

Lynton & Barnstaple Railway



Welcome

Welcome to this public exhibition for the next phase of the reinstatement of the L&B Railway.

The Vision: The vision of the L&B Trust is to re-instate the railway on its original alignment as far as practical, creating a gateway to Exmoor National Park which enhances the heritage assets of the area and diversifies the character and culture of the area whilst underpinning the economic viability and vitality of Exmoor as a leisure destination.

The Project: The L&B Trust proposes to reinstate a further 4 miles of the original railway from Killington Lane to Wistlandpound Reservoir.

This proposal includes the enhancement of facilities and operational capacity through the construction of a new operational centre at Blackmoor Gate with a rolling stock shed and workshops, offices and visitor car parking. The aim is to become an enhanced focal point for visitors to the railway at the entrance to Exmoor National Park. Station halts will be built at Parracombe and Wistlandpound Reservoir.

Completing the reinstatement will make it possible to board the train at Blackmoor Gate and journey to Woody Bay Station or Wistlandpound Reservoir and back.

Parracombe Bank will be rebuilt to reconnect the two parts of the line which became separated when the embankment was severed during the 1952 floods.

It is hoped that this phase of reinstatement will act as a catalyst for further investment in the completion of the remainder of the line into Lynton and Barnstaple, reinvigorating the North Devon coast as a visitor destination.

The content of this Exhibition: The proposals have been developed in detail since our last public consultation events in 2012. Detailed studies and surveys have been carried out by a team of specialists to identify the best engineering solutions and to assess the likely impact of the proposals on the surrounding area. This work has informed a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) that will accompany the planning application. Abstracts from the planning application are on display to illustrate the design of the railway reinstatement.