

PE1509/B

Petitioner Email of 30 May 2014

Dear Mr Hynd,

Thank you for the information provided for the next petitions committee meeting.

I have reviewed both documents, comments below;

The Network Rail response is in fact a stock answer and merely reiterates the upgrades scheduled for the line in the short term.

None of these are a commitment or statement of intent to improve the interval between trains or capacity of services provided.

The Network Rail answer is merely to maintain the 109 miles of track and the two hour journey time (2hr 20min from the last SPICe briefing).

Improvements to the line between Aberdeen and Inverurie will make up for the addition of a new stop and associated waiting time, not improve the overall journey time from Inverness to Aberdeen.

The SPICe briefing is correct, rolling stock is strong enough to be loaded extremely heavily.

However the structural integrity of rail rolling stock works against passengers in a collision.

All the more reason passengers should be seated, to prevent a crush or being thrown the length of a carriage.

Regards,

Lee Wright