

Frostholve Mill/Transport from Cornholme and Portsmouth – Update

Email to DfT – 13 June 2022

Hi ,

Thank you very much for your email.

I have already written to WYCA as they did the previous feasibility study but have not received a reply. I will write again.

Kind regards,
Assistant Town Clerk

From: DFT

Sent: 10 June 2022 23:17

To: assistanttownclerk@todmorden-tc.gov.uk

Subject: General enquiry to Department for Transport - 11th May 2022

Dear Assistant Town Clerk,

Thank you for your email to the Department for Transport of 11th May 2022, requesting a feasibility study into the possibility of opening a new railway station in Cornholme, West Yorkshire. As an official within the Department's 'Rail Infrastructure North' team, I have been asked to reply.

Firstly, please allow me to re-assure your request has been noted and that the Department remains committed to providing funding for new stations, to provide greater access to the railways and to create new travel and employment opportunities across the north of England.

As part of the levelling-up agenda, in January 2020 the Government pledged £500 million for the Restoring Your Railway Programme to deliver its manifesto commitment and start reopening lines and stations. This investment will reconnect smaller communities, regenerate local economies and improve access to jobs, homes and education.

The Restoring Your Railway 'Ideas Fund' is supporting the development of projects around the country and has attracted a very high level of interest - with 141 unique bids received from MPs and Local Authorities across three bidding rounds over the last couple of years - and 38 Strategic Outline Business Cases subsequently being developed. Unfortunately, following last autumn's Government Spending Review, there are currently no plans for a further rounds of the Restoring Your Railway 'Ideas Fund' or the Department's 'New Stations Fund', which has also helped deliver a number of new rail stations around the UK.

With this in mind and as we would usually look to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to propose the most appropriate sites for new stations across their area - and to develop an initial proposal and seek funding accordingly - I would recommend contacting WYCA as a matter of priority to discuss the potential for a feasibility study into a new station at Cornholme in more detail. As you mention, the last examination of this proposal took place 8 years ago, so there may be grounds to review the case for a new station.

I wish you all the best with your proposal and thank you for bringing this potential scheme to our attention.

Kind Regards,

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