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## Sevenoaks station will keep its cash machines

AS readers will know, I have long campaigned to improve our local rail services and I am pleased that we now have the new timetable in operation with the additional services we had successfully secured an additional service into London leaving Otford at 09:08, arriving Charing Cross 09:49; and an extra service in the evening departing Charing Cross 18:59, arriving into Otford at 19:37.

This means there is now a half-hourly service from Otford for three hours in the morning (Otford 06.38-09.38), and a half-hourly service from Charing Cross for three hours in the evening (16.29-19.29)

Separately, there are additional Victoria services: leaving Otford 10.25 into Victoria. And, then returning from Victoria at 21.55 - closing the current one-hour gap.

We still need more capacity during the rush hour to deal with the success of the fast line, as well as additional services to Sevenoaks alongside updated rolling stock and air-conditioned trains. I continue to raise this with Southeastern - although these improvements are a step in the right direction.

As well as trains that run on time, commuters also need access to cash, and that is why last summer I launched a campaign to protect the cash machines at Sevenoaks station which were no longer being replenished and due to be removed.

This was clearly unacceptable, particularly given that the cash machines at the nearby petrol station and parade shops are not available around the clock.

I raised my concerns directly with both the cash machine provider and LINK, making clear the importance of retaining this service. This led to a temporary reprieve, but they were still under threat. However, I am now pleased to report that the machines have been saved and will remain in operation.

Access to cash remains vital, especially in busy and safe locations such as Sevenoaks Station, and I am glad that the right outcome has been secured. This episode also shows that local campaigns, whether large or small, really can make a difference. I am very grateful to everyone who supported my campaign and helped ensure these cash machines were retained.

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Laura Trott MP next to the cash machines at Sevenoaks train station