

Russell Darling

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Dear Russell,

Yesterday evening the RAGES president and membership secretary attended a Rail Meeting in Berwick upon Tweed Town Hall. The public meeting was organised and chaired by Georgina Hill councillor for Berwick East
Invited speakers at the meeting were Ben Garrett Head of Stakeholder Engagement LNER, Dennis Fancett Chairman SENRUG and Tom Thorburn President RAGES. There were fifty members of the public attended the event.

What came over loud and clear at the meeting was that the LNER position on the proposed timetable changes is largely unwavering with very little compromise at best.

It seems that railway connectivity of towns and local communities is being sacrificed in favour of a fifteen minute shortening of the journey time between London and Edinburgh.

Last month RAGES contacted all members to petition their local MP/MSPs and Chris Heaton-Harris Minister of State at the Department for Transport against these proposed reductions in services.

A number of our members contacted RAGES to let us know that they had done this and we thank you for doing this.

The window of opportunity for giving your opinion closes on the 5th August.

For those of you that haven't completed the survey and/or contacted your local MP and government can I ask you at this late stage to do so. It is only through weight of numbers of complaints that we will be able to reverse these proposed timetable changes.

Please read the file here: <http://www.rages.org.uk/downloads/Proposed%20LNER%20Timetable.pdf> and make your comments known as described on the first page of the document.

Kind regards,

Tom Dickson
RAGES Membership Secretary

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