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Railways in Enfield a history

Great Eastern Railway

1840

Opening of the first section of the Cambridge main line from Stratford to Broxbourne. Stations at Angel Road and Ponders End.

1849

Opening of branch line from Angel Road to Enfield Town with intermediate station on Edmonton Green.

1872

Opening of direct line from London via Bethnal Green, Hackney Downs and Seven Sisters. Linked up with 1849 branch line at Lower Edmonton.

1874

Opening of new City terminus at Liverpool Street. The former Bishopsgate terminus became a freight depot.

1880

Opening of Bush Hill Park station to serve a new housing development.

1891

Opening of Southbury Loop from Edmonton to Cheshunt with stations at Southbury Road and Turkey Street.

1909

Withdrawal of passenger services on Southbury Loop because of tramway competition. (The service was temporarily re-instated 1915/19 for use of munitions workers).

1920

Re-organisation of Liverpool Street suburban services to ease rush hour overcrowding on Enfield Town and Chingford trains.

1960

Electrification from Liverpool Street to Enfield Town, Chingford, Hertford East and Bishops Stortford. Re-opening of Southbury Loop.

1968

Opening of first section of Victoria Line. Connects with Great Eastern lines at Walthamstow Central, Tottenham Hale and Seven Sisters.

1969

Electrification of Lea Valley line between Clapton and Cheshunt.

1987 Electrification from Bishops Stortford to Cambridge.

Great Northern Railway

1850

Opening of first section of main line from London to Peterborough. Stations at New Southgate and Potters Bar.

1852

New terminus at Kings Cross.

1863

Commencement of train service via Metropolitan Railway to Farringdon (later extended to Moorgate).

1871

Opening of branch line from Wood Green to Enfield. Stations at Palmers Green and Winchmore.

1875

Train service to Broad Street via Finsbury Park, Canonbury and Dalston Junction.

1880

Opening of Bowes Park station to serve a new housing development.

1904

Opening of Great Northern and City tube between Finsbury Park and Moorgate.

1910

Opening of extension from Enfield to Cuffley. Stations at Grange Park, Enfield Chase, Gordon Hill and Crews Hill.

1924

Further extension from Cuffley to Hertford North and Stevenage.

1959

Replacement of steam trains with diesel multiple units. Completion of widening scheme at Hadley Wood.

1976

Electrification to Welwyn Garden City and Hertford North. Diversion of inner suburban services from Kings Cross to Moorgate via former Great Northern and City tube.

1978 Extension of electrification to Hitchin and Royston.

Piccadilly Line

1906

Opened between Finsbury Park and Hammersmith.

1930

Cockfosters Extension sanctioned.

1932

Extension opened as far as Arnos Grove.

1933

Extension completed to Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters.