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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The 9th Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Limited
will be held at

City of Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham DH1 3NJ
on Saturday 11th May 2013, starting at 11.00 a.m.
(registration from 10.00 am onwards)

By Rail: The no 40 bus departs from the railway station (south side) every 20 minutes and passes the Town Hall. Alight at Boots.

By Car: The venue is in a pedestrian area. There are car parks nearby or Durham has three park and ride sites. All have regular, quick and easy, bus journeys into the city centre. For full information click here to go to the Park & Ride website www.durham.gov.uk/parkandride

On foot: From south side of station: walk down hill ignoring first pedestrian exit on left. Proceed to second pedestrian exit on left (signed 'city centre' and 'bus station') and walk straight on to the footbridge over the road. Descend the (gentle) steps and after 30 metres turn sharp left at Chinese restaurant into North Road. You will pass bus station on your right. Proceed about 500 metres to end of North Road - past taxi rank - and turn left at Starbucks on to the cobbles of the pedestrianized zone. Cross the River, road curls left up a gentle hill, shops on either side. The Market Place is at top of this incline – the Town Hall is on the left beyond WH Smith's and close to the indoor market entrance. Allow approx. 15 minutes.

Information about attractions and facilities in Durham (e.g. maps, accommodation etc.) can be obtained from <http://www.thisisdurham.com/visitorinfo>.

Accommodation can be booked via <http://www.thisisdurham.com/accommodation>

Important Notice regarding Catering: If you require lunch at the AGM, you must book and pay for it in advance. The Society cannot afford to order (and pay for) extra lunches on the off chance that delegates might want them on the day.

Tea/Coffee will be provided free-of-charge during Registration (10.00-11.00). However, it has become increasingly difficult in recent years to predict with any degree of accuracy the number likely to attend the AGM and thus how many servings of tea/coffee to order (and pay for). If you are planning to come, please do take the trouble to at least tick the first box on the Booking Form so that we can avoid over (or under) catering. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Postal Ballot for election of Directors

As there is only one nomination for Chairman there will be no vote for Chairman. Voting papers for the election of directors accompany this notice.

Proxies

Any member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and, upon a vote, vote on their behalf. A recommended form of proxy is enclosed with this notice. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ninth Annual General Meeting of
The Railway Development Society Limited will be held at
The City of Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham DH1 3NJ
at **11.00am on Saturday 11th May 2013**

AGENDA

10.00-11.00 Registration (and issue of lunch tickets to those who have booked)
(Tea/Coffee available from 10.00)

11.00 Morning Session

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Welcome by His Worship the Mayor of Durham; Councillor John Wilkinson.
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Guest Speakers:
The Chester-le-Track Story: Alex Nelson, Stationmaster at Chester-le-Street
Inter-City Express Project (IEP): Andy Rogers, Project Manager IEP, Hitachi Rail Ltd
Panel Session: Alex Nelson, Andy Rogers and Christian Wolmar.

12.45 – 13.30 LUNCH (BY PREPAID TICKET ONLY)

13.30 Afternoon Session

1. Welcome
2. To read and approve the Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Railway Development Society Ltd held on Saturday 12th May 2012.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. President's Address.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. To receive the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2012.
7. Reporting Accountant's Report.
8. Appointment of Reporting Accountant.
9. To note the single nomination for Chairman and receive the results of the election for Directors.
10. Appointment of President and Vice-Presidents
11. Motions – to consider motions on RDS policy, strategy and organisation. These will be distributed at registration, but advance copies can be obtained by request (see booking form). Any amendments should be given in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, to the Chairman.
12. Chairman – review of the meeting and looking forward to the year ahead.

By Order of the Board

Lloyd Butler, Company Secretary
24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND
1st December 2012

AGM Motions

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to discuss and assess what we have done over the past twelve months. You may therefore comment on, or raise questions about, the reports submitted. If the question is a very detailed one, it would be best to submit it in advance, in writing.

The AGM is also an occasion to look ahead and guide us all in our campaigning over the coming year. This is one reason why motions are submitted. Motions for discussion must be sent to the Company Secretary at **24 Chedworth Place, Tattingstone, Suffolk IP9 2ND** to arrive by **28th April**, with the signature of proposer and seconder. They should be posted in typed format or emailed to lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk.

Amendments to motions should be sent in writing or by email, with proposer's and seconder's name, before the day of the meeting. At the Chairman's discretion, further written amendments may be accepted by 12.30 on the day. You should also check the policy folders on our website, which set out our existing policies.

The Chairman has the right to send, before the meeting, copies of any motion(s) to any Branch, Committee or officer whose work it may affect. This is purely to ensure well-informed discussion at the meeting.

Motions on local issues should normally be debated at Branch AGMs but may also, in exceptional cases, be put to the National AGM. Emergency motions may be put to the meeting at the Chairman's discretion.

Motions should be CONCISE (preferably not more than 100 words) and the proposer and seconder should normally be present to speak on them and/or answer questions. Motions without a seconder will not be accepted. Any member proposing two or more motions must indicate order of priority (motions other than his/her first one will only be put if time allows).

Specialist Groups

These are currently:

Passenger Group

 Cycling sub-group

 Disability Issues sub-group

Freight Group

Networks Group

Policy Group

International Group

Special Projects Group

Research and Intelligence Group

Finance and Corporate Governance Group

 Corporate Governance Review sub-group

Railwatch Editorial Group

Media, Marketing and Communications Group

Any member interested in serving on any of these Groups/sub-groups should write to the Chairman (at the address above) or email david.berman@railfuture.org.uk as soon as possible; he will then put their name to the incoming Board of Directors at their first meeting after the AGM.

Railfuture's Mission Statement

To be the number one advocate for the railway and rail users.

AGM BOOKING FORM

The City of Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham DH1 3NJ on Saturday 11th May 2013,
starting at 11.00 a.m.

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETION)

If you are coming to the AGM, or wish to send your apologies, please complete this form
IN CAPITALS

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please tick as appropriate:

- I will be coming to the AGM in Durham on Saturday 11th May 2013
 I will require Cold Buffet Lunch @ £8.00 (must be booked and paid for in advance)
 I will not be coming. Please record my apologies

- Please send me a copy of the 2012 AGM Minutes {please enclose a }
 Please send me a copy of Motions for this meeting {large letter/A4 envelope with }
{a minimum of a 69p stamp }

- Please email me a copy of the 2012 AGM Minutes
 Please email me a copy of the Motions for this meeting

Copies of the 2012 AGM Minutes also available for download from the Railfuture website
www.railfuture.org.uk

Electronic booking:

Lunch can be booked via the Railfuture website at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences/#book>.
Apologies and other AGM notifications may be emailed to the Company Secretary at
lloyd.butler@railfuture.org.uk.

To reserve a lunch please book on the Railfuture website or return this form (with cheque, payable
to 'Railfuture', where appropriate):

by WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2013 **AT THE VERY LATEST**, to:

Lloyd Butler (Railfuture AGM)
24 Chedworth Place
Tattingstone
Suffolk
IP9 2ND