

## **Govia Thameslink railway passenger benefit fund**

We are delighted to announce the launch the engagement process of Govia Thameslink Railway's (GTR's) £15 million Passenger Benefit Fund which aims to provide tangible improvements for passengers on the GTR network. The fund was established following the disruption experienced by passengers during the implementation of the May 2018 timetable.

The Secretary of State nominated Bim Afolami, Henry Smith and Heidi Allen, as MPs representing different parts of the GTR network, to work with GTR and develop a plan for how the fund is allocated and consulted on. The MPs asked for decisions on how the Fund was spent to be made at as local level as possible. The fund, therefore has been allocated to passengers based on the tiers of the additional industry compensation scheme which were agreed following the disruption caused by the May 2018 timetable issues. Passengers at stations across the network have been allocated either £30, 000, £50,000 or £80,000 to spend on station improvements or on a wider benefit scheme.

We are engaging with passengers, MPs, passenger groups and councils to understand how they would like the money to be spent. Stakeholders will be asked to prioritise ideas ready for a selection and approval process starting in August. Further details about the fund and how groups can select their preferred schemes can be found at the fund website <https://www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/>

To submit your ideas you will need to complete the survey, which you can access once you register on the passenger benefit fund website.

Please find attached the network map . We want to ensure that you are aware that the consultation is open and will close on 31 July 2019.

If you would like more information or to arrange a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact the team at [passengerbenefit@gtrailway.com](mailto:passengerbenefit@gtrailway.com)

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