

GETTING ON TRACK

Fenland Rail Development Strategy 2011 - 2031

Action Plan

Manea



March



Whittlesea



Fenland Strategic Partnership Transport and Access Group Rail Development Strategy 2011 - 2031, Action Plan

1. What is the Fenland Rail Development Strategy?

The Fenland Rail Development Strategy is a 20 year plan with projects and policy statements that are designed to improve the railway in Fenland. The strategy is a partner document with the Fenland Local Communities Development Plan Core Strategy that sets out the approach to growth for the district. A public consultation on the draft rail strategy was undertaken during 2011 and this showed a high level of public support for the approach. There are three main priorities which are:

- More Community Involvement
- Better Stations
- Rail Service Improvements.

A separate leaflet is available with further details about the strategy.

The leaflet can be found at: www.fenland.gov.uk/article/3489/Fenland-Rail-Development-Strategy

2. Action Plan

This leaflets sets out the action plan for delivering the Rail Development Strategy. It will show the projects that we are looking to deliver in the short, medium and longer term.

Short Term Actions 2011 - 2017

Rail Development Strategy Priority		
More Community Involvement (includes the Community Rail Partnership – CRP)	Better Stations	Rail Service Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch the CRP • Develop CRP name and branding • Have other competitions and links to local events • Formal station adoption groups at Manea and Whittlesea. Ongoing support to the Friends of March Station • An action plan for each station • Surveys of train users and non train users • Develop leaflets and promotional materials to advertise services • Improve information at stations and also in the town and villages centres about rail • CRP website • Work with Train Operating Companies (TOCS) to develop ticket deals • Meet the Manager Sessions • Develop a programme of events for each station • Refurbish redundant buildings at March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve interchange options for Manea, March and Whittlesea - bus, taxi, community transport etc. • Mark out car parking bays at March station • Improve the waiting shelters at Manea and Whittlesea • Improve cycle parking at Manea and Whittlesea including development of cycle parking standards • Identify new locations for cycle parking at March • Improve the lighting at Manea, March and Whittlesea Stations • Improve the fencing at Manea • Improve the outside seating at Manea, March & Whittlesea • Improve station security at each of the 3 stations • Improve platform access at Whittlesea • Align this strategy with Fenland Local Development Framework to ensure developer contributions are obtained for projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More trains stopping at Manea and Whittlesea - Ipswich to Peterborough Business Case etc working with DfT for hourly service • Input into Network Rail Route Utilisation Strategy Project Planning • Ongoing discussions with the Department for Transport (DfT) and TOCs re future franchises • Ongoing discussions with TOCs about timetabling and interchanges • Ongoing discussion about more carriages on Stansted - Birmingham services • Assess the impact of level crossing closures and mitigation effects

Medium Term Actions 2018 - 2023

Rail Development Strategy Priority		
More Community Involvement (includes the Community Rail Partnership – CRP)	Better Stations	Rail Service Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update strategies as developed in the short term e.g. station action plan Ongoing programme of ticket deals and offers for rail passengers Ongoing programme of promotion and publicity Develop programme to encourage new customers who don't use the train Development of links between Whittlesea Station and the nearby industrial estate including promotion of rail services for businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access and signing to the rail stations, through an access strategy for each station Improve interchange options for Manea, March and Whittlesea - bus, taxi, community transport etc. In line with Chatteris Market Town Transport Strategy (MTTS), investigate a bus service linking the town to Manea station Formalise the car park at Whittlesea Station Formalise a car park at Manea Station Footbridge at Whittlesea Station to the Peterborough Platform A ticket machine at Manea A ticket machine for Whittlesea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with DfT and TOCS re future franchises Ongoing discussion about more carriages on Stansted - Birmingham services Work with TOCs & DfT for more Norwich to Liverpool trains stopping at March Work with TOCs & DfT to ensure 30 min frequency Birmingham – Stansted service includes March Later and earlier trains to Stansted and Birmingham In support of Fenland LDF work to address the issues with Kings Dyke Level Crossing at Whittlesea

Long Term Actions 2024 - 2031

Rail Development Strategy Priority		
More Community Involvement (includes the Community Rail Partnership – CRP)	Better Stations	Rail Service Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing programme of ticket deals and offers for rail passengers Ongoing programme of promotion and publicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platform lengthening at Manea and Whittlesea Extend Whittlesea Station Car Park to accommodate proposals for a parkway station for Peterborough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with DfT and TOCS re future franchises Input into network planning issues for future proposals In support of Fenland LDF work to address the issues with Kings Dyke Level Crossing at Whittlesea

3. Addressing the consultation comments through the Action Plan

The action plan above sets out in general terms the issues we will address during each time period. As part of the public consultation we received many detail responses on specific issues such as timetabling of services and interchange with bus services. The detailed comments that have been provided will be taken forward as we start work on each of the items listed above.

4. Implementing the Action Plan

The delivery and implementation of this strategy will be over a 20 year timeframe to 2031. The range of projects, some of which are complex to achieve will also require significant amounts of funding to deliver. The implementation of the projects will be developed by many different organisations including local authorities, train operating companies, the local community, bus and community transport operators and Network Rail. By working together and sharing expertise and funding it is hoped that we will provide many schemes to improve our local railway. It should be noted the complete delivery of this strategy will be subject to the project partners securing all the external funding required for the delivery of each scheme. The Stations Investment Plan which forms part of the Fenland Rail Development Strategy is an important document in this process that will be used to bid for funding from a range of sources.

During each year an agreement will be reached with the relevant organisations about which projects will be delivered. the role of the co-ordinating the work and projects will be delivered through the Fenland Strategic Partnership Transport and Access Group who are the champions of this strategy.

5. Informing the Public & Stakeholders on delivery progress

To keep you all informed about the progress we are making on the delivery of the strategy we will provide an update every 6 months. This update will be made available on a poster board at each of the railway stations in Manea, March and Whittlesea. We will also provide this information on the Fenland District Council website at www.fenland.gov.uk.

Further Information

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