

## **Hereward Line – summary of responses to DfT consultation.**

We invited views on our proposal to designate the Hereward Line (Peterborough to Ely) as a community rail service. The public consultation ran for 8 weeks from 29 July 2015 to 25 September 2015 and details were made available on the DfT website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hereward-line-community-rail-service-designation>

### **Replies and responses**

We invited the following rail organisations to respond: Abellio Greater Anglia, Cross Country, East Midlands, DB Schenker, Direct Rail Services, Freightliner Ltd, GB Railfreight Ltd, Network Rail, Office of Rail Regulation, Transport Focus, Chiltern Railways and Rail Freight Group.

We also invited the following organisations to respond: Association of Community Rail Partnerships, Peterborough - Ely - Norwich Rail Users Group, Hereward Line Community Rail Partnership, Cambridgeshire County Council, City of Ely Council, Fenland District Council, Manea Parish Council, March Town Council, Peterborough City Council, Whittlesey Town Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership, New Anglia LEP

As this was a public consultation anyone was entitled to reply.

We received 21 responses from: Abellio Greater Anglia, Cross Country, DB Schenker, Network Rail, Transport Focus, Chiltern Railways, Rail Freight Group Association of Community Rail Partnerships, Peterborough - Ely - Norwich Rail Users Group, Hereward Line Community Rail Partnership, Cambridgeshire County Council, City of Ely Council, Fenland District Council, Manea Parish Council, March Town Council, Whittlesey Town Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Chatteris Town Council (2 responses), two public responses.

Of these 17 supported, four were neutral. On this basis we advised that the designation should proceed.