses have
> been absolutely packed coming down from Blackheath going towards
> Catford around 3-4 pm each day. This causes lots of problems when
> they arrive at the Leegate stop opposite Sainsbury's as this has
> become a hub for school children travelling home from various schools.
> Is it possible to put on say 4 additional buses in this hour that
> just run from Lee to Catford or add school buses that cover this area?
> The situation at this bus stop at times becomes ugly as children try
> to scramble on overcrowded buses. I think the 202 bus drivers who
> have experienced the problems would welcome buses designated for these
> school children.
> Your idea of a bus direct to Greenwich town centre and the peninsular
> is good. There is a new bus that's travels to the peninsular from
> Kidbrooke so perhaps start that in Lee?
> Kind regards
On 2020-02-06 10:07,
>Hi
> All outstanding bus routes in the area need to have an increased
> frequency of buses, especially during peak times. Especially the 202
> and 261 routes which are regularly full to capacity during these peak
> hours.
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> Dear All
> I would like to see an improvement in the frequency of the 261 and
> 273 buses to every 10 mins for the former and every 15 minutes for the
> latter during the evenings and at weekends. It would be good if the
> 202 could be extended to Greenwich, ie Picturehouse.
> Kind regards.
On 2020-02-05 23:18,
> Hello,
> I agree that a direct bus service from lee green to Greenwich town
> centre and O2 is very much needed - we miss out on easy public access
> to greenwich a place of interest and the theatre/cinemas there. This
> service would mean people would be able to get to IKEA from here
> without resorting to cars or taking several buses. This would also
> mean trips up to Blackheath mould be more frequent as although 302 is
> supposed to be frequent according to the timetable there are often
> long gaps!
> Best wishes
On 2020-02-05 22:31,
> Yes, definitely a direct bus service from Lee to Greenwich town
> centre is badly needed!
On 2020-02-05 22:29,
> You are doing great work. I would endorse the need of buses to
> Greenwich and the ones to bromley are vital too
> Ann
On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 9:26
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Hi,

I tend to use 122, 321, 178, 261 and 202.

Most of these are ok for where i want to go! and get other buses from Lewisham like P4 to Dulwich. Of course one would like to have more frequent services!

And as others have suggested it would be great to have direct bus services to Greenwich.

Hope this counts as my response to Lee Forum.

Have a good day

Best,

# 18 comments on Facebook

As someone else mentioned, a bus that connects Lee/hither green directly to ladywell and brockley would be useful.

More 273s during peak times ··

I live on Fernbrook and it's a nightmare. The road just isn't wide enough for the buses to cross or travel down safely. All day, every day there are problems with the bus getting stuck, blocking the road, having to reverse the length ... See more

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I live on Fernbrook Road too and totally agree with Louise about the 273. The road simply isn't wide enough and it causes a lot of issues , damage to parked cars, road rage incidents, delays to traffic which ends up idling behind it causing more pollution .

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Is it possible you could ask about the 273 bus route and if it can be moved off Fernbrook Rd to Lee Park Rd as it does when on diversion please? There was talk of this happening with the traffic calming plans but I'm not sure if it's still going ahead? Otherwise a direct bus to Greenwich would be fantastic.

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More 122s and something from Lee to Greenwich town centre. I hear the 335 takes ages to get to North Greenwich, so maybe something which covers the 202 route but carries onto North Greenwich, which would also increase buses on the 202 route.

Bus to Greenwich, increase to 122 and 202.

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202, definitely

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Another bus that goes from Staplehurst Road side of Hither Green Station would be amazing! At the moment there's only one and nothing that connects that part of Hither Green to Ladywell / Brockley / Blackheath. Have to either walk to Burnt Ash Road or ...See more

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I'd love a bus from either Hither Green or Lewisham to Greenwich via Lee High Road and Lee Road please...

And also something that goes down Manor Lane then down Verdant Lane...

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Definitely to Greenwich town centre and direct to the peninsula!

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More 321's during peak hours however with the plan pushing more traffic onto the A20 not sure if they will just bunch up.

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Agree a bus to North Greenwich would be fabulous, and also a bus to Greenwich / Curry Sark side. I'd like to see more 202 and 261 services also!

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Surely any changes to road routes in Lee should be considered AFTER any new bus routes are confirmed... Otherwise any rationale will have gone out of the window.

A route connecting, Bromley-Grove Park-Lee (via burnt ash rd)- Blackheath (via Lee Rd) and then onto Greenwich town centre would make a huge difference for North-South travel.

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a bus to peninsula and to Greenwich town centre would be useful. Also an increase in route 122 at peak times (school run)

Great stuff. +1 for a direct bus to Greenwich Town Centre and Greenwich Peninsula. An increase in 202 to 5 per hour (from 3) would be very welcome.

A direct bus to Greenwich from Lee would be great.

this makes so much sense!! def better access to Greenwich.

Also 178 as for some will be the access to and from Hither Green!!!

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There is a new bus service (335) from North Greenwich to Kidbrooke Village, connects with 178, could perhaps be extended. And a single decker from Grove Park to Greenwich, either via Westcombe Hill or Royal Hill, would make a lot of sense.

extending the 202 to go to North Greenwich is a good idea!!

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great idea. I've asked tfl for this 202 extension to North Greenwich a couple of times in years past and received a no, so hopefully now they're seeking views they'll be open to this option if enough of us indicate we'd like it

### 3 replies on Nextdoor

### Reply



Burnt Ash Hill



Would like to a bus from Lee or grove park to North Greenwich tube station, as well as more frequent 273 bus

2 days ago

# Thank

Reply



Lee Manor



I tbink a link to Greenwich would be invaluable.

2 days ago

# Thank

Reply





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Burnt Ash Hill



Yes we are definitely missing a bus route from Grove Park via Blackheath or Lewisham to Greenwich DLR / mainline station

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# Thank

Reply



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Thank