

**Tarka Rail Association response to Devon County Council's
Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (BBN LCWIP)**

Questionnaire

Section 1 - About you

1 Are you representing an organisation/business?

Yes

2 What organisation/business are you representing?

Tarka Rail Association

3 What age band are you in?

Prefer not to say

4 What is your gender?

Prefer not to say

5 Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

Prefer not to say

6 Please provide your full postcode (this information will be used to analyse the geographical spread of responses but will not be shared or used to identify responses).

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Section 2 - Mode of travel and aim of the BBN LCWIP

7 If you choose not to walk or cycle for some short trips, what type of transport are you most likely to use instead? (tick all that apply)

Bus

Taxi

Car (as driver)

Car (as passenger)

Train

8 The proposals contained within the BBN LCWIP seek to help the area in the below ways (further details available in "Background" section on devon.cc/bbnlcwip). To what extent do you agree that the BBN LCWIP addresses these aims?

Responding to the climate crisis Strongly agree

Supporting health and wellbeing Strongly agree

Improving accessibility and mobility Strongly agree

Accommodating housing and employment growth Strongly agree

Supporting local economic growth Strongly agree

Improving safety for walkers and cyclists Strongly agree

Section 3 - Proposed Walking Improvements

9 Would you like to answer questions on walking improvements in Westward Ho! ?

No

10 Would you like to answer questions on walking improvements in Bideford?

No

11 Would you like to answer questions on walking improvements in Barnstaple - Alexandra Street?

No

12 Would you like to answer questions on walking improvements in Barnstaple - Barbican Road and Queen Street?

No

Section 4 - Proposed Cycling Improvements

13 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in Appledore to Bideford?

No

14 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in West Bideford to East-the-Water?

No

15 Do you support the proposed cycling improvements?

Yes

16 Would you use the proposed cycling improvements, and if yes, how often?

Yes but unsure how often

17 For what purpose would you use the proposed cycling improvements? (select all that apply)

Commuting

Leisure

Exercise

Education

Shopping

18 If you have any further comments regarding the proposed cycling improvements in West Bideford to East-the-Water, please provide them below.

We wish to see the detailed designs for the proposed cycling improvements developed in tandem with emerging proposals for a new railway line between Bideford and Barnstaple, respecting the need for a continuous Tarka Trail alongside the new line as seen for example with the Exe Trail and the Granite Way. We foresee particular issues arising in Section B: Longbridge to East-the-Water on pages 51 and 53.

19 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in Yelland to Barnstaple?

Yes

20 Do you support the proposed cycling improvements?

Yes

21 Would you use the proposed cycling improvements, and if yes, how often?

Yes but unsure how often

22 For what purpose would you use the proposed cycling improvements? (select all that apply)

Commuting

Leisure

Exercise

Education

Shopping

23 If you have any further comments regarding the proposed cycling improvements in Yelland to Barnstaple, please provide them below.

We wish to see the detailed designs for the proposed cycling improvements developed in tandem with emerging proposals for a new railway line between Bideford and Barnstaple, respecting the need for a continuous Tarka Trail alongside the new line as seen for example with the Exe Trail and the Granite Way. We foresee particular issues arising in Section A: Yelland to Fremington, Section B: Fremington to Bickington, and Section C: Bickington to Barnstaple on pages 27-31.

24 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in Roundswell to Pilton?

Yes

25 Do you support the proposed cycling improvements?

Yes

26 Would you use the proposed cycling improvements, and if yes, how often?

Yes but unsure how often

27 For what purpose would you use the proposed cycling improvements? (select all that apply)

Commuting

Leisure

Exercise

Education

Shopping

28 If you have any further comments regarding the proposed cycling improvements in Roundswell to Pilton, please provide them below.

We wish to see the detailed designs for the proposed cycling improvements developed in tandem with emerging proposals for a new railway line between Bideford and Barnstaple, respecting the need for a continuous Tarka Trail alongside the new line as seen for example with the Exe Trail and the Granite Way. We foresee particular issues arising in Section B: Pilton Park to Sticklepath Hill on pages 33 and 36.

29 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in Whiddon Valley to Barnstaple

No

30 Would you like to answer questions on cycling improvements in Landkey to Barnstaple

No

31 If you have any other comments, please provide them below.

As stated, we wish to see the detailed designs for the proposed cycling improvements developed in tandem with emerging proposals for a new railway line between Bideford and Barnstaple, respecting the need for a continuous Tarka Trail alongside the new line as seen for example with the Exe Trail and the Granite Way. While we foresee particular issues arising at a number of locations, as highlighted above, we do not regard them as insuperable and, notwithstanding that precise alignment details for the new railway line are as yet some years away, we wish to establish collaborative working relationships at the earliest opportunity in order to maximise mutual understandings, to 'see the whole' and to develop a shared approach to each project's development.

We wish to make you aware that there is a live Initial Business Case consultancy for a fast rail link to be extended back to Bideford from the existing Tarka branch line:

<https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display3008>

Motions of support have been passed by North Devon and Torridge District Councils on 15 July 2022
<https://democracy.northdevon.gov.uk/documents/s20094/Report%20Rail%20Link%20Barnstaple%20Bideford.pdf> and

Minute 16: <https://democracy.torridge.gov.uk/documents/s23853/Mins%20Pack%2015.07.pdf>

As well as motions of support for the railway line to be restored from:-

~ Bideford Town Council on 20 January 2022

Item 122 <https://www.bideford-tc.gov.uk/home-council-documents/minutes-of-meetings/town-council-meetings/1149-draft-town-council-minutes-20-january-2022>

~ Tawstock Parish Council on 15 February 2022

Item 186 <https://www.tawstockparishcouncil.com/pcuploads/TawstockMinutes15February2022.pdf>

~ Fremington Parish Council on 4 July 2022

Minute 2207/06 https://www.fremingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/data/uploads/2600_744623662.pdf

~ Crediton Town Council on 20 July 2022

First item <https://www.crediton.gov.uk/Portals/0/AI%206%20-%20Full%20Council%20Minutes%20-%2019%20July%202022.pdf>

~ Barnstaple Town Council on 10 October 2022 – “full support”, Town Clerk

The independent railway consultant is set to report to the various councils, local authorities, transport authorities, and main funders by March 2023.

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