

## Timetabling – 25/02/10

Hi Susan

Thanks for setting up the group the other night - I think the fact there were clearly a lot of disparate issues showed how much a group is needed.

As promised here is some information on timetabling. This is of course only from my own experience - I commute to Kings Cross each day, usually from Meldreth, occasionally from Royston. I have focused on the evening return journey as that is the one where there are the issues.

Will you forward these to FCC - or feel free to circulate it to others in the group to get their feedback first. The table below might also be useful for the website - although it should be noted that it is only valid until FCC next update the timetable.

### Issues:

1. As you can see from the table below - a number of the key evening return journeys are not on the timetable - because they involve taking the Peterborough train and changing at Hitchin. My suggestion to FCC is that either these are added to the existing Cambridge branch timetable, or they produce a "commuter card" supplement for the villages with these trains on it.
2. There really is no reason as far as I can see why the 21.52 KingsX train to Cambridge should not call at Meldreth/Shepreth/Foxton, which would knock 20mins off that journey. It should follow the pattern of the 20.52 train which does just this.
3. More generally, and this would need to be fed into the next major review of the timetable, the key to improving the the journey to the villages is to reduce the "Wait at Royston" time - which is of course done by timetabling such that the "slow" train leaves Hitchin as soon as possible after the "fast" train has gone through Hitchin. The ideal model to follow is that of the 19:45 train - where you can see there is only a 9 minute wait at Royston. If this pattern was adopted more widely through the evening then overall journeys back to Meldreth/Shepreth/Foxton would be much improved.

## Weekday evening trains London to Meldreth

***NB : Avoid trains in italics as you can catch a later train that arrives at the same time, however these are ok if just going to Royston***

Weekday evening trains London to Meldreth						
Leaves KingsX	Train's ultimate Destination	Change	Wait	Arrives Meldreth	Journey time	(on timetable)
16.44	Kings Lynn	Royston	17m	17.41	57m	Y
17.14	Ely	Royston	13m	18.05	51m	Y
17.23	<i>Royston</i>	<i>Royston</i>	<i>21m</i>	<i>18:32</i>	<i>1hr09m</i>	Y
17.40	Peterborough	Hitchin	7m	18:32	52m	N
17:53	<i>Royston</i>	<i>Royston</i>	<i>21m</i>	<i>19:02</i>	<i>1hr09m</i>	Y
18:10	Peterborough	Hitchin	7m	19:02	52m	N
18:23	<i>Royston</i>	<i>Royston</i>	<i>17m</i>	<i>19:32</i>	<i>1hr09m</i>	Y
18:44	Kings Lynn	Royston	10m	19:32	48m	Y
18:53	<i>Royston</i>	<i>Royston</i>	<i>24m</i>	<i>20:05</i>	<i>1hr12m</i>	Y
19:15	Cambridge	Royston	10m	20:05	50m	Y
19:45	Kings Lynn	Royston	9m	20:33	48m	Y
20:15	Kings Lynn	Royston	14m	21:08	53m	Y
20:52	Cambridge	Direct		21:44	52m	Y
21:15	Kings Lynn	Royston	14m	22:08	53m	Y
21:52	<i>Cambridge</i>	<i>Royston</i>	<i>23m</i>	<i>23:08</i>	<i>1hr16m</i>	Y
22:15	Kings Lynn	Royston	14m	23:08	53m	Y
22:52	Hitchin	Hitchin	11m	23:55	1hr03m	N
23:22	Hitchin	Hitchin	8m	00:25	1hr03m	N
00:06	Hitchin	Hitchin	8m	01:15	1hr09m	N

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Regards  
Jon Burn