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Clapham Junction

Re the comments already posted. I agree with all of it. We actually *need* a well-designed *new* station. But we know we are not going to get one until the financial climate changes. Meanwhile, I agree that lifts that require you to walk up a steep hill to get to them will be a last resort for most people, as it is as bad as having to drag your case up steps. Certainly the use of the second entrance is so obviously necessary that it defeats one to think why it was ever closed. I also agree that while the entrance to the subway could be improved, it would seem a waste of money given the longer perspective. I think there are a lot of short-term improvements that would be good for the travelling public like more seats on the platforms. If one gets trashed it is never replaced. What should be waiting-rooms have been turned into tiny coffee shops...well and good if there is enough seating, but there is not, just places to stand and maybe 2 chairs. In cold weather it should be easier to shelter and be in the warm.

That would all be money well spent. Somehow or other there should also be proper generous toilet facilities even with showers as in other major stations, and feeding accommodation for mothers with babies. And most of it could probably stay if a newer station were to be built at a later date. But of course it doesn't turn a profit, so what chance!

In the longer perspective, Judith Howard points out that the original building for the railway is attractive and I agree with her that it should not be overshadowed by tall buildings. Six stories is high enough for any buildings around the Junction.

The lady living in the tower block poignantly describes how she feels ...surely by now Councils ought to get the message...no-one wants them except developers!

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