



Mayor calls for Crossrail to be called the Queen Elizabeth line

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Crossrail should be renamed the Queen Elizabeth Line when trains start running in five years' time, Boris Johnson said today.

The Mayor suggested that naming the biggest engineering project in Europe after the Queen would be a fitting tribute to her.

"We need a proper name for Crossrail, the vast new line on London's underground network — and who better to give her name to that line than someone who has served her country so unflinchingly and well for 60 years," he said.

Queen Victoria, who had a Tube line named after her, reigned for 63 years and the Jubilee line, which began running services in 1977, was named to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee that year.

The Queen's coronation in 1953 was marked with the news that Mount Everest had been conquered and Mr Johnson said of the Crossrail project: "Unlike climbing Everest, the scheme will be of practical benefit to all."

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I do appreciate that its dangerous to make any alternative suggestion, once someone has made a Royal one, but how about
1) Olympic Line
2) Broadway Line (to be found in both Ealing and Stratford)
3) Tide line (flows both ways, just like the Thames)
or, to turn today's Tory AMs bad idea into a better post-Tory Mayor idea, 4) auction the right to name it, once and for ever

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Anonymous 3 days ago

How about Livingstone Line !

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Anonymous 4 days ago

Shows how out of touch Boris is with the real world as we would not use Queen or King as a preface for a line !

It would like Victoria Line be Elizabeth or even better Elizabethen Line !

Perhaps it should be The Osbourne Line given he has got us into a massive hole with no light at the end of the tunnel ...!

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RosieFromLondon 4 days ago

OK why not. But it would soon get shortened to the Liz or Lizzie line by most people.

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I don't disagree with the sentiment. But it is a bit of a mouthful. What about QEL?

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Point of order, the Victoria Line was named after the station which was original called Grosvenor Terminus but then renamed Victoria as it was at the end of Victoria Street. Victoria Street was built in the 1851 after slum clearances and was named after the Queen.

Seeing as we've just named the Olympic Park after her and we've been calling it Crossrail for years, why does it need a new name? Imagine having to announce that "Queen Elizabeth is suspended due to signal failure or person under a train".

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Anonymous 4 days ago

I'm getting absolutely fed up with anything that stands or moves, with streets and roads and bridges and schools etc being called 'Elizabeth this and that'. This is a Mayor of little imagination and a population of little imagination. Lets call it after the brilliant engineers or scientists or artists we have knocking around at the moment. But draw he line at politicians and local councillors.

dhanraj

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teamchiswick 4 days ago

Finally Boris suggests something sensible. Cameron will be seething he did not suggest it first or maybe he did privately and Boris stole the idea and will take the glory, he does have form on this sort of thing.

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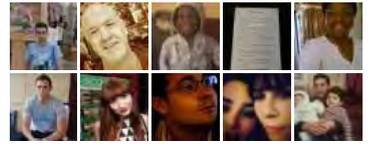
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