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## Request/Response

**Q1. How much funding is your authority providing and/or has it authorised funding for:**

- (a) Rail infrastructure** (e.g. new track, pointwork, signalling, bridges, platforms, stations, refurbishment)
- (b) Rail vehicles** (locomotives, coaches, wagons)
- (c) Rail services**
- (d) Railway enhancement** (e.g. station refurbishment, bus and cycle facilities, CCTV, heritage refurbishment)?

Nil

**Q2. Under any adopted policy, what local rail routes would your authority like to see reopened for passenger use, and for what categories from those shown below?**

- (a) Express service** (fast, high speed, long distance, Inter City, Eurostar etc.)
- (b) Regional service** (semi-fast, limited stop, inter-urban, commuter etc.)
- (c) Local service** (stopping, commuter etc.)
- (d) Metro** (suburban, stopping, commuter, overground etc.)
- (e) Subway/Underground/Tube** (urban, stopping, part underground)
- (f) Light Rail/Tram/Tramtrains etc** (urban, stopping, bus equivalent)
- (g) Heritage/tourist** (steam, diesel, electric – please state if narrow not standard gauge)
- (h) Other** (please provide further information).

The Council do not have any policies for re-opening local rail routes. However, the authority is working with Amber Rudd MP and Huw Merriman MP on

- a. High speed rail from Bexhill, Hastings and Rye to London St Pancras
- b. Improving the performance of the current rail companies operating in this area

**Q3. Under any adopted policy, what local rail routes would your authority like to see reopened for freight use?**

- (a) Intermodal (container) freight** (e.g. freightliner shipping containers, waste trains)
- (b) Trainload haul** (e.g. bulk like metals, oil, construction materials, coal, biomass)
- (c) Cars or other vehicles** (e.g. BMW, Jaguar Land Rover, Ford, including international)
- (d) General freight** (e.g. timber, packaged goods e.g. such Asda and Tesco rail, vegetables etc.).

The Council do not have any adopted policies relating to this question

**Q4. If passenger services should be restored or new services introduced on reopened rail lines, does your authority have a policy preference for provision by:**

- (a) Direct local authority service contract (as with say, bus services) – for example, with a modern operating company of a current heritage railway operation?

- (b) A special independent 'microfranchise' contract, but simpler, less costly and more focused than national or regional franchises - as originally proposed by the Government?
- (c) A Community Rail Partnership or sub contract of an existing larger franchise operation?

No RDC do not have any policy preference.

The policies for rail is as stated under Q2.

The only local rail service seeking to be opened is the privately run Tenterden to Bodiam steam railway where they are seeking to extend to Robertsbridge, crossing the A21. This is a visitor and tourism service as opposed to passenger service