

Old Oak Common & Kensal Canalside - Petition Items

Appendix 1

1 London Overground Connections

Issue

- The North London Line and West London Line both run in close proximity to the planned Old Oak Common HS2 station
- Current HS2 proposals do not include a connection to the London Overground network at Old Oak Common.

Proposal

- The HS2 station should be connected to the London Overground network;
- Connecting to the London Overground would have the following benefits:
 - Help to relieve pressure at Euston;
 - Optimise development capacity at Old Oak Common; and
 - Benefit residents and businesses in West London who would have a direct connection to HS2;
- Two options are currently being explored: Option 8.2 and Option X
- LBHF's preference is for Option X as this does not have a negative impact on Wormwood Scrubs.

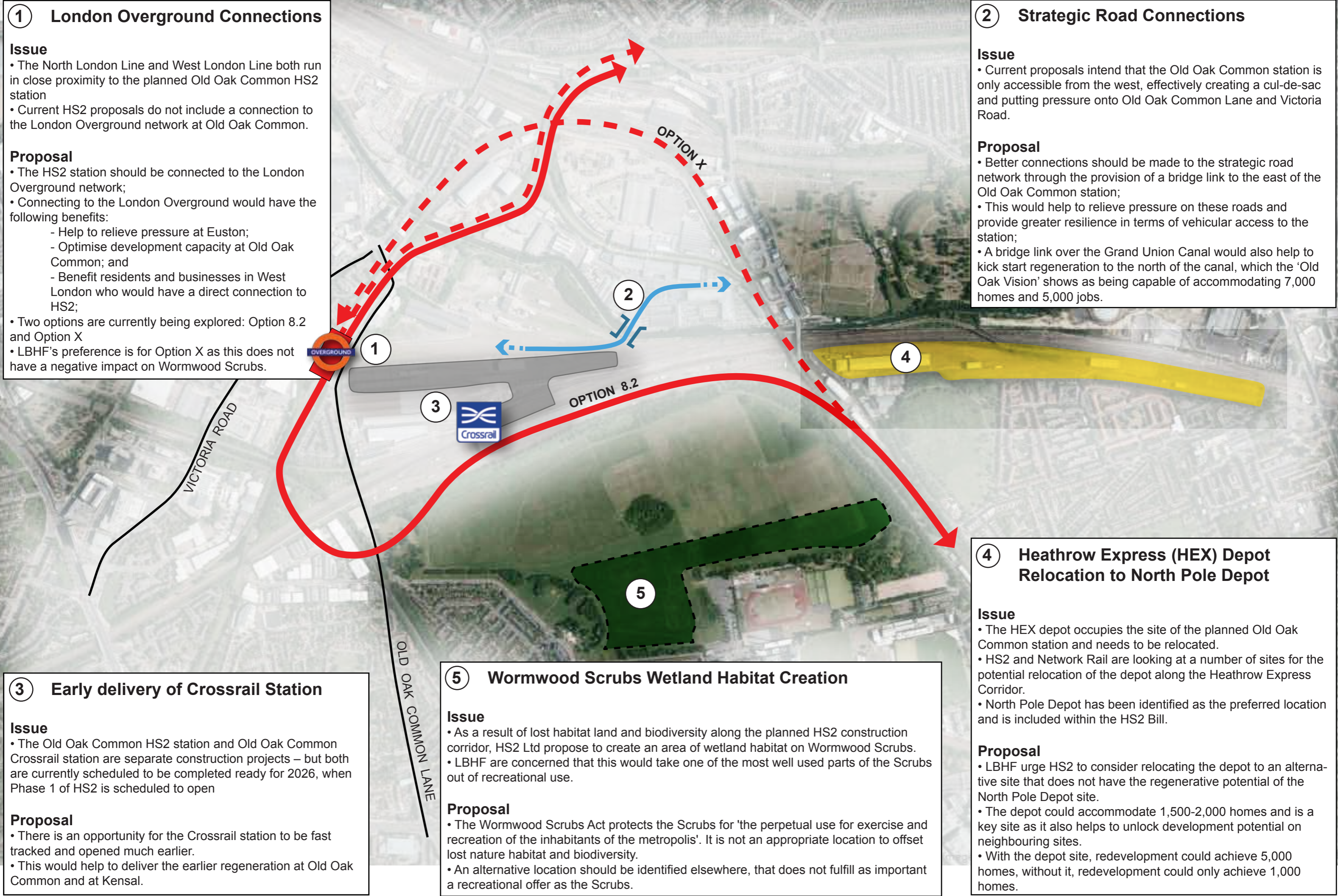
2 Strategic Road Connections

Issue

- Current proposals intend that the Old Oak Common station is only accessible from the west, effectively creating a cul-de-sac and putting pressure onto Old Oak Common Lane and Victoria Road.

Proposal

- Better connections should be made to the strategic road network through the provision of a bridge link to the east of the Old Oak Common station;
- This would help to relieve pressure on these roads and provide greater resilience in terms of vehicular access to the station;
- A bridge link over the Grand Union Canal would also help to kick start regeneration to the north of the canal, which the 'Old Oak Vision' shows as being capable of accommodating 7,000 homes and 5,000 jobs.



3 Early delivery of Crossrail Station

Issue

- The Old Oak Common HS2 station and Old Oak Common Crossrail station are separate construction projects – but both are currently scheduled to be completed ready for 2026, when Phase 1 of HS2 is scheduled to open

Proposal

- There is an opportunity for the Crossrail station to be fast tracked and opened much earlier.
- This would help to deliver the earlier regeneration at Old Oak Common and at Kensal.

5 Wormwood Scrubs Wetland Habitat Creation

Issue

- As a result of lost habitat land and biodiversity along the planned HS2 construction corridor, HS2 Ltd propose to create an area of wetland habitat on Wormwood Scrubs.
- LBHF are concerned that this would take one of the most well used parts of the Scrubs out of recreational use.

Proposal

- The Wormwood Scrubs Act protects the Scrubs for 'the perpetual use for exercise and recreation of the inhabitants of the metropolis'. It is not an appropriate location to offset lost nature habitat and biodiversity.
- An alternative location should be identified elsewhere, that does not fulfill as important a recreational offer as the Scrubs.

4 Heathrow Express (HEX) Depot Relocation to North Pole Depot

Issue

- The HEX depot occupies the site of the planned Old Oak Common station and needs to be relocated.
- HS2 and Network Rail are looking at a number of sites for the potential relocation of the depot along the Heathrow Express Corridor.
- North Pole Depot has been identified as the preferred location and is included within the HS2 Bill.

Proposal

- LBHF urge HS2 to consider relocating the depot to an alternative site that does not have the regenerative potential of the North Pole Depot site.
- The depot could accommodate 1,500-2,000 homes and is a key site as it also helps to unlock development potential on neighbouring sites.
- With the depot site, redevelopment could achieve 5,000 homes, without it, redevelopment could only achieve 1,000 homes.