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Dear Sir / Madam,

## **Sustainable Rail Strategy Prototype**

Railfuture is Britain's leading, longest-established, national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passenger and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities. We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in transport and development planning.

Online survey questions 1-5: Name, role, company / organisation, email address, and Do you work in the rail industry (No).

6. How well does the SRS Prototype provide a clear strategy for sustainable rail in GB? On a scale of 1-10 where 10 is very effective.  
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7. Please explain your score.

The challenge is not with the clarity of the strategy, but with its consistent and sustained delivery.

8. How could the SRS Prototype be improved?

Lock-in lessons learned to avoid repetition and improve outcomes.

9. What examples of sustainability best practice in your sector (or that you might be aware of from other sectors) could the SRS Prototype learn from?

Efficient electrification scheme delivery.

10. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is very important. How important do you perceive each of the following sustainability issues to be for the rail industry?

~ 8 Net zero carbon rail

~ 9 Clean air

~ 10 Prepared for a changing climate

~ 8 A railway for nature

~ 7 Zero waste

~ 9 A quieter railway

~ 8 Protect and conserve water

~ 10 Rail at the heart of communities

~ 10 Positive social value

~ 7 Sustainable supply chain

~ 9 An inclusive rail industry

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11. Please explain your scores.

Climate resilience and a primary focus on who our railways are really for are our top three.

12. On a scale of 1 to 10. How effective is the SRS Prototype in setting out a strategy for each of the following topics? Consider the clarity, ambition and deliverability of the goals, strategic areas, strategic aims, narrative and potential route-map.

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- ~ 10 Clean air
- ~ 10 Prepared for a changing climate
- ~ 10 A railway for nature
- ~ 10 Zero waste
- ~ 10 A quieter railway
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- ~ 10 Sustainable supply chain
- ~ 10 An inclusive rail industry

13. Please explain your scores.

We have no fundamental problem with the effectiveness of the SRS-P in setting out strategy for any of the 11 topics, or with its clarity, ambition and deliverability of the goals, strategic areas, strategic aims, narrative and potential route-map.

14. If you have any other feedback on the Sustainable Rail Strategy Prototype, please let us know below:

As an independent national campaigning organisation our primary interest is in the practical delivery of a bigger better railway, and for us outcomes are judged against that over-arching criterion.

Yours faithfully,

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