

# REPORT

**SUBJECT: KIVETON PARK – PARK AND RIDE**

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## BACKGROUND

The current situation with regards to parking at the two Kiveton stations is very limited. There are only 14 official spaces (including 2x accessible) at Kiveton Park, yet South Yorkshire PTE surveys have regularly recorded more than this parked at the station. There have also been reports of non-rail users parking at station throughout the day; although with the current 'free parking' policy for South Yorkshire rail stations this is very difficult for the rail station operator to manage.

There is no dedicated parking available for rail customers at Kiveton Bridge and with only limited on-street parking there is increased pressure on spaces at Kiveton Park.

## CURRENT POSITION

South Yorkshire PTE are very interested in exploring the possibilities of expanding the Park and Ride facilities in the Kiveton area and there is potential funding set aside to carry out a feasibility study should the opportunity arise.

Over 2014/15 South Yorkshire PTE were exploring opportunities with Kiveton Park Steel, involving land adjacent to the canal at Kiveton Park. Unfortunately talks stalled when Kiveton Park Steel went into administration. It is understood administrators are actively trying to dispose the company's assets, so there remains a possibility that this land may become available.

Should the necessary funding to undertake a feasibility study be secured, the review would need to consider opportunities to increase station parking for both Kiveton stations. However, any proposals for enhancements to stations will ultimately increase the traffic – both vehicle and pedestrians – that traverses the Level Crossing on Packman Lane. Network Rail would then need to assess any proposals to ascertain the impact enhancements could have on the level of risk at the crossing – pedestrian usage is one of the main risk drivers. The proposed studies would look at other potential alternative sites close to both Kiveton Park and Kiveton Bridge Stations

## GOING FORWARD

The rail franchise operator for services along this route will change from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Although the detail is not available at present, it is understood that there will be an increase in the level of rail services on this line. Although the frequency of services calling at either of the Kiveton stations may not increase – as there are proposals for an express Retford to Sheffield service – any additional trains will impact on the Packman Lane Level Crossing. Therefore, it is recommended that no study be undertaken until South Yorkshire PTE has sight of the Train Service Requirement the new operator Arriva Rail North Ltd intends to run so this can be included in any evaluation.

Once the Train Service Requirement has been made public and funding is secured to undertake the feasibility study, South Yorkshire PTE will look at compiling an Engineer's Brief. It is vital that any study is done in partnership with both the Sheffield City Region and Rotherham MBC to ensure any long-term regeneration plans and the impact on the highway are considered – particularly in light of the issues surrounding the increase in traffic flow along B6059 (Red Hill / Dog Kennel Lane) and over the level crossing at Packman Lane, adjacent to Kiveton Park station.