



Dear Resident,

As you may know, a group of local people have been working for a considerable time towards getting the mainline platforms reinstated at Carnforth station, the home of the film "Brief Encounter", which attracts many visitors.

It is important that our Government and rail authorities are made fully aware of how many local people support the reinstatement of those platforms. I use the word 'reinstatement' because we have found, following much research work, that the platforms were not officially closed in May 1970, only access to trains withdrawn.

I'm writing to ask for your help.

Please find enclosed a draft of a suggested letter to David Morris MP. If you support the reinstatement of the mainline platforms, please send the attached letter, adding your own personal comments should you wish, to Mr Morris.

You can email him at [david.morris.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.morris.mp@parliament.uk). Or print and send the letter to:

David Morris MP.  
Office 204,  
Riverway House,  
Morecambe Road,  
Skerton,  
LA1 2RX.

For more information please see our attached factsheet, or visit our website:

**<http://CarnforthPlatforms.org>**

where a copy of the letter below can be downloaded for editing.

Please take a moment to help us. The return of the mainline trains will make a real difference to the prosperity of our area.

Many thanks,

Peter A Yates MBE.  
**Carnforth Railway Action Group**  
[info@carnforthplatforms.org](mailto:info@carnforthplatforms.org)

From:

To: David Morris MP.  
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Date:

Re: **Reinstatement of Carnforth Railway Station Mainline Platforms.**

Dear Mr Morris,

As you are well aware, the Carnforth station mainline platforms are currently not served by stopping trains.

We ask you to inform the Secretary of State for Transport and Network Rail that we wish to see the platforms reinstated and utilised at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

## Carnforth Platforms Factsheet.

For more detail please visit the "More Info" section of [carnforthplatforms.org](http://carnforthplatforms.org).

If you have difficulty accessing the internet, please call 01524 732 805 for more information.

1. Carnforth Railway Station lies on an interchange that used to connect north, south, east and west, it is in a perfect position to vastly improve rail travel in our region.
2. Access to trains on the main line was removed in May 1970.
3. To travel to Kendal from Carnforth should take approximately 20 mins. At present it takes over an hour and a half: You have to first travel south to Lancaster, change trains then travel north back through Carnforth!
4. Carnforth could be a hub of sustainable green transport – trains, buses, cycling and walking – to travel north, south, east and west.
5. Replacing the platforms would connect Carnforth to the Windermere - Manchester train enhancing business and tourism travel.
6. Access to and from the Lakes by short rail journey from Carnforth could open up more opportunity for commuting, tourism, employment and leisure activity.
7. Virgin Trains and Transpennine have both stated their support for the notion of replacing the north/south train connections.
8. Writing to your MP David Morris (Morecambe & Lunesdale) Tim Farron MP (South Westmorland), John Woodcock MP (Barrow) would demonstrate even more support for returning our platforms to their former glory.