BRTA Wellingborough Forum: Saturday 15 March 2025 2pm lunch – 3-5pm business Venue: The Red Well, 16 Silver Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 1BD

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## Agenda:

- 1. Appointment of a chair for the meeting (not Simon).
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Wellingborough Station: how adequate is it for the area? What could be improved?
- 4. New stations (Northants and Leicestershire): Irchester Parkway, Desborough, and Kibworth Parkway.
- 5. En-route's idea of a Rushden and Higham Ferres Rail Link with north and south facing curve to the slow lines? Audit of what needs doing if possible?
- 6. New local passenger service between Bedford-Leicester calling at all existing and new stations 'under the wires' needs advocacy.
- 7. Luffenham Curve and related issues any news updates?
- 8. Corby-Melton Mowbray-Old Dalby-Nottingham to give new passenger and Leicester freight relief to and from the East Midlands Region and beyond.
- 9. Freight Opportunities who, what and where?
- 10. Electrification: completing to Sheffield and Leeds et al and Peterborough-Birmingham via Nuneaton
- 11. Support for Northampton-Market Harborough traffic reduction strategies
- 12. Any Other Business
  - a. Appeal for people to join/donate
  - b. Dates of next meetings elsewhere to which people are welcome e.g. Market Harborough.
- 13. Date of future meetings.

## **Notes:**

- 1. Our meetings are open to all, please check our website for a guide: <a href="https://ertarail.co.uk/events/">https://ertarail.co.uk/events/</a>
- 2. Please support our goals as much as you can e.g. join BRTA, advocate, encourage along.
- 3. Please sign the attendance list if you are new.
- 4. Northampton-Wellingborough, whilst we understand the case for rebuilding, we need to see the engineering of how. If someone joins and are willing to advocate and take it forward and can provide the answer to how, fine. Otherwise, we have an agenda and needs growing members and volunteers to inform teams to get things done.