

Branch line users' views sought

Rail passengers using the Oxford-Bicester branch line are being asked for their views on possible replacement bus or rail services during forthcoming engineering work to upgrade the line.

Chiltern Railways plan to modernise the route and speed up its trains as part of a project to create a new Oxford-London Marylebone rail service by 2013, which will operate via a new connecting line to the Chiltern route in Bicester.

The Oxford-Bicester Rail Action Group is asking people to vote on whether they would prefer dedicated replacement bus services serving Islip and Bicester; to be able to use train services between Oxford and Bicester via Banbury; or flexible tickets that would be valid on trains when they are operating, or regular timetabled bus services when the railway line is shut.

Votes can be cast online at obrag.org.uk/pollsarchive/.