

Railfuture Wessex is campaigning for a railway station at Welborne near Fareham

North of Fareham, a planned new community of 6,000 homes and thousands of jobs will need a railway station to prevent road traffic congestion throughout South Hampshire including on the A32 road between Fareham and Alton, and on the M27 south coast motorway.



A single platform station can be built at Welborne at economical cost on the single track railway line with provision to expand to a two platform station if the railway line from Botley to Welborne is converted to double track. The single platform Chandlers Ford Station (left) cost £2 million in 2003 and is used by over 230,000 passengers a year (640 passengers a day).

The single platform Cranbrook Station near Exeter cost £5 million and opened in 2015.

Phase 1 of Network Rail's Pre-GRIP Feasibility Study for Welborne Station proposes a one-platform station on the single track railway line. In phase 2, a second platform would be added and the railway line would be double tracked.

The people who will live and work in Welborne will need to travel to and from their homes and workplaces and the roads are already very busy with existing traffic.

By switching many journeys from car to train the station would take many cars off the road and prevent road traffic congestion.



The single track Fareham to Botley railway line looking North from Funtley Road bridge just South of Welborne



The single track Fareham to Botley railway line looking South from the footbridge just North of Welborne

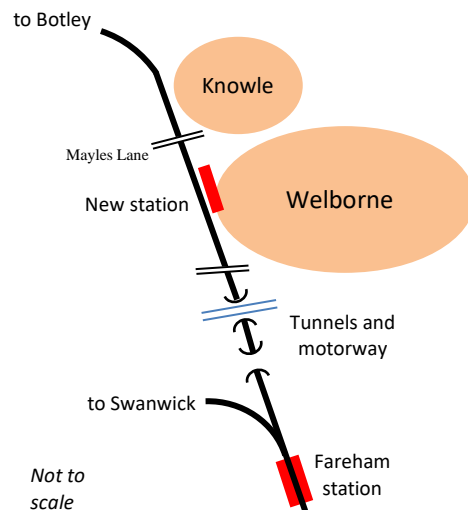
A bus service alone will not be sufficient. Trains have far greater capacity than buses and deliver much shorter journey times. They connect to other train services enabling fast travel to many other places so they provide a more attractive alternative to travel by car.

The station would be easily accessible from homes and workplaces in Welborne. It would enable and encourage Welborne residents to travel by train to Winchester, Eastleigh, Portsmouth, Southampton and many other places for education, shopping, employment, leisure and personal visits and enable incoming workers to travel to work by train.

Welborne Station could be served by the hourly each way train Portsmouth-Fareham-Eastleigh-Winchester-Basingstoke-Waterloo (half hourly at peak times) enabling fast journeys to and from Portsmouth, Eastleigh, Winchester and Southampton (change at Fareham or Eastleigh).

Hedge End Station, opened in 1990 and served by these trains, is used by over 500,000 passengers a year with frequent journeys to Eastleigh and Winchester for education and employment.

The station must be built at the start of the Welborne development to ensure that new residents can enjoy the benefits it will bring from day one.



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