



Come and stand with us at Wimbledon station

**Thursday
17 September**
4pm – 7pm

Wimbledon Station forecourt, public pavement

Peaceful and family-friendly — children welcome. Come for any part of it; people will join and leave all evening. Bring a placard or sign if you can — we'll have spares and flyers either way. **Group photograph at 6pm** — if you only make one moment, make it that one. Station staff and the British Transport Police are being told as a courtesy.

Why we're doing this

If you use the District line between Wimbledon and East Putney, you already know the feeling: the platform fills up, nothing comes, and no one tells you anything. It isn't bad luck. This stretch of track runs on signalling dating back to the **1980s**, it fails over and over, and when TfL spent billions modernising the rest of the line, our branch was cut from the plan. There is **still no funded plan** to replace it.

We're not a political party or a pressure group. We're local passengers who got tired of guessing, started writing the delays down, and then went and read TfL's own paperwork. Everything below comes from that — TfL's published documents, and delays logged by people on the platform.

What we found

35

separate days with a signal failure on this branch since February 2026

48%

of delay reports were logged while TfL's own status said "Good Service"

~453,000

hours of passengers' time lost since February 2026 — our own estimate

£0

funded to replace the branch's signalling

Sources: TfL's own published status feed and 256 passenger reports submitted to fixthedistrict.org, 11 February – 17 August 2026. Of the 35 days, TfL's status feed located a signal fault on the branch on 26; passengers logged one on 24; 15 days appear in both. The lost-hours number is the campaign's own estimate for that period — it is not an annual figure. We publish the workings, and we correct ourselves in public when we get something wrong.

Why it keeps happening

- 1 The upgrade stopped short of us.**
In September 2020 TfL reviewed its big signalling programme and decided the District line's western branches would not be re-signalled. That decision was reported to a TfL committee in December 2020 and restated in 2021 and again in 2024. The new signalling stops at East Putney — one stop before Southfields.
- 2 The £500,000 "fix" isn't the fix.**
Before the 2026 Championships, TfL and Network Rail announced £500,000 to "strengthen signalling on the District line" — new track circuits, coatings, fault detection. It patches the old equipment rather than replacing it, and local reporting found it **failed three times inside a fortnight**. The real repair costs hundreds of millions, and nobody has put that money on the table.
- 3 The old excuse has run out.**
One reason given for skipping our branch was that another company's trains share the track. That company — South Western Railway — has been publicly owned since May 2025. The Government now controls both the operator and the funding that pays for Tube signalling. There's nobody left to point at.

Not a small corner of the network: East Putney, Southfields, Wimbledon Park and Wimbledon see **29.3 million** station entries and exits a year between them, and because nearly every District line train starts on a western branch, a fault here delays the rest of the line too.



What we're asking of you

1 Come on the day, even briefly.

Twenty minutes genuinely helps. The group photograph is at **6pm** — that's the picture the press and the politicians end up seeing, and the only thing that makes it work is the number of people standing in it. Bring whoever you like.

2 Sign the petition.

Thirty seconds, and it's the thing that keeps working after the day is over. It's addressed to TfL, the Mayor of London and the Secretary of State for Transport. change.org/fixthedistrict

3 Share it with friends, family and neighbours.

Forward this, drop the petition link into the group chat, post it in your local Facebook or WhatsApp group. Most people who use this branch every day still have no idea it was left out of the upgrade — which is exactly why nothing has changed.

What it's actually like on the platform

Real reports, word for word — each logged while TfL's own status said the line was running fine.

"No announcements - nothing. It's an absolute shambles"

— passenger report, Southfields, May 2026

TfL said: "Good Service"

"Delayed by 30-40 minutes on my work commute"

— passenger report, East Putney, February 2026

TfL said: "Good Service"

"Now stranded at Parsons Green"

— passenger report, Wimbledon Park, May 2026

TfL said: "Good Service"

Don't take our word for it

Every claim on the first page comes from a document anyone can go and read. These two matter most.

"...the western branches of the District line **will not be re-signalled**... We will continue to assess whether we can convert this signalling in the future."

TfL Programmes & Investment Committee, 11 December 2020 — repeated word for word in the Committee's Four Lines Modernisation paper of 21 July 2021.

"The 4LM project is replacing the signalling system **as far as East Putney station.**"

TfL's own answer to a Freedom of Information request, FOI-4657-2526, 7 April 2026. In other words: the upgrade stops one stop short of Southfields.

Network Rail, which maintains the branch's signalling, holds "no funding decisions, budget allocations, or timeline documents for any signalling replacement"; *Putney News* also reported the £500,000 patch failing three times. Every source we use, in full context: fixthedistrict.org/evidence.

Bring a placard or sign

Make your own if you like — we'll have spares, plus flyers and cards.

Children welcome

Station entrances and step-free routes stay clear throughout.

Finding us

Wimbledon station forecourt — look for the mass of people in green and white.

Links

Sign the petition	change.org/fixthedistrict
Campaign	fixthedistrict.org
Live data	fixthedistrict.org/dashboard
Facebook group	facebook.com/groups/fixthedistrict
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