

Railfuture East Anglia Response to the Greater Anglia Cycle Strategy Consultation

This document contains Railfuture East Anglia's Response to the Greater Anglia Cycle Strategy Consultation which closes on 1st November 2013.

<http://www.greateranglia.co.uk/about-us/news/2013/09/greater-anglia-consults-on-cycle-strategy-and-further-cycle-rail-improvements>

The draft strategy itself can be downloaded here:

<http://www.greateranglia.co.uk/files/download/1540>

Railfuture East Anglia has publicised this consultation on its website:

<http://www.railfuture.org.uk/East+Anglia+Greater+Anglia+Cycle+Strategy>

Cycles at Stations

- The proposals for Cycle Point, Cycle Park+ and Cycle Park appear good. Some timescales would be useful. With Cycle Park, simply having covered cycle parking at many local (including unmanned) stations would be a major step forward.

Cycles on Trains

- We accept there are limitations to the number of cycles taken on trains so on busy routes it is necessary to provide good alternatives including high quality cycle parking park at each end of the journey.
- The cycle restrictions need to be clear, unambiguous and well publicised.
- Journey planners and timetables should have clear information about cycle restrictions.
- It is important to consult with local cycle and rail groups where changes to the rules are being proposed.
- The basis for any rule change proposals should be made clear, and the results of any associated surveys should be made openly available to the groups being consulted.
- It is good that folding bikes are considered separately from fixed cycles.
- Clearer/larger signage of the on-train cycle storage location on each train would be useful, both on the outside of the train to indicate the door to use, and inside the train to indicate that the space is intended for cycles.

Cycle reservations

- Where reservations are required these should be simple to do (phone or internet) and available up to the departure time.

Cycle Breakdown

- This scheme mentioned on Page 22 needs to be more widely publicised.

Cycle Forum

- Railfuture East Anglia would like to be represented on the Cycle Forum mentioned on Page 5.

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