

# MOTION ON NOTICE

City Council 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018



## Cross Country Passenger Rail Franchise Public Consultation

The Department for Transport has issued a consultation on its plans for the Cross Country rail franchise. The document suggests that direct trains from Penzance to the Midlands and the north should end at Plymouth. The document describes this part of the world as an extremity of the country’.

Ending direct rail services at Plymouth can only re-enforce misconceptions about the size and scale of our region and give the impression that Plymouth is now “the end of the Line”.

The document also suggests that Plymouth passengers be served by the GWR service ‘picking up the slack’

The proposals do not describe how that gap will be filled other than a vague suggestion of alternations to the GWR franchise.

This means that people accessing Plymouth station for work from stations to the west of Plymouth will no longer be able to rely on a service by Cross Country at a time when we were looking forward to an enhanced railway service.

This City Council agrees to:

- 1) In its response to the consultation Council should make clear that the proposals as they stand affect Plymouth and should be rejected.
- 2) Ask for the Peninsula Rail Task Force to campaign against these changes to these Plymouth services.

Proposed – Councillor Tudor Evans (Via Email)

Seconded – Councillor Pete Smith (Via Email)