

Views sought on March station redevelopment

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Train passengers can talk directly to rail managers and transport representatives during a 'Meet the manager' feedback session at March station on 6 September.

Following the redevelopment of March station, which has seen the buildings' interiors completely remodelled and a new and extended car park, Greater Anglia, Fenland District Council's Transport Team and the Hereward Community Rail Partnership would like to hear what people think of the newly transformed spaces.

The 'Meet the Manager' event will take place from 07.30-12.00 on Tuesday 6 September.

Passengers will be able to fill in a short survey about the station redevelopment, talk to rail managers from Greater Anglia and Cross Country Trains and pick up information and some free goodies from the Hereward Community Rail Partnership stall in the foyer.

The session is aimed at listening to customers' feedback and comments to help continually improve the station facilities and train service.

Those who cannot make it but would like to contribute can do so online at

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MarchRailwayStationSurvey

Cllr Chris Seaton, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport and Chairman of the March Station Project Board, added: "We'd love to hear what people think to the redevelopment of the station, which was delivered through our Railway Station Masterplans Project, and also how facilities can be further improved in future.

"It's also a chance to find out more about the Hereward Community Rail Partnership which champions improvements to the Hereward Line and its stations at March, Manea and Whittlesey, and engages communities to help them get the most out of their railway."

Martin Moran, Greater Anglia's Commercial, Customer Service and Train Presentation Director, said, "It's really important to us to hear from passengers about what matters to them and answer any questions they may have.

"We are keen to listen and understand people's experiences so that we can work to continually improve our service and meet customers' expectations and needs."

Over the last two years, Greater Anglia has redeveloped the entire station to create an open-plan ticket hall and waiting area, with accessible modern toilet facilities and retail outlets on platform 1, and a bigger, upgraded car park.

The major redevelopment was delivered through Fenland District Council's Railway Station Masterplans project, as part of a £9.5million package of funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, chaired by Mayor Dr Nik Johnson, and support from Greater Anglia.

The Masterplans project is delivering improvements to passenger facilities at the three Fenland stations – Manea, March and Whittlesea – along the Ely to Peterborough Hereward Line, to improve connections between the Fenland towns and other regional centres of education and employment, creating an attractive alternative to the car for more sustainable journeys. Greater Anglia also worked with the Bee Friendly Trust and station adoption volunteers to install hundreds of bee friendly flowers, shrubs and trees to create green areas in the new car park.