

East Sussex County Council

## Campaigning for better services over a bigger rail network

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Dear ESCC,

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East Sussex BN7 1UE

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#### Draft Local Transport Plan 4, 2023-50

Railfuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passengers, and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities. We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in transport and development planning.

About You – response on behalf of group of several dozen members in East Sussex.

1. What age are you? Prefer not to say.

2. What is your gender? Prefer not to say.

**3. What is your ethnic group?** Prefer not to say.

**4. What is your religion or belief?** Prefer not to say.

**5a. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?** Prefer not to say.

5b. If you answered yes to the previous question, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.

Please select all that apply. Scroll down and skip this question if it does not apply to you. Prefer not to say.

6. Please tell us your postcode (first three or four characters) N16

7. What type of Respondent are you? Other – voluntary national rail development organisation

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## <u>Themes</u>

## 1. Which themes do you feel are most important?

Select all that apply

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Accessibility, equity and social inclusion

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Safety, health and air quality

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Community and sense of place

Climate change and its impacts

Our local environment and biodiversity

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Sustainable economic development

Innovation through technology

#### 2. What themes do you think have been missed? With 38 rail stations in East Sussex, <u>supporting modal shift to rail</u>.

# **Issues and Opportunities**

1. Issues (barriers)

1. Insufficient way-finding directional signage within rail station catchments.

2. Variable surface quality of footways, including fully step-free routes, within rail station catchments.

3. Variable provision of street lighting within rail station catchments.

2. Opportunities (ways to improve)

Dedicated, funded programme to ensure that all 38 rail stations in East Sussex are well-signposted for pedestrians as well as for vehicles, to improve visibility of rail services.
Dedicated, funded programme to ensure that all 38 rail stations in East Sussex have consistently high-quality, step-free pedestrian routes within their catchments.
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Dedicated, funded programme to ensure that all 38 rail stations in East Sussex have consistently well-lit walking and cycling routes within their catchments.

Yours faithfully,

Roger Blake BA, MRTPI (Rtd), MTPS Railfuture Vice-Chairman, London & South East regional branch Director for Infrastructure & Networks, national Board

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