

Barnstaple & Yeo Valley Railway Trust

Open meeting, Roundswell Community Centre, Barnstaple – Saturday 26th September 2026



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North Devon and Torridge Local Plan 2011-2031

Policy ST10: Transport Strategy - The Transport Strategy for northern Devon will: (1) Provide good strategic connectivity by: (f) safeguarding routes and exploring opportunities for the reuse and reinstatement of former railway lines.

4.66 The reinstatement of the former railway line between Lynton and Barnstaple (Policy BAR16: Lynton and Barnstaple Railway) will be supported to deliver economic regeneration, tourism and sustainable travel objectives. Reinstatement of other former railway lines will also be explored towards the objective of reducing the need to travel by car although any future re-instatement must include suitable provision of an alternative walking and cycling route where existing provision will be displaced. Reinstatement of former railway lines to expand the network of strategic footpaths and cycleways will also be supported. There is a statutory responsibility to consult Network Rail for any new level crossings as a result of new or reinstated railway lines.

Policy BAR16: Lynton and Barnstaple Railway

(1) Land east of Pilton Causeway, as shown on Policies Map 1, is identified for a station to serve a reinstated railway line between Lynton and Barnstaple that includes:

- (a) provision of a locomotive shed, platform, ticket office, car parking and ancillary facilities and buildings; and
- (b) enhancement of the area's built heritage including the special character and appearance of the adjacent Barnstaple Town Centre and Pilton Conservation Areas.

(2) The route identified for the reinstated railway line, as shown on Policies Map 1, is safeguarded from development that would prevent or jeopardise its delivery. Operational buildings and platforms alongside the reinstated railway line will reuse original or existing buildings and structures where feasible and viable.

Note: Policies Map 1 is at the foot of this link: [The Plan - Keystone](#) and is shown as a yellow line here: [Cadcorp SIS WebMap 9 - PlanningPolicy](#)