



London Transport Region

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We Have Saved Our Ticket Offices

*"Consider the threat has
been lifted, annihilated, vapourised, liquidated,
exterminated, removed, obliterated, as of now."
Mayor Boris Johnson*



It's official - we have saved London Underground's ticket offices from the threat of closure.

This is a fantastic victory for RMT, whose campaign (alongside TSSA) put enough pressure on the Mayor to give him no choice but to scrap his predecessor's closure plans. LUL planned to close 40 ticket offices and cut the opening hours of most of the rest, with the loss of 270 posts. RMT reps and members have: given out thousands of leaflets to the public alerting them to the threat; run an online petition on the Downing Street website; run a rank-and-file campaign committee; organised local public meetings alongside residents' and passengers' groups; and attended local and company-wide negotiating meetings taking an uncompromising line against cuts. We also included the threat to ticket offices in our dispute with the company over 'casualisation' earlier this year, which saw an 80+% vote for strike action.

So a big thank you to everyone who gave out a leaflet, signed a petition, talked to your friends or workmates, made your opposition known to management, hassled your MP, went to a meeting, voted Yes in the strike ballot, or did anything else to contribute to this important win. You have saved your ticket office and your workmates' jobs.

Remember: The unions and our members won this. Boris Johnson cancelled the closure plans not because of some kind of generosity on his part but because our campaign put so much pressure on him that he felt compelled to scrap the closures to avoid loss of support.

And remember: RMT alone rightly insisted that this was an issue for all grades, and that all grades should fight it together.

RMT and its members have every reason to celebrate, and we will be organising an event to do just that. Watch out for publicity and check our website for details.

*"I
congratulate all our reps
and members on their magnificent
stand on fighting the closures. Your will
to take on the bosses has ensured that our
ticket offices have been kept open. The station
staff in particular have been the rock on which
this victory has been built. Even Boris Johnson
has been brought to his senses. It is a great
moment for the RMT."
Steve Hedley, RMT London
Transport Regional Council
Secretary*

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