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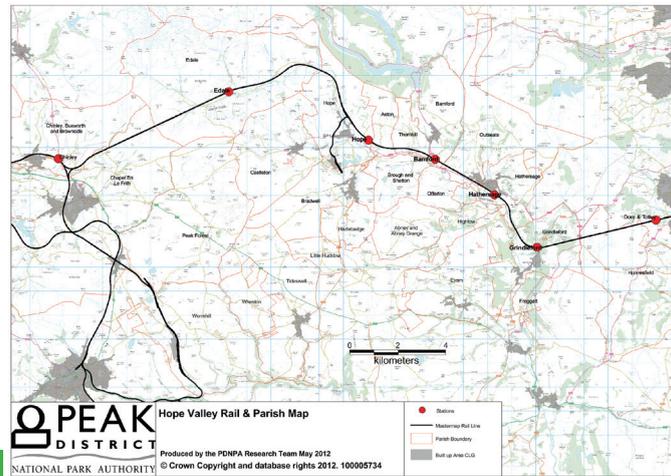
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I the undersigned wish to see the new rail franchise of the Hope Valley Railway line include at least an hourly service every day including Sundays calling at all stations.

I would be grateful for your support and influence by ensuring this issue is raised in the Department of Transport.

Signed



For further information about Hope Valley Railway Users Group (HVRUG) and to join the group visit:

[www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk)

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## Hope Valley Railway Users Group

Improving the quality and frequency of our rail service



# Do you want a better rail service in the **Hope Valley**?

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!



## Would you like to see at least an hourly train service?

The Hope Valley line is being upgraded and the new franchise consultation is underway now! The new franchise is a significant opportunity to press for further timetable improvements. Hope Valley Railway Users Group (HVRUG) campaigns to improve local rail services, so join our campaign.

HVRUG has already had some success with the introduction of an extra evening peak hour service in each direction, demonstrating that positive changes can happen if enough people put the effort in to find the solution.

Check out a major report published by HVRUG entitled Improving the Rail Service in the Hope Valley, available for download from our website: [www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk](http://www.hopevalleyrail.org.uk)

Saturday is the only day with an hourly service and on that day three times as many people use it compared to on Sunday.

*"I fully endorse the proposed changes to the Hope Valley line which would bring a long awaited improved passenger service for the valley residents and its visitors"*

(Tony Favell, Peak District National Park Authority)

## A beautiful journey

The Hope Valley railway line connects Sheffield and Manchester and runs through a beautiful part of the Peak District.

It's in urgent need of a more frequent service as for much of the day there is only one train every two hours, restricting the potential for commuting and leisure.

In a survey of Hope Valley residents in 2012, 60% of respondents said they would use the rail service more frequently if there was a better timetable.

*"The railway is great for teenagers coming home safely"*  
(Local resident)

*"We moved to Hathersage because of the train service."*  
(Local resident)

*Hathersage would be more attractive to business if the train service was more frequent, quicker, cheaper & comfortable.*  
(Michael Shuttleworth, Hathersage Hall Business Centre)

## What can I do?

The consultation process is happening now!

 **Write to your local MP now** regarding the benefits of introducing an hourly service all day, everyday. (See overleaf)

**CO<sub>2</sub>** **Cut your carbon footprint and use the train.**

 **Encourage** visitors to the Peak District to use the train line.

 **Join HVRUG**

For more information regarding Hope Valley Railway User Group's (HVRUG's) campaign work and the successes already achieved visit:

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