

# Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance



## Suggested revisions to LTP4 2025-40 and Impact Assessment

~ in Section 3.3 'Rail' - at the end of the penultimate paragraph on page 16, add "We also have an aspiration to extend mainline rail services from Exeter over a new link between Barnstaple and Bideford."

~ in "Key elements of the strategy for Connecting Devon and Torbay / Reliability and resilience" - on page 19 add to the end of the fourth bullet "and from Barnstaple to Bideford."

~ in Section 4.5 'Easier travel' [for Exeter] - add to Figure 13 a broken line westwards from Barnstaple to Bideford, to indicate an hourly service frequency.

~ in 'Rail services' on page 25 - add to the second 'Devon Metro' bullet "and hourly to Bideford."

~ in Section 6.3 'Easier travel' [for Barnstaple, Bideford and Northam] on page 43 - add at end of third paragraph "We shall also make the case for the extension of mainline rail services from Exeter to Bideford on a new link via Barnstaple."

~ in "Key elements of the strategy for the growth areas / Easier travel" - on page 49 add to end of second bullet "and hourly to Bideford."

~ in "Rural Devon and market and coastal towns" Section 7.5 'Easier travel' - on page 57 add in penultimate paragraph to conclude first sentence "and to Bideford."

~ Figure 23 on page 58 to have the same 'Rail line proposed' notation between Barnstaple and Bideford as shown for Bere Alston to Tavistock.

~ in "Key elements of the strategy for rural Devon and market and coastal towns / Easier travel - Developing the Devon Metro" on page 62 add at end of third bullet "and from Barnstaple to Bideford."

~ in Section 10 "Exeter action Plan" - on page 71 second line of 'Easier travel / Devon Metro' add at end "hourly to Bideford"

~ in Section 12 "Growth Areas action plan" - on page 76 first line of 'Easier travel / Attractive public transport' add at end "hourly from Bideford"

~ in Section 13 "Rural Devon and market and coastal towns action plan" - on page 77 first line of 'Easier travel / Devon Metro' add "and between Bideford and Exeter"

Additionally, in the Impact Assessment, we suggest that the following *italicised* be inserted on page 13 'Responding to Comments':

~ "Connecting Devon and Torbay: Additional detail on priorities for coaches and freight, *and for Bideford to Barnstaple rail extension*, to reflect priorities from further work undertaken by Peninsula Transport Sub National Transport Body."

~ "Growth areas: Stronger focus on sustainable travel measures and addition of Plympton rail station *and new Barnstaple-Bideford rail link*."

~ "Rural Devon and market and coastal towns: Additional detail to reflect progress on Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. New rail and bus integration map, *including 'Rail line proposed' notation between Barnstaple and Bideford*."

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