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Good Afternoon

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the proposed Belper Neighbourhood Plan. Our comments are as follows:

Since the first round of consultation undertaken by the Belper and Makeney Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, there do not appear to have been any changes to the draft plan which would have a significant impact on railway infrastructure within the Plan area.

It is again noted that along with sites allocated for mixed use development in the Amber Valley Local Plan, three additional sites remain identified within the draft Belper Neighbourhood Plan. Collectively the sites identified as 'potentially' suitable for taking forward have in theory the potential to create around 309 additional residential units, making it likely that Belper Station would see an increase in passenger numbers in future. However Network Rail welcome the addition of points (4) and (5) under policy NPP17 which give support to schemes which seek to improve facilities at Belper Train Station, including enhancements to cycle storage, waiting areas and customer information systems, along with EV charging points. These measures could be provided as part of future planning applications on the respective sites where appropriate and be secured through Developer contributions or the Community Infrastructure Levy. The only point to note here is the placing of the text within the section dedicated to electric vehicle charging and low emission vehicles, there is a risk that this may be overlooked. Perhaps the placing of this text or the title of the section could be reviewed to clearly include public transport improvements.

The aspirations set out within Addendum 6 Public Transport are also noted and although funding from Network Rail is unlikely to be available for the desired Station improvements, we would be available to consider these changes with the Train Operating Company and the Council.

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Finally the aspirations for electrification and additional trains to serve Belper are noted, however there are no plans for electrification in this area nor are there any proposals to increase the frequency of services to the area at present.

I trust these comments are of assistance.



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