

Dear Colleague,

Rail Delivery Group: STATIONS SUMMIT II 2015 - Principles for the Future of Britain's Stations

I am pleased to invite you to participate in RDG's second summit on the important subject of Britain's railway stations to be held on 20th October 2015. As chair of the RDG Station Strategy Group I have been working with industry colleagues to address the challenges we have with the nation's stations and to build on the progress that is being made.

At this event we will formally launch the RDG Vision for Stations which positions stations as inclusive and welcoming, and identifies three enablers for their success - people, technology and community. Nine principles (including customer focussed, seamless journey experience, flexible and long-term stewardship etc.) underpin the vision and begin to illustrate how it will be achieved.

Over the last three months, we have presented the RDG Vision for Stations to government bodies (Transport Scotland, Welsh Government, DCLG and DfT), consumer organisations (Transport Focus), the rail supply chain (Railway Industry Association) and others (Future Cities Catapult, HS1, National Stations Improvement Programme Board). There has been excellent engagement and strong endorsement for the vision, particularly as we explore potential different ownership models.

Station Summit II will also provide international learning from other European countries on how they manage their stations, explore the design challenge for historic buildings and signpost the next stage for the vision - delivery and implementation.

The conference is a one-day event and will take place at: Westwood Development Centre, Network Rail, Tile Hill, 320 Westwood Heath Road, Coventry, CV4 8GP. Registration will begin at 0930.

To secure your place, please confirm by Wednesday, 30th September 2015, responding to: Sharon.Forbes@atoc.org or call Sharon Forbes at ATOC/RDG on + 44 (0) 20 7841 8259.

I do hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you on 20th October.



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