



## PENINSULA RAIL TASK FORCE

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## Last chance to comment on rail plans for the South West

This week sees the end of the consultation on the Peninsula Rail Task Force's draft 20 Year Plan for rail improvements across the South West. Launched earlier this month, the plan sets out the vision for rail connectivity across the peninsula and potential improvements to achieve this over the next 20 years.

Chair of the Peninsula Rail Task Force, Councillor Andrew Leadbetter said:

"The plan is our business case to government for a resilient, reliable railway with enough capacity for passengers to travel in comfort. We can make a far better case with the support of our rail users, so we urge anyone with an interest in the South West rail network – be they residents, commuters or visitors - to send us their views.

"This feedback will help us draw up the final report which will be submitted to government in July, so please do get involved."

The closing date to comment on the 20 Year Plan is midnight on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Some details are not available in the draft report due to Network Rail's timescales in preparing the long terms plans but outline data is included where possible.

The draft 20 Year Plan can be downloaded from [www.peninsularailtaskforce.co.uk](http://www.peninsularailtaskforce.co.uk). Feedback can be submitted through a short online survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PRTF20YEARPLAN> or on the Task Force's website.

**Ends**

### Notes to Editors:

The 20 Year Plan is currently a draft word document; once the consultation has closed and feedback has been reviewed the final document will be designed and published.

The 20 Year Plan can be downloaded here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/n86s5an15dl6nhv/Rail%20Doc%2020%20year%20plan%20consultation%20draft%20v2%205-5-16.pdf?dl=0>

The workstreams summary can be downloaded here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vcej50n1afstqa0/Work%20stream%20summary%20consultation%20draft%20v1%205-5-16%20clean%20copy.pdf?dl=0>

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The Peninsula Rail Task Force is a rail improvement campaign group comprising Cornwall Council, Cornwall and Scillies LEP, Devon County Council, Heart of the South West LEP, Plymouth City Council, Somerset County Council and Torbay Council.