

Thornford Station Improvement Project Phase 3

Project Update



Feasibility Booklet

Overall contents finalised – KC & JP
New images collected - JP
Review of proposed access pathways – KC (Kevin Cheleda)
Revised footprint plan – KC
Revised front cover image in hand – JP/Designer
Archive images being sourced -JP

Aiming for final version by mid/late April

Key Contacts/Influencers

Contact established /outline briefing :

- Chantelle Bacon, South Wessex Community Rail Partnership
- Dan Oakey, GWR
- Chris Loder, MP
- Peter Millington, Thornford Station Supporters *
- Network Rail.

*Thornford Station Supporters group being formalised by GWR

Public Consultation

Would be beneficial to seek local/community opinion on current station usage and proposed access enhancements.

Proposal to mount a survey to encompass views of residents within the 2 parishes and train users.

Draft questionnaire prepared – JP. (See below)

NB. Issues will be trying to get sufficient response rate to add credibility to results.

Option 5 ,below would help in this respect.

Options for running survey:

1. Leaflet/questionnaire – Door drops to all residents (Return via collection box – shop/pub/churches). Costs?
2. Insert in Contact magazine – return as above. Costs?
3. As per 2 + limited display/distribution points (Pub, Shop, Church)
4. Page in Contact magazine – explanation + URL link to on-line survey. Costs?
5. Page in Contact magazine + URL link/QR Code to independently hosted on-line survey. *
6. Combinations of the above.

***Page in Contact magazine + URL link/QR Code to independently hosted survey.**

Costs obtained for:

- Structuring questionnaire onto SNAP research software
- Hosting survey on-line via URL/QR Code link
- Running survey/collecting responses – suggest 2 month's timespan.
- Processing data
- Report summary

Estimated cost: £260.00

THORNFORD STATION Improvement Project Phase 3**Feasibility Study**

Dear local resident, please take a few moments to complete this short questionnaire/survey.
The results of which will provide valuable information in considering ways in which to improve passenger access at THORNFORD station.

Q1. Do you live in: Thornford _____ Beer Hackett _____ Other, please state _____

Q2. Have you ever used Thornford station for rail travel? **YES** ____ **NO** ____

Q2-1. If **YES**

A. Frequency? Regularly _____ Occasionally _____ Hardly Ever _____

B. Purpose? Work _____ Leisure _____ Shopping _____ Connecting to other rail services _____

Q2-2. If **NO** - Why?

A. Unaware of rail service/routes _____

B. Don't use trains _____

C. Station location is inconvenient _____

D. Parking limited _____

E. Access Restricted _____

(Are you registered disabled? Yes ___ No ___)

(Please tick all relevant)

Q3. If you do use the rail services, how do you generally make your way to the Thornford Station?

A. By car (Drop off) _____

B. By car (Parked) _____

C. By bicycle _____

D. By foot _____

E. Use Yetminster station _____

Q4. Would you consider using Thornford Station Rail Services more if the following improvements were to be made?

YES ____ **NO** ____

If, **YES**, which improvements would you like to see: