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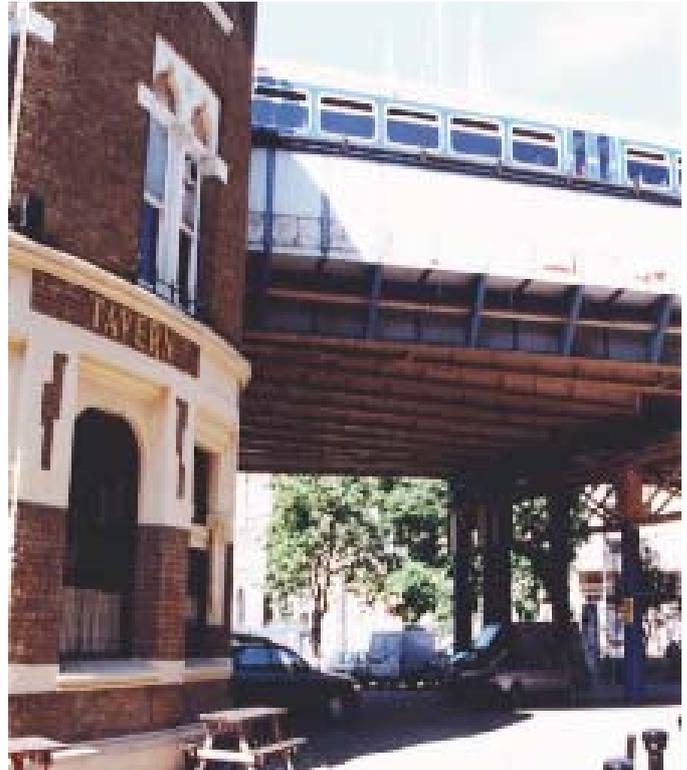
United Kingdom

THAMESLINK 2000 RAILWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

For Railtrack Plc, 2000-2001

Thameslink is a regional railway network for the South East that links destinations between Bedford, Brighton, Sutton and Wimbledon via Central London. The Thameslink 2000 project outlined £800m of investment that would improve the railway infrastructure and increase the capacity of the network with longer trains and more frequent services to 170 stations in London, Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. Thameslink 2000 would provide an improved service from Brighton, Gatwick Airport, Guildford, Croydon, Cambridge, Luton, and Bedford into London.

In London there would be a new Thameslink station at St.Pancras to serve the forthcoming Channel Tunnel Rail Link terminus. Farringdon, Blackfriars and London Bridge stations would benefit from substantial modernisation that would enhance their important transport interchange facilities and help to reduce congestion on London Underground



The proposals for Thameslink 2000 were the subject of an Order Application under the Transport and Works Act (1992). TWA Orders were granted by the Secretary of State for the Environment following the holding of a Public Inquiry.

Mike Sharrocks undertook project work for Railtrack's Environment Team before, during and after the Public Inquiry into the Thameslink TWA Order Application. He worked on environmental impact, town planning, environmental management and consents' matters for the project. Mike Sharrocks also prepared responses to objections and rebuttal evidence on environmental matters for the Inquiry. Most of this work was concentrated on the key elements of the project in Central London, such as for the new Blackfriars Station and the improved railway viaduct through the historic area of Borough Market.

Mike Sharrocks prepared a Consents Programme Report (CPR) for the new Blackfriars Station; the first works' package for the project. The CPR set out the environmental and planning consent requirements that would be needed once an Order had been granted. This report (CPR) would be the model for subsequent CPRs for the other works' packages that would be required to complete the project in 2007.

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