

*Network Rail is improving the Hope Valley's railway as part of over £1 billion investment to deliver faster, more frequent services across the north of England.*

## The plans

Network Rail is planning to improve sections of railway close to Dore & Totley station, and between Bamford and Hathersage stations. The plans will enable passenger services to overtake slower moving freight trains.

This will create extra capacity and improve the frequency and reliability of services on the Hope Valley line between Manchester and Sheffield.

## Consultation

During January and February this year we held a public and statutory consultation to share our proposals, and gathered valuable feedback from stakeholders and the local community. We held six days of public events where approximately 280 people visited our exhibitions to view the proposals and talk to our project teams.

The proposals were also available to view on our website, and feedback could be submitted online.

We promoted the exhibitions by distributing flyers to a consultation area of 2,101 people in Hathersage and Bamford, and 10,592 people in the areas surrounding Dore & Totley station.

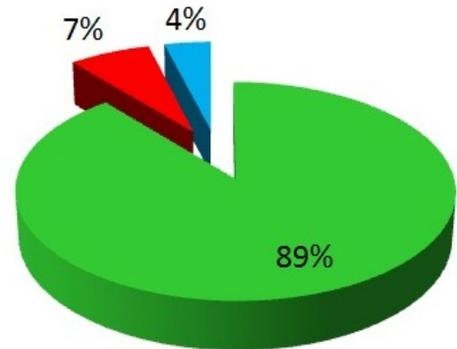
We also advertised in the *Sheffield Star*, and distributed flyers at Bamford, Hathersage and Dore & Totley stations.

## Consultation feedback

We received 217 comments cards (70 of which were submitted online). 40 further emails or letters were sent to us.

### Do you support investment in the railway between Sheffield and Manchester?

■ Yes (89%) ■ No (7%) ■ Undecided (4%)



Feedback was mainly positive, with 89% of people supporting investment in the railway between Sheffield and Manchester. Additionally, 82% of people supported the plans around Dore & Totley station, and 77% of people supported the plans between Bamford and Hathersage.

The consultation highlighted several issues that people wanted us to explore further, and some key areas of concern that people had. These included:

- The future of pedestrian level crossings in the area.
- Minimising the environmental impact on the Peak District National Park.
- Whether the capacity of the car park at Dore & Totley station will be increased as part of this project.
- Protection of the ancient woodland within Poynton Wood in Dore.
- Alternative suggestions for the location of the new passing loop.
- Additional improvements outside of the scheme.



# Hope Valley Capacity Scheme

*Improving rail in the north*

## Next steps

We have carefully considered all feedback received, and where possible we have explored ways of taking these themes into account as we develop the design of the scheme.

A second round of consultation will take place in June 2015, where we will demonstrate how we're responding to feedback. Where it hasn't been possible to incorporate suggestions, we will seek to explain why.

Where we are proposing to build outside of our land boundary, we will prepare an application for these particular elements of the scheme and apply to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO).

The feedback submitted to us during the consultation will be made available in consultation report, which will form part of our TWAO application, and will be available to view when the application is submitted in the autumn.

For more information please visit: [networkrail.co.uk/hopevalley](http://networkrail.co.uk/hopevalley) or you can call our helpline: 03457 11 41 41



## Consultation summary: Phase 1 - Jan/Feb 2015

