Down the tube?

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Babies and bath water

It’s like an embryo growing in the womb, hacking off its leg and still expecting it to grow – that’s probably a first for describing plans to redevelop a train station.

The investment is long overdue, but as we’ve long argued in this paper, there is no point in ‘regeneration’ if it doesn’t benefit those who lived and worked there before. A crop of trendy restaurants drastically since this investment was first mooted, with a crop of trendy restaurants and shops sprouting up. The anger at Saturday’s meeting should be a warning shot to the council – don’t destroy this organic community-led, independent newspaper in what is a well-intentioned bid to trigger further regeneration.

New homeowners in Camberwell will be gashing their teeth – seasoned SE5ers will just be knowing smiles. It’s announced that there are plans afoot for a tube stop in the area, something is sure to stop it in its tracks. This time last year the Mayor of London said it was high time for a Camberwell tube, yetBack on track

Tony Blair may have regretted his dramatic Aylesbury announcement at the start of his years in Downing Street many times over – at least every time he was reminded how nothing had really changed on the estate. Happily, the council didn’t forget and the announcement this week of a preferred route would be down the Old Kent Road towards Lewisham. Granted, the council leader is pushing for Camberwell and Peckham, but given all the false dawns... don’t be betting your house on it.

Slow movers

It comes as no surprise to learn that Jamaica Road is the slowest road in the country. A local could probably guess that – it’s just a pity that it’ll seem incapable of understanding that a 24 bus lane has made so many people’s lives more difficult.

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