

DfT to share outcome of revised East Coast main line timetable upgrade later this year

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The Department for Transport (DfT) will be able to share the outcome of revised proposals for a new East Coast main line (ECML) timetable upgrade planned for 2023 later this year.

Parliamentary under-secretary of state for transport, Robert Courts, told Kenny MacAskill, MP for East Lothian, in a Commons written reply on 8 September that a public consultation on the proposed major timetable change on the ECML, received more than 9,000 responses and invaluable feedback and insight from local communities.

He said: "In order to address thoroughly all the concerns raised, the major timetable upgrade is now targeted for 2023 at the earliest. The feedback received through the consultation has now been reviewed and work is continuing towards a plan for the implementation of revised proposals for a new, reliable timetable on the ECML; one that more closely aligns with stakeholder feedback, ensures passengers experience the benefits of the £1.2 billion invested in the East Coast upgrade and is appropriate for the rail industry's financial position following the spending review. The Department will be able to share the outcome of that work once it completes later this year."