

New London Overground trains enter service on routes into London Liverpool Street

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Customers using London Overground routes from Cheshunt, Chingford and Enfield Town into London Liverpool Street began to benefit from a boost in capacity today, as the first of the new state-of-the-art trains were introduced.

The new walk-through electric trains will increase capacity by around 10 per cent and have a host of customer benefits including air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, real-time information screens, USB charging points and more wheelchair spaces making accessible travel easier.

The new electric trains, built by Bombardier Transportation in Derby, will replace the oldest rolling stock operating on the London Overground ensuring customers receive a more reliable service as well as the additional features.

They will run as four-car trains and at peak times will have the option to be connected and operate as longer eight-car units. This is to help provide increased capacity during the morning and evening peak to better meet customer demand.

Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, said: "I'm delighted that London Overground services into London Liverpool Street are now being served by electric trains. These new state-of-the-art trains will improve reliability, boost capacity and deliver a range of additional benefits to passengers including free Wi-Fi and real-time information screens."

Rory O'Neill, TfL's General Manager for London Overground, said: "Customers will start to notice new trains being introduced onto their routes from today providing a boost in capacity, especially at peak times. They will also benefit from walk-through carriages, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, real-time information screens and USB charging points."

Joanne McCartney, London Assembly Member for Enfield & Haringey, said: "I am very pleased to see the first new Class 710 train launch on the commuter lines out of Liverpool Street. These trains have already been rolled out in other parts of London and it is good to see them coming to our area."

"The long-awaited replacement of the old and antiquated trains with a new, state-of-the-art electric fleet will provide greater capacity, a more comfortable journey and increase the number of wheelchair spaces. This will greatly benefit travellers across Enfield & Haringey."

New trains will be introduced on a phased basis on these routes to ensure there is a smooth transition for customers and make sure they are operating reliably. It is expected all the new trains will be in service by the end of June.

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