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Press Release 06/12/2013 - More good news on Uckfield Lewes

Rail campaigners are giving a cautious welcome to the latest news regarding the Lewes-Uckfield campaign. This week, the government published its infrastructure plan in which Network Rail was asked to accelerate a study into the Brighton mainline. This was followed by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander describing the Lewes-Uckfield line as "important".

"The government seems to be making the right noises here" said Chris Page from the campaign group Railfuture "We are looking for a commitment to electrify the Uckfield line as a way of providing additional capacity during the new TSGN franchise, followed by a firm proposal to reopen the Uckfield - Lewes line as part of the accelerated study into the Brighton Main Line. We've shown our commitment to this campaign by investing in research to prove the case. This rail scheme is sound, and it's up to the government to make the next move."

Notes to editors:

Railfuture is the UK's leading independent organisation campaigning for better rail services for both passengers and freight.

Further information about the Uckfield-Lewes scheme can be found at:
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