

Why do commuters drive to Loughton?

The impetus for people in the sticks to drive to Debden (& other stations at our end of the Central Line) and to park for free is getting greater....

Example –

- **Writtle to Holborn**

Mr Gammon is a 50yr old city worker doing a 9-5 job

From 3.1.19, an annual season ticket from Chelmsford to Holborn (zone 1) will be approx £5,150 (tbc). To park a car in the station car park there is £36.70 a week or (reckoning 45 weeks) £1651. Petrol £300

Total, £7,101

- **Debden to Holborn**

Ms Thrift is a 24-yr old City worker doing 07:15 to 15:15

From Debden, because of Sadiq's single fare freeze on LU fares only, it is now cheaper to use Oyster rather than buy a season (@£2,492) especially if you travel early or return late.

45 weeks at off peak rates: $45 \times 4.10 \times 5 = £922.50$

45 weeks at peak rates $45 \times 10.20 \times 5 = £2,295$

45 weeks at one leg peak one off peak - $45 \times 5 \times 7.15 = £1,608$

Parking on street =£0

Petrol cost at current prices to Writtle @ 40mpg = £1,300

Young persons or senior railcard £30 pa

Total expenditure: **min £2,280. Max £3,625**

This is of course a best case scenario. If it was Mr Gammon who travelled via Debden, his bill without the railcard discount would be the peak rates quoted above and £243 pa on the one leg bill.

So it's no surprise we have a problem with commuter parking, given that it's easy to park near our stations.