

ASK Supporters Update Summer 2006

A big step forward

As many of you will have seen in the Kenilworth Weekly News, the County Council published the Business Case for Kenilworth station last month. This was prepared for the Council by Arup Consulting. The main conclusion of Arup's work was that a new station would be a clear benefit for the community. Key points from the Business case include:

- a station would be financially viable;
- the renewal of train operating franchises later this year provides an opportunity for the Department for Transport (DfT) to require train operating companies to include proposals for Kenilworth station in their bids for new franchises;
- it would be feasible for trains to stop at a new station without disrupting other services significantly;
- The County Council is confident that funds for a station can be obtained from a mixture of private and public sector resources.

It also includes a proposed layout, with 84 parking spaces, cycle parking, taxi rank and bus waiting area.

Needless to say, this is all very good news. Jeremy Wright MP has told us that he will be asking the Department of Transport for a formal response to the Business Case, which we await with interest.

As far as we're aware the County Council has not yet put the Business Case on its website; until it has, we suggest you contact the Transport Planning Unit directly for details.

How to help support the Business Case

Over 700 people have now registered their support for ASK, just over 100 at our recent publicity day in Abbey End (see photo). We know that Jeremy Wright will be using this as evidence of the local desire for a new station when he talks to the DfT about the Business Case. If each supporter can also spare a few minutes to send an individual letter or note to the DfT, in support of the proposal, that will have even more impact. All you need to say is that you support the Business Case and would like to see a station built as soon as possible (of course if you can say a bit more than that, it will be even better). The letters should be sent to:



**Roger Jones, Divisional Manager, Franchise Specification,
Department for Transport,
Great Minster House,
76 Marsham Street,
London, SW1P 4DR.**

ASK has prepared pre-printed cards to make this even easier. If you would like a card, come along to our stall at the Lions' Show (Abbey Fields, 10th June), or download them from our website: <http://www.kenilworthstation.org.uk/html/resources.html>

How to do more to support ASK

We have set ourselves the target of achieving over 1000 registered supporters by the end of the year. At the moment, most of our 700+ supporters have signed up at public events, such as farmers' markets, the Christmas lights switch-on or the Lions' Show. It would help us to reach our target more quickly if our current supporters could go out and sign up their friends and neighbours (so long as they haven't already joined the campaign themselves – we can only count each person once!). Please ask them to complete and return the form on the next page. Alternatively, they can email info@kenilworthstation.org.uk from their own email address to confirm that they want to be registered as a supporter and to let us know if they want to receive campaign updates. NB, we do not provide details of our supporters postal or email addresses to anyone – this is just so that we have an audit trail to confirm that our support is genuine.

New leaflets

We have printed a new information leaflet about the campaign. There is a copy on the website at <http://www.kenilworthstation.org.uk/html/resources.html> if you would like to see it. If anyone is able to help distribute copies via a shop, workplace or other public place, please email and we will drop some printed copies round to you.

New address

Please note that printed copies of the new supporters form should now be sent to **23 Rawnsley Drive, Kenilworth** and not to the old PO Box number. It was too expensive for us to renew the PO Box at the end of last year.

One further request for help

If you would like to help on the ASK stall at the Lions Show in Abbey Fields (afternoon of 10th June), please email info@kenilworthstation.org.uk. No qualifications needed except the ability to explain to people why you think our town needs a station. And if you would like to get involved with other aspects of the campaign, please email for details of our next campaign group meeting (it will be on the evening of Wednesday 5 July).

Supporters' Updates

If you have received this update as a hand delivered printed copy, please do let us know if you have an email address we can use in the future – just email info@kenilworthstation.org.uk and this will help us reduce the long task of printing and hand delivering them. Thanks.

Sign Up New Supporters

If you know someone who would like to support the campaign, they can complete the form below, and send it to ASK at 23 Rawnsley Drive, or bring it to us at the Lions' show or email details to info@kenilworthstation.org.uk.

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Please tick as appropriate (this form is for new supporters only; there's no need for existing supporters to register again)

- In my opinion Kenilworth needs a station
- I live in Kenilworth
- I work outside Kenilworth
- I usually travel by car
- I sometimes travel by train
- Please keep me up to date with the campaign

Name:

Address:

email:

(to receive updates)