



Solutions to rail flooding in Devon

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Rail campaigners have responded to recent flooding of the mainline railway near Exeter. Railfuture's Devon and Cornwall branch have written a report "The November 2012 Railway Flooding In Devon", offering some solutions and observations. "We produced this report because there was a major hole in the mainline railway" said Gerard Duddridge, one of the authors. "It's a major trunk route which is vulnerable to disruption, and as I live near Cowley Bridge junction it's on my doorstep. It's clear to me that the problems lie in the culverts, which don't have enough capacity and need enlarging."

The report also deals with the December flooding, which was largely a repeat of the November incident.

"This report pulls together local rail and river knowledge. We've been able to identify river conditions that give advance warning of flooding, meaning that the railway doesn't have to be taken by surprise"

The report can be downloaded at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/dl504>

Notes to editors

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