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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DARLING'S ELECTRIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT IS WELCOME NEWS FOR RAIL USERS**

The campaign group Railfuture has welcomed news of further electrification in Alistair Darling's pre-budget report. The group's chairman Mike Crowhurst said "it's great that there is a commitment to further electrify the network, which will bring improved services to passengers and environmental benefits too. However, there'll be disappointment in the East Midlands that there is no commitment to electrifying the Midland mainline. There is a strong case for electrifying the Barking line too, and we will continue to push for a rolling programme of electrification"

#### **Notes for editors:**

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