

**SALTFORD**

## ***SALTFORD STATION- LET'S BRING IT BACK!***

Dear Resident,

Please take a minute to read this leaflet. Saltford Environment Group has been running *The Saltford Station - Bring It Back! Campaign* for over six months and so far we have made fantastic progress.

Now we need your support!

To add impetus to the campaign please sign our petition, visit our website for updates and further information, if you are able to help in any way please get in touch. On the back of this leaflet is a poster; please put it in your window. If every household in Saltford shows their support it will convey a very powerful message.

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## What has happened so far ?

- After a packed meeting of over 150 people on the 26th July at Salford Hall we gained cross party support from B&NES council.
- We lobbied Salford Parish Council on 6th September and now have their support.
- B&NES will be carrying out a feasibility study in the next six months.
- B&NES have requested Salford station to be included in the 2013 Great Western Franchise.
- Crucially, the West of England Joint Transport Executive is in consultation with the Dept of Transport about allowing for the station when the electrification and resignalling takes place.

## Why now and why a station ?

- With the infrastructure changes to electrify the main line between London and Bristol, a real opportunity exists to press for the reopening of the station.
- Less traffic:
  - The A4 is extremely busy for large parts of the day; the station will help towards reducing traffic through Salford.
  - Visitors to Salford will have the option of catching the train, this will help make the High Street and the Shallows less busy with fewer cars.
  - For those of you who commute into Bristol and Bath, the MoD at Abbey Wood, London etc., you all know what a grind it can be. The wear and tear on your car, the waste of fuel and time.
  - Some may be able to avoid the need for a second car.
  - No traffic jams, road rage or frustration.

## Positive Financial Impacts

- With a mainline railway station close by, your property will become more desirable, easier to sell and have its value enhanced.
- Season tickets and railcards reduce the cost of travel as does booking in advance.
- The cost of oil will increase; fuel is now £7.30 a gallon, how long before it reaches £10?
- The Salford bus service as we all know is very expensive.
- For young drivers to insure a car the cost is about £3000. For students, a rail link between Salford and their University or College will be very useful.

## More Opportunities

- Imagine being able to walk or cycle to the station to catch a train.
- If you fancy a trip to the seaside or even further afield, a short walk to the station can be the start of a great day out.
- Visitors to Salford will have the option of catching the train.

## What Next?

Every hurdle so far has been jumped! We now need YOU to show support for YOUR station that in future will be a crucial asset to the village. Please:

- Sign our petition in person at the Co-op or Post Office in Salford.
- Write to:
  - B&NES Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr. Roger Symonds 22 Combe Road, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5HX
  - Network Rail, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG
- Display the poster in your window or car.

Thank you in anticipation. This leaflet is available to download from our website [www.salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk](http://www.salfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk)

This is our best chance in years to secure a vital piece of transport infrastructure for our village, for future generations.

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