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To whom it may concern

**Parson's Tunnel to Teignmouth Resilience Project
Response from the Teignmouth Town Centre Management Partnership**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the public consultation on the proposed scheme. The Teignmouth Town Centre Management Partnership (TTCMP) was pleased to see the Network Rail responses on the Summer 2019 consultation (dated 18th June 2019).

1. **Welcome.** The Partnership welcome the increase in the number of access points to the beaches, the decision to make the new walkway pedestrian only and the additional information on the proposed construction method.
2. **Sediment Movement and effects on beaches.** The Partnership continue to require details of the outcomes of the modelling and studies being carried out into the effects of the works on sediment movement and on the beaches.

Exactly what effects are expected, what changes to the design will be made as a consequence and what amelioration measures will take place with what result?

We cannot over emphasise enough the importance of the beaches in general to the town and of Teignmouth Town Beach in particular.

3. **Alignment Change?** It is understood that following discussions at various consultation meetings that there may be a possibility, at the Teignmouth end of the proposed works, to retain the existing radius of the rail alignment for a greater distance, (than the design shows at present) before moving the alignment out towards Sprey Point. This could increase the amount of beach available on this stretch at low tide. If this is a genuine possibility, we would like to see it explored.
4. **Colour of new Sea Wall.** There is affection in the town for the natural stone of the existing sea wall which varies in colour and type of stone. On the other hand, there is equal concern about replacing it with the stark grey concrete. The Partnership would like consideration being given to

using appropriately coloured aggregates and pigments to better fit in with the colour of the Teignmouth Breccia of the cliffs.

5. **Effects of the Works and Legacy.** The scheme will change the nature of Teignmouth and its eastern boundary both during and after its construction. It will leave a legacy which we hope will be positive. We would therefore like the following to be explored:-

a) Before and During Construction.

- i. Advance works to enhance the seafront/promenade area to compensate for the loss of the walkway to Parson's Tunnel and the disruption caused by the works. Ideally such works would leave a legacy for the future in the town. These could include:-
 - The reinstatement of the seaward end of the pier to provide somewhere for people to promenade
 - The extension of the skateboarding park to the area on the lighthouse side of the prom with more challenging slopes etc for older children
 - Extend and enhance the provision of floral displays with an additional spring planting from Easter onwards
 - Beach showers operating in the summer season
 - Water bottle filling stations in the seafront area etc
- ii. In addition to the seafront the long awaited lift should be installed by Network Rail in Teignmouth Station to avoid the disabled having a 400m diversion along public roads and an industrial estate to get from one side of the station to the other.

b) As part of the main works.

- i. Treat the design of the new walkway very much as the 'Teignmouth Eastern Promenade'.
- ii. This could include the recycling of some of the dimension stone from the present structures (perhaps utilising some of the granite wave return shaped copings as seats/tables?)
- iii. Suitable representation of I.K.Brunel's contribution to the line's history including information, statue

We would be happy to participate in any discussions on the above.

We would also like to be kept informed of progress and developments including the outcomes of studies into the effects of the scheme on the movement of sand and sediment between Holcombe and the Teign Estuary.

Yours sincerely

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cc Sir Peter Hendy, Network Rail Chair

cc Andrew Haines, Network Rail Chief Executive

The Teignmouth Town Centre Management Partnership (TTCMP) comprises Members and Officers of Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, Teignmouth Town Council, Port of Teignmouth, the Teignmouth Chamber of Commerce, plus other organisations.

The Partnership works together across authorities and organisations, to share information, and in the management of the town centre to improve its public realm and to support the economy.