

Tyne Valley Line – summary of responses to DfT consultation.

We invited views on our proposal to designate the Tyne Valley Line (Newcastle – Hexham – Carlisle) as a community rail service. The public consultation ran for six weeks from 25 July to 5 September 2014 and details were made available on the DfT website at: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tyne-valley-line-community-rail-designation

Next Steps

Following consideration of the replies, Ministers decided to designate the Tyne Valley Line as a community rail service.

Relies and responses

We invited the following rail organisations to respond: Northern Rail, East Coast, First ScotRail, DB Schenker, Direct Rail Services, Freightliner Ltd, GB Railfreight Ltd, Network Rail, Office of Rail Regulation, Passenger Focus.

We also invited the following non-rail organisations to respond: Association of Community Rail Partnerships, Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership, Northumberland County Council, Northumberland National Park Authority, Cumbria County Council, Nexus (Tyne & Wear PTE), Tyne Valley Rail Users Group, Intu Metrocentre and 18 parish/town councils in the vicinity.

Additionally as this was a public consultation individuals were able to respond.

19 responses were received from the following organisations: Association of Community Rail Partnerships, Cumbria County Council, Bishop Line CRP, Cycling Tyndale, DB Schenker, East Coast, First ScotRail, Intu Metrocentre, Network Rail, Nexus (Tyne & Wear PTE), Northern Rail, Northumberland County Council, Passenger Focus, Tyne Valley Rail Users Group, Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council, Gateshead Council, Haltwhistle Town Council and a further two responses from members of the public.

Consultation responses were overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal and no objections were received.