

Waterloo and City line will run until midnight

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The Waterloo & City line, known as “The Drain”, which connects the Square Mile with Waterloo main line station will for the first time run late-night services instead of closing at 9.45pm. Trains will also run all Saturday evening instead of stopping at 6.30pm. It comes after the Standard highlighted demands to run the Tube later at weekends.

On the Central line, already used by more than 650,000 passengers a day, there will be more trains during morning and evening peaks periods, the result of a massive upgrade of the line costing tens of millions of pounds.

From next month the Central line will operate the equivalent of 34 trains an hour during the peak of the morning rush hour — the busiest service anywhere in the UK — with London Underground promising passengers would wait “less than two minutes” between trains at that time.

London’s economic boom is being fuelled by the exploding “flat-white” industries of technology, media and advertising according to the Centre of Economics and Business Research.

A senior Tube source said: “There is huge demand in the City for our services with work, not just socialising, continuing late into the night. Now we will be able to provide a service catering for those needs.” The expanded services will begin on Monday September 16. Waterloo & City trains will operate more frequently throughout weekday evenings on the one-stop journey between Bank and Waterloo.

Trains will run every three and a half minutes until 9.30pm, then every six minutes until 11.30pm with a 10-minute service for the last hour.

On Saturdays trains will run every six minutes until 11.30pm and every 10 minutes until 12.30am.

Some Central line trains will be extended during the morning peak times to operate to and from Epping instead of terminating or starting at Loughton or Debden.

From 8am on Saturdays there will be 24 trains an hour instead of 18, with trains around every two and a half minutes until 6.30pm. On Sundays there will be improved service with trains just under every three minutes between 10.30am and 9pm.