

East Anglia Branch Summer Meeting

St. Mary at Stoke Church Hall

Stoke Street, Ipswich

15th June 2019

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Guest Speaker

Roger Blake

Railfuture Director Responsible for its Infrastructure & Networks Group



The 'need for rail' in meeting housing growth in Essex

East Anglia





Railfuture East Anglia Branch "Easy Stations" Survey 2019

An update on progress



Railfuture's "Easy Stations" Survey

- 86 stations covered so far aim to do 100
 - Station lists shown on next slides are sample list
- Criteria
 - Getting to the station
 - Station and platforms
 - Staffed station facilities
 - Additional features
- Not just a railway tick box survey
 - □ Includes gardens and public art
 - Total scores calculated using a formula
 - Work has shown that newest stations not necessary the best!
 - Worrying as implies passengers not the priority when designing

Large stations in East Anglia branch area

Railfuture's definition: Over 1m passengers per year

- Audley End
- Cambridge
- Ely
- Huntingdon
- Ipswich
- King's Lynn
- Letchworth
- This list will increase over time e.g. Cambridge North's predicted 800,000 annual figure will be exceeded by 2021



Medium stations in East Anglia branch area

Staffed stations

- Bury St Edmunds
- Cambridge North
- Downham Market
- Elsenham
- March
- Marks Tey
- Sandy



Smaller stations in East Anglia branch area

Unstaffed/minimally staffed stations

Beccles

- Frinton
- Halesworth
- Harwich International
- Lingwood
- Newmarket
- Wickham Market

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"Easy Stations" Survey - Next steps

- Fill in gaps
 - Arlesey
 - Hythe
 - Stansted Airport
 - Sheringham
 - North Walsham
- Verify results
- Write report autumn 2019
 - □ Will be sent to stakeholders train operators and local authorities
 - Available on Railfuture website; article in RAIL EAST (Nov 2019)
- Announce awards 7 December 2019
 - Presented to train operators at Railfuture meeting in Cambridge





Update on rail schemes in East Anglia

□ Felixstowe Line upgrade (Phil Smart)

□ East West Rail (Phil Smart)



Felixstowe line - Trimley loop in March 2019 New track laid. New crossover not yet connected





Trimley Loop June 2019

New Line Opened

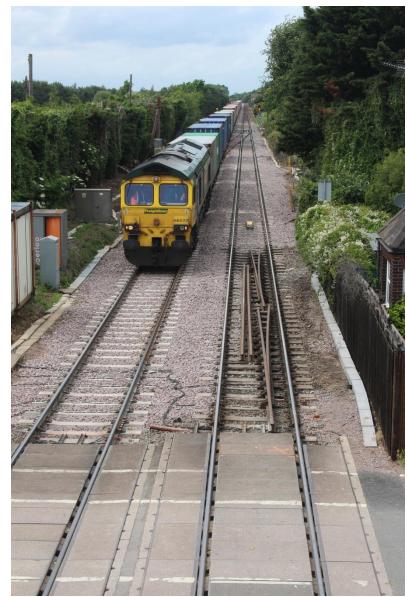
□ One track for freight (left)

□ One track for passenger (right)

Old Crossover dismantled

Second crossover in distance

□ Ability to refuge a second train





Trimley Loop June 2019 New Footbridge replaces user worked crossings









Westerfield – 'Hostile Stations' nomination?





East West Rail Update

- Consortium met on 11th June 2019
- Western Section (Bicester to Bletchley on to Bedford)
 - □ TWA inspector's report submission to Sec of State end July 2019
 - Compounds set up 2020 (to 2026)
 - □ Construction should be complete 2024
- Central Section (Bedford to Cambridge)
 - Approx. 3,000 responses to route consultation still under consideration (responses to be published by yr. end)
 - Much discussion in railway press about Electrification of East West
 - □ £500k per single-track km (c£50m) only 2.5% of cost
 - Route option cost range of £2.0bn to £3.4bn only becomes £2.05bn to £3.49bn! Decision 'by end of 2019'
 - Freight study (Jacobs) to be published in July 2019



Railfuture diary 2019/2020

- Dates of future East Anglia branch meetings
 - **28th September 2019** Norwich
 - Guest speaker: HUW EDWARDS, NETWORK RAIL
 - **7th December 2019** Cambridge
 - **29th February 2020** AGM Bury St Edmunds
 - □ 20th June 2020 Ipswich
 - □ 26th September 2020 Norwich
 - Railfuture National Events
 - □ Railfuture Ltd AGM 27th June 2020 Birmingham

