



Connect Bude

To reconnect Bude and Holsworthy to the National Railway Network

OkeRAIL
Okehampton to Exeter Railway

To: Cllr Richard Williams-Pears, Cornwall Council
Cllr Andrea Davis, Devon County Council

Date: 8/4/24

Bude/ Holsworthy - Okehampton Bus-Rail Connectivity

Dear Councillor Williams-Pears and Councillor Davis,

Further to our recent on-line meeting, we were asked to produce a proposal for discussion on this matter. Therefore attached is a Proposal for an enhanced bus service, as a joint initiative by both councils.

We very much hope that this will be viewed as a positive development as it offers a real opportunity to redress the current inequality in rail connectivity for this area compared to other comparable and smaller settlements in the rest of both counties, by fully exploiting the connectivity potential offered by the highly successful reopening of the Dartmoor Line, with every opportunity for government funding for this innovative fully integrated bus-rail connecting service.

We therefore hope to have the opportunity to meet with you at an early date to discuss how this proposal can be taken forward. Given the clear advantages of the new service start date coinciding with the opening date of the new Okehampton Parkway station, we ask for an initial response from you within a month of the date of this letter, please.

Yours sincerely,

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