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Dear Sir Patrick,

### Derby Railway Station Remodelling 2018

At the recent presentation by Network Rail on the above subject (Pride Park 7th July), I was pleased that you raised your concerns for the Matlock Line services, particularly during Phase 2 of the work, when no trains will be able to access Derby station from the North.

The Friends of the Derwent Valley (FDVL) share your concerns and I list three of our own in some detail.

1. Commuter traffic, especially during Phase 2. Road access to/from Derby at busy times is such that commuters/students will have considerably extended journey times.
2. Throughout the work, travellers from the Matlock Line to beyond Derby (and vice-versa) may need to change twice. There may be solutions to ease this - such as a Belper - Chesterfield - Sheffield service.
3. The Matlock Illuminations (and Derby County football matches) will coincide with Phase 2.

It would be appreciated if you continue to press both East Midlands Trains & Network Rail on these issues. FDVL would like to have an input at the planning stage of the replacement bus services - it would be welcome if you able to speak for us in this regard.

Yours faithfully

John Weaver  
Chairman, FDVL