



Press Release

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Whittlesea Railway Station consultation shows strong support for pedestrian footbridge, longer platforms and new car park

Over 80 per cent of respondents to a consultation on the redevelopment of Whittlesea Railway Station support proposals for a new pedestrian footbridge, according to a new report.

Lengthening station platforms and creating a new station car park were also identified as high priorities by residents, rail users and stakeholders.

Fenland District Council has published the findings of the Whittlesea Railway Station improvements consultation, which was held from 5 January to 1 March 2026 to seek views on potential options for improvement.

The Council has also published the findings of an earlier station user survey, which asked people how they use the station and what improvements would encourage more people to travel by train.

Both surveys formed part of the ongoing work to regenerate Whittlesea Railway Station, supported by £3million of funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority. The feedback will help build the case for investment and ensure proposals for future improvements reflect the needs and priorities of local people.

The improvement consultation asked respondents to score three proposed improvement options out of 10. Option two (the medium-cost option) – which includes a new footbridge, platform extensions and improved parking – received the strongest support, with a score of 1,111. Option one (the lowest cost option) scored 975 and Option three (the highest cost) scored 1,080.

The consultation also asked respondents to rate how likely each improvement would be to encourage them to travel by train more often. The results show:

- 83 per cent said a new pedestrian footbridge would make them likely, very likely or almost certain to use the station more.
- 67 per cent said longer platforms would encourage them to travel more frequently.
- 57 per cent said improved car parking would increase their likelihood of using the station.

Cllr Gary Christy, Chair of the Railway Station Masterplans project board and the Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport, said: "We're grateful to everyone who took the time to share their views in both the options consultation and user survey. The feedback will directly shape the next stage of work and help us make the strongest possible case for investment in Whittlesea Railway Station."

Read the reports

The Whittlesea Railway Station improvements consultation report, and user survey report, are available on the Council's website at: [Previous Consultations - Fenland District Council](#)

Work to improve Whittlesea Railway Station forms part of the Council's wider Railway Station Masterplans project, which sets out improvements for all of Fenland's stations – Manea, March and Whittlesea.

For more information on the Railway Station Masterplans, visit: [Railway Station Masterplans - Fenland District Council](#)

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