

Notes on the proposed Feasibility Study for the reopening of the Leicester to Burton railway line to passengers

Approach

Aim. To carry out an initial evaluation of the feasibility of a range of options for the restoration of passenger services on the Leicester to Burton railway line

Overview The study will focus on the financial viability and benefits delivered by each option by an analysis of the following factors:

- Socio economic landscape in the Leicester to Burton corridor over the next 10 years
- Potential demand for and revenues from passenger services in the Leicester to Burton corridor
- Potential demand for and revenues from demand on passenger to and from destinations outside the Leicester to Burton corridor (including London)
- Integration with other public transport services
- Rail technical solutions to enable operation of passenger trains on the line
- Environmental benefits of transferring road traffic to rail
- Integration of rail and bus services to serve the hinterland of each station
- The CBR for each option analysed.

Method. The contractor will be tasked to analyse the CRIL data pack provided to:

- Validate the CRIL data
- Research any additional data needed to complete the task
- Identify potential options
- Prepare report as specified in the tender documentation

Issues

- Stakeholder engagement
- Contracting and financial technical support for CRIL (NWLDC offered to provide)
- Affordability of the report from available funds
- Preparation of the CRIL data pack prior to tender issue

Governance

- CRIL will provide a Project Manager who will be the PoC with the Study Contractor.
- The Project Manager will report to a CRIL Project Group, which will include a representative from the Stakeholder Group.
- The Project Manager will maintain a Risks and Issues Log which will be regularly reviewed with the Project Group
- There will be a checkpoint between each phase.
- The output from each phase will be reviewed by CRIL the stakeholder group and before transition to the subsequent phase is authorised
- The stakeholder group will be comprised of nominated representatives of each of the funding local authorities