

# Brigg Line Master Action Plan

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## **1.Introduction**

The railway service from Sheffield to Cleethorpes via Gainsborough Central, Kirton in Lindsey and Brigg stations operates with three trains on Saturdays only.

The Friends of Brigg and Lincoln Lines (FoBLL) in co-operation with Gainsborough Rail and Bus Users Group (GRaB) are working with help from partners in the rail industry and public sector to submit proposals for improved rail services to the public consultation in the Summer of 2014 on the terms of the new Northern rail franchise.

This plan also includes Gainsborough Lea Road station and the Northern and East Midland services to Lincoln, East Midland service to Doncaster and Northern service to Sheffield.

Meetings have been held in Gainsborough, Kirton in Lindsey and Brigg and this action plan has been distilled from issues raised at these meetings.

Here is the public version of the action plan. A working version for use by those involved in making sure progress is taking place has been developed. It is a living document and subject to alteration.

We encourage everyone to show their support for this plan by signing our petition at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/gainsborough-rail-action-plan>

## **2. Short Term (2014-2016)**

### **2.1 General issues and train services affecting the whole line**

#### **Develop and discuss aspirations for new franchise so that it can be fed into the franchise consultation stages**

Continue to develop good working relationships between partners and establish a formal way of working moving forward

Timetables to be placed in Brigg, Gainsborough, Kirton & Scotter libraries. Line diagram timetable cards to be widely distributed along the whole line from Sheffield to Cleethorpes. Poster promoting the Brigg Line featuring attractions at Brigg, Kirton in Lindsey and Gainsborough.

Promote 'Bucket and Spade' trips in the summer to Cleethorpes

Notify Northern Rail of events along the line – Northern Rail to add information to Twitter, every Friday

Saturday only 08.03 dep from Sheffield to Cleethorpes to run one hour earlier throughout and 11.10 from Cleethorpes to Sheffield will also run 60 mins earlier. Extend the Saturday 20.44 from Sheffield to Gainsborough Central arriving at 21.40, Kirton in Lindsey 21.53, Brigg 22.02 then ECS to depot

Press for a Saturday service to operate on Good Friday and Easter, Spring and Summer Bank Holiday Mondays.

### **2.2 Brigg station**

A sign be installed at monument roundabout with directions to the station. The sign to state 'Saturdays Only'

A poster board for Northern Rail to post timetable information be placed close to Brigg Station sign at top of Station Road

Improvements to footpath access to the station, including ground works and lighting

Paint station (except footbridge which is scheduled for replacement)

Planters to be placed on platforms for use by Brigg in Bloom

Meet the Rail Manager in Brigg Market with summer timetable distribution

### **2.3 Kirton in Lindsey station**

Bus stops to be placed in Station Road

Publicity promoting walks from the station

Free bus service connecting station with town centre on gala day (12 July 2014)

### **2.4 Gainsborough Central station**

Replace footbridge and reconstruct platforms. This forms part of the resignalling scheme due for completion in 2016  
Reinstate platform area fenced off by Network Rail on 8 May 2014 so that charter trains can stop at the station.

Platform clearance and adoption and painting of fence

Place planters/hanging baskets on platforms

New platform shelters with lighting and train describers

A totem and poster board for Northern Rail to post timetable information be placed close to the entrance to Marshall's Yard in Beaumont Street

A sign to be placed in Middlefield Lane pointing to the footpath access to the station

Reinstatement of 12 car parking spaces

Extend Mon - Sat train starting from Retford at 07.03 to commence at Gainsborough Central at 06.48. This would require the 05.48 from Sheffield to operate 10 minutes earlier. Revise the Monday to Saturday 17.24 from Sheffield to Retford to run 10 minutes earlier and extended to call at Gainsborough Central at 18.11 departing for Sheffield at 18.19 and running from Retford 20 minutes later. Extend the 20.44 from Sheffield Mon - Fri to Gainsborough Central arriving at 21.40, then ECS to depot

Meet the Rail Manager (Northern Rail) in Gainsborough Market with summer timetable distribution

## **2.5 Gainsborough Lea Road station**

Fix station lighting - this was in our original Gainsborough Rail Action Plan for completion in April 2014. East Midland Trains carried out the work on time.

Improve station signage

Install platform train describers

Paint station platform buildings

Repair station retention walls and unblock drains

Place planters/hanging baskets on platforms

Transfer responsibility for station from EMT to Northern Rail

Additional Lincoln to Doncaster service Mon to Sat aprox. timings

Lincoln 06.30, Gainsborough Lea Rd 07.00, Doncaster arr 07.30 dep 07.45, Gainsborough Lea Road 08.15, Lincoln 08.45

Sunday service Lincoln to Doncaster

All day Sunday service Lincoln to Sheffield following GN/GE resignalling

Interavailable tickets between rail and bus for travel to and from Doncaster and Lincoln

### **3 Medium Term 2016-2019**

#### **3.1 Six day a week service between Sheffield and Cleethorpes 06.00 to 20.00**

**3.2** Develop inward traffic along the line with Brigg and Wolds tourist campaign and any tourist campaign that will be developed for Gainsborough

**3.3** Purchase station house and yard at Gainsborough Lea Road to increase car parking and enable community use of station building.

### **4 Long Term 2019 and beyond**

**4.1** Construct new station at Gainsborough Central with retail and commercial units.

**4.2** Develop connections between Humberside Airport and Barnetby station in accordance with the Government's Regional Airports Strategy.

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