

Redditch branch project update

NetworkRail



Since the first round of consultation we have received feedback on our plans to improve the branch line and introduce extra train services between Redditch and Birmingham. This is what people told us:

Our plans

Our current proposal is to build a section of railway, starting just north of Alvechurch Station and running south for approximately 3km towards Redditch. Most of this new track will be on existing railway land, with some small sections of additional land required to strengthen the embankments. The new track will require a second platform and a means of accessing it at Alvechurch Station. The proposal also includes the introduction of a new footbridge and lifts to allow passengers to do this.

Feedback so far

To date we have received around 100 responses from the local community, with approximately 80% of these in support of the project.

Of the feedback we have received so far, respondents thought that the key benefits of the scheme were:

- Improvement in frequency of service
- Improvements to Alvechurch station
- Potential increase in the reliability of services

Other issues that you asked us to consider as we further develop our plans were:

- Car parking, ticketing and lighting at Alvechurch Station
- Suggested changes to service patterns to and from Redditch
- Potential noise pollution caused by the scheme
- Accessibility at Alvechurch Station as a result of our plans

What happens next?

With your comments and suggestions in mind we are now working up our proposals to a greater level of detail ahead of a second round of consultation in Spring 2012. We will be working closely with London Midland (who manage Alvechurch Station) and the local authorities to answer your questions around service patterns, ticketing and other aspects of the project.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions or comments on the proposal you can:

- Email them to redditch@networkrail.co.uk
- Call our helpline on **08457114141**
- Visit the Redditch webpage at www.networkrail.co.uk/redditch

WINTER 2011

SPRING 2012

AUTUMN / WINTER 2012

AUTUMN / WINTER 2013

SUMMER 2014

Review consultation feedback

Second round of consultation

Submission of final scheme to IPC

Work on site begins

Scheme completed