

# **railfuture** East Anglia

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## **Railfuture demands a fair deal for East Anglia rail passengers**

*The Greater Anglia Railway is East Anglia's railway. It radiates from London Liverpool Street station to all the corners of our region via all its major centres\*.*

*On Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Department for Transport (DfT) issued its consultation document inviting everybody in the region to have their say about the next franchise to operate our railway, and how it should develop and improve. This new franchise is expected to begin on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016.*

*In anticipation of the DfT's consultation, **Railfuture has put together a list of fundamental demands for this new franchise.** These can be found in our [document](#), which can be downloaded along with other documents at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/East+Anglia+Greater+Anglia>*

*These include:*

- **Brand new, 'high spec' intercity trains for the London to Norwich mainline including Wi-Fi throughout;**
- **New, high specification medium distance rolling stock for all other services from/to London;**
- **An increase in the number of diesel trains to operate all non-electrified lines pending their electrification;**
- **An hourly Ipswich to Peterborough service;**
- **Half hourly minimum frequency between the region's major towns;**
- **Improvements in journey times on all routes;**
- **A minimum standard of passenger facilities including car and cycle parking at all key stations across the entire network;**
- **Timetable to operate seven days a week at same basic off-peak level, incl, Boxing Day;**
- **Improved 'final service of the day' from all key centres;**
- **Reconnect Wisbech to the national network.**

Railfuture Branch Chairman Peter Wakefield said "As many of our trains are overcrowded, rail passengers will be expecting the new franchise to deliver significant improvements in both rolling stock and timetables. We are a growing successful region and we need a rail service to match."

*\*These include Cambridge, Norwich, Ipswich, Colchester, Chelmsford, Peterborough, Southend, Braintree, Clacton, Harwich, Sudbury, Bury St Edmunds, Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Newmarket, Thetford, Ely, March, King's Lynn, Saffron Walden, Cromer, Sheringham, Beccles, Woodbridge, Saxmundham, Diss, Stowmarket, Burnham on Crouch, Stansted Airport, Bishops Cleeve, Harlow., Attleborough, Wymondham.*

### **Notes to editors:**

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