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**Norfolk Rail Prospectus 2024 - Have your say on the vision for Norfolk's railways**

**Overview**

The Norfolk Rail Prospectus aims to establish a clear vision for rail in Norfolk and sets out what we feel is required to make sure that rail can serve the needs and expectations of passengers, continues to support Norfolk's economy, and helps deliver housing and jobs growth.

The original Norfolk Rail Prospectus was adopted in 2013. It is being reviewed following a general stabilisation in rail travel following the Covid 19 pandemic and more certainty about the future direction of rail given the Williams Rail Review and the government’s intentions for the industry as outlined in its manifesto commitments.

The revised prospectus sets out our priorities for stations and lines, as well as for large cross country infrastructure projects such as Ely improvements and East West Rail.

Although Norfolk County Council (NCC) does not operate the railways we are key partners and consultees and continue to work closely with providers. We will use the prospectus in our dealings with government, train companies, Network Rail and other stakeholders to get the best for the people and businesses of Norfolk.

**Why your views matter**

It is important to ensure that the views of people who live, work study and travel in Norfolk are reflected in the prospectus, so we're asking for your feedback on this draft. Your views will be taken into account before a final version of the prospectus is agreed by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet in 2025.

**Personal information, confidentiality and data protection**

We will use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about the draft Rail Prospectus.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council’s data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation. You can find a copy of our privacy statement at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/privacy>.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will not share the information you provide us or pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You can choose not to take part in the consultation, to stop responding at any time, or to ignore any personal questions that you do not want to answer. You can choose to provide your email address if you would like to save your response before submitting it or download a copy of your final response.

**Please tick to confirm that you have read the personal information, confidentiality and data protection statement.**

**(Required)**

Yes - I have read the personal information, confidentiality and data protection statement

**Guidance on this survey**

In this survey you can let us know your views on one chapter of the prospectus at a time.

The chapters are:

* Priorities
* Lines
* Stations
* Network
* Freight

If there are sections of the prospectus you do not want to feed back on you can skip any questions you wish.

1. **About you**

**Name****:**

**Are you responding as...?**

Please select only **one** item

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An individual / member of the public

On behalf of a voluntary or community group

On behalf of a statutory organisation

On behalf of a business

A Norfolk County Councillor

A city, district or borough councillor

A town or parish councillor

A Norfolk County Council employee

**If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of the organisation, group or business?** Please note: If you are responding on behalf of an organisation it should be in an official capacity:

**If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide an email contact below:**

1. **Priorities**

This section is about our overall priorities. Once you have read the chapter on priorities please let us know what you think by answering the following question.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with our overall priorities?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

1. **Lines**

This section is about railway lines. For each line we say what our priorities are for the line and the stations along it.

Once you have read the chapter on railway lines please let us know what you think of our priorities for each line by answering the following questions.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the Norwich to London Liverpool Street line (Great Eastern Mainline)?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the King’s Lynn to London King’s Cross line?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the Norwich to Cambridge / Stansted line?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the Norwich to Nottingham / Liverpool Lime Street line?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the Norwich to Sheringham line (Bittern line)?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for the Norwich to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft (Wherry lines)?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent to do you agree or disagree with the analysis of the Community Rail and Private Lines?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent to do agree or disagree with the analysis of the new or re-opened lines?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

1. **Stations**

This section is about railway stations.

Once you have read the chapter on stations please let us know what you think of our priorities for existing stations and analysis of potential new stations by answering the questions below.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for Norfolk’s current railway stations?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the analysis of potential new stations?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Why do you say that? Please write below:

1. **Network**

This section is about the railway network.

Once you have read the chapter on the railway network please let us know what you think of our priorities by answering the question below.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the priorities for Norfolk’s railway network?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

1. **Freight**

This section is about freight.

Once you have read the chapter on freight please let us know what you think of our analysis by answering the question below.

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the analysis of freight on the rail network?** (Please select **one** answer only)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

If you have any comments, please let us know here:

1. **General Comments**

**If you have any additional comments on the report or the future of Norfolk’s railway network, please let us know here.**

1. **About you**

To make sure we are learning from a wide range of people – we’d like to ask some questions about you.  These are optional questions (so you may choose not to give this information), but this information is helpful to understand who is responding to our consultations.

1. **How did you hear about this consultation?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

Local media (e.g., newspaper, radio)

From a social media post (e.g., Facebook)

From a friend

From a group I belong to

From my place of work or education

The Norfolk Residents' Panel

District council web page

Norfolk County Council web page

My parish council

From an email I received

By post

1. **Are you...?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

Prefer to self-describe (please specify below)

1. **How old are you?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below*:*

Under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

Prefer not to say

1. **Do you have any long-term illness, disability or health problem that limits your daily activities or the work you can do?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

1. **If yes which of the following best describes your condition or disability?**

Please select **all** answers that apply:

Blind or partially sighted

Deaf or hard of hearing

Limiting health condition *e.g. heart disease, asthma, stroke, osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia and magic encephalomyelitis (ME)*

Learning Disabilities

Neurodiversity *e.g. autistic spectrum disorders, dyslexia, dyspraxia*

Mental health conditions e.*g. depression, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorders, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder*

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Physical disability *e.g. limb disorder, amputee, wheelchair user, cerebral palsy, motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy*

If you have another type of disability not listed above, please write here:

Prefer not to say

1. **How would you describe your ethnic background?**  Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

**Asian or Asian British**

Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background, please describe here:

**Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African**

Black British

Caribbean

African

Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background, please describe here:

**Mixed or multiple ethnic groups**

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other mixed or multiple group, please describe here:

**White**

English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Roma

Other White background, please describe here:

**Another ethnic group**

Arab

Any other ethnic group please describe here:

Prefer not to say

1. **Which district/borough/city do you live in?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

Breckland

Broadland

Great Yarmouth

King’s Lynn and West Norfolk

North Norfolk

Norwich

South Norfolk

1. **Do you have caring responsibilities?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below*:*

No

Yes – for children with additional needs

Yes – for older family members/ Adults

Yes - Parent Carer

Yes – for a disabled adult(s)

Yes, other. Please write here:

1. **Which of the following best describes you?** Please choose **one** answer only from the list below:

Employed (full time)

Employed (part time)

Self-employed

Unemployed

Student

Looking after the family home

Long term sick

Retired

1. **What is your first language?**

English

Other, please write here:

**Your opinions are valuable to us. Thank you for taking the time to read this and respond.**