

## **British Regional Transport Association Redhill Forum:**

Saturday 30 May 3-5pm

The Sun, 17-21 London Road, Redhill RH1 1LY

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### **Agenda**

1. Appoint a chairperson for the forum and note taker
2. Pass round the attendance list
3. Pass round newsletters with membership forms
4. Direct curves to Gatwick Airport from both – study needed – how do we take it forward? Tonbridge and Guildford and a flyover between the two lines from Tonbridge and Guildford for passengers and freight.
5. Thameslink third-rail extension to Guildford for direct East Croydon-Guildford running and Phase 2
6. to Reading. Who should we contact and can people help gather support expressed in BRTA Membership?
7. Guildford-Horsham and Horsham-Shoreham: needs members, support, volunteers and route protection and study. 1000 miles starts with a single step. What few actions are needed to take it forward. There are trade-offs to be had – gains and pains.
8. Redhill train and bus situation? What realistic improvement? Our diagram (distribute it at the forum) would free up paths to/from Redhill and along the Brighton Main Line and Guildford-Horsham via Cranleigh would inform a southern and northern loop based on serving Gatwick from plethora of radial links and service potential.

## 9. Any Other Business

10. Day, Date, Time and Place of next Forum and (the circular orbit Guildford in addition to wider geographical forums).

### **Notes:**

1. Simon not to chair forums, he is the convenor.
2. Any progress must be a team effort and sanctioned by the Executive Committee (EC).
3. Forums are targeted on bringing people together and growing public support, not pontificating on our aims.
4. Realism is relative, a full-blown study would put pay to sceptics, but with local government reform and a lack of money, how do we take it forward, positive recommendations needed as well as more participants.
5. Campaigns Coordinator contact is Richard Pill [ceo@brtarail.com](mailto:ceo@brtarail.com) and 07780-313559
6. Network Rail, Operators, Great British Railways, All Tiers of Councils, Media and other groups need sounding out and bringing on board.
7. Area Reps for Guildford, Horsham, Cranleigh and Redhill Project need to be found. Likewise, a date and sponsor MP for our meeting in mid-October at Westminster. See David J. Start and Falak Naz for liaison. If nothing fixed by AGM, forget it. Politicians need a minimum of 3-6 months prior notice. Always Spring 2027 though. A marketing person for forums is much needed. Contact colleges, volunteer bureaus and the media for finding people.