

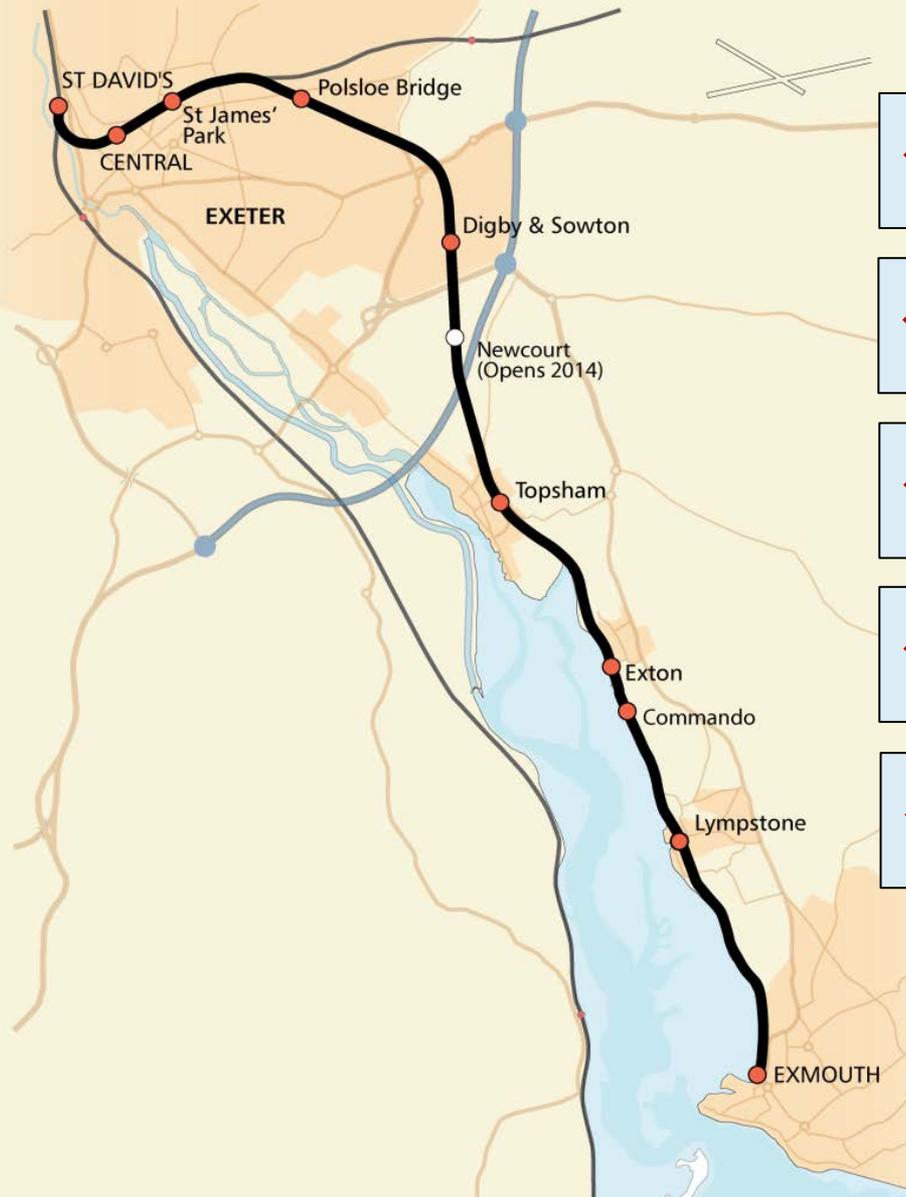




AVOCET LINE
RAIL USERS
GROUP

The Exeter to Exmouth Line

The Exmouth Branch



❖ **8½ miles; single track**

❖ **30 minute clockface timetable**

❖ **32 trains each way weekdays**

❖ **>1.6M tickets annually**

❖ **Average 8% annual growth**

Do not be misled.....

***It's actually a hard worked suburban railway,
operating at the limit of its capacity!***



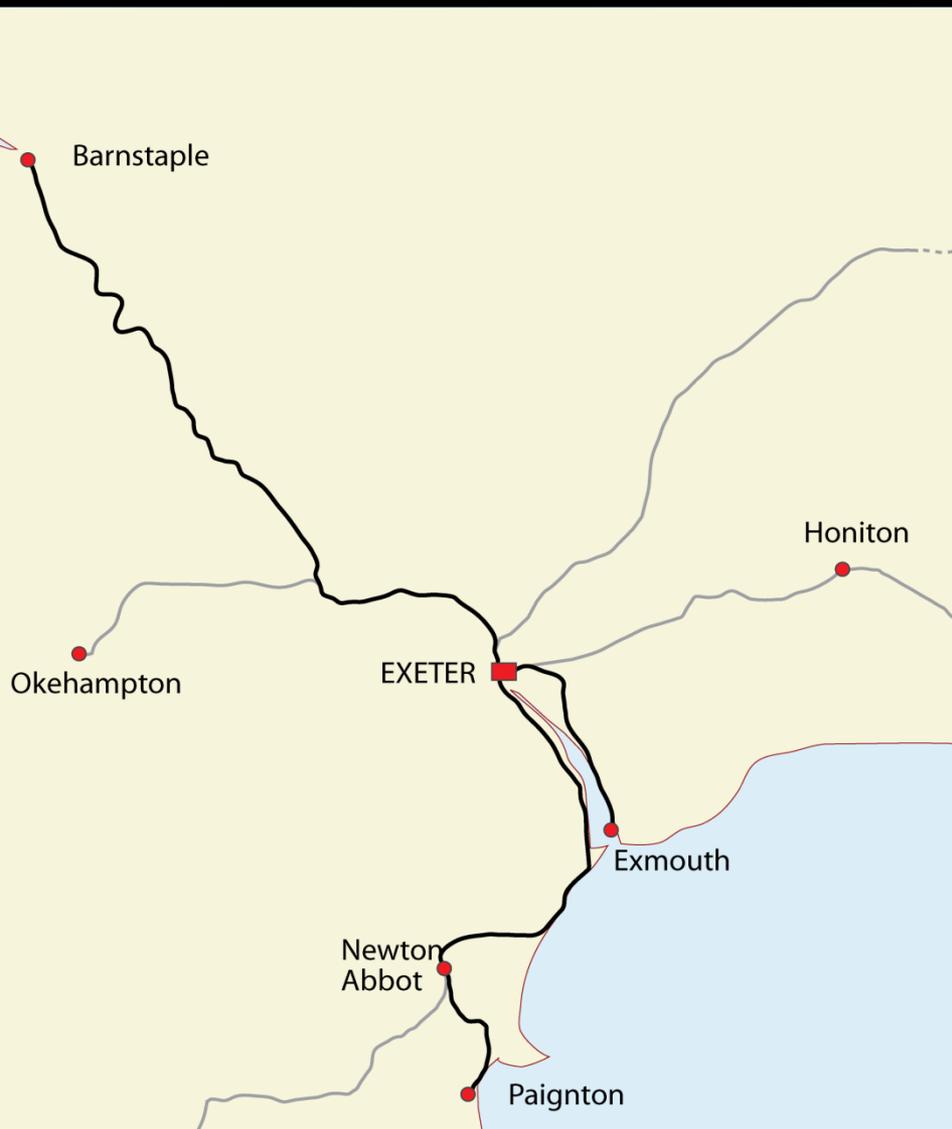
The Devon Metro Area



The Issues

- ❖ Rolling Stock: *Quantity, Quality, Reliability*
- ❖ Stations not fit for purpose
- ❖ Ticketing arrangements inadequate
- ❖ Poor information during disruption

Devon Metro



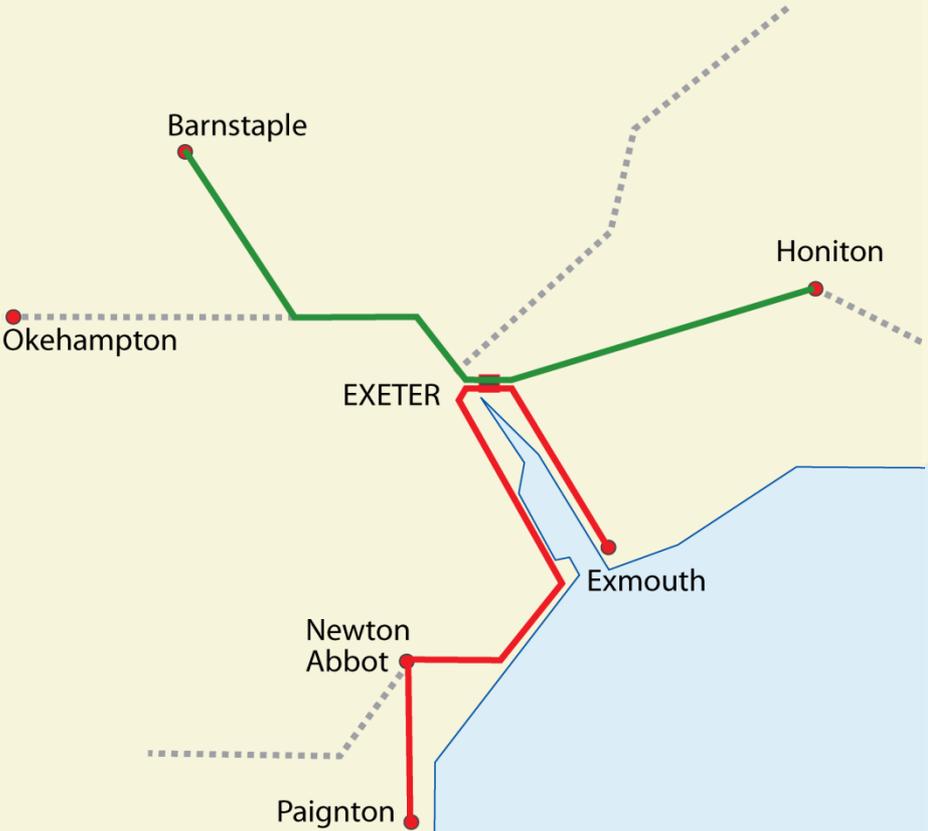
**Integration and enhancement
of local services in the Exeter
travel-to-work area**

**.....in the hope of a much
better service**

Devon Metro Summary

- ❖ **New Stations: Newcourt & Marsh Barton in hand**
- ❖ **Separation of Routes:**
 - Paignton – Exmouth**
 - Barnstaple – Exeter (& later Honiton/Axminster)**

Devon Metro Initial Routes



Route 1:
Exmouth – Paignton

Route 2:
Barnstaple – Exeter
(extended toward Honiton and Axminster as line capacity permits)

Devon Metro Summary

- ❖ **New Stations: Newcourt & Marsh Barton in hand**
- ❖ **Separation of Routes:**
 - Paignton – Exmouth**
 - Barnstaple – Exeter (& later Honiton/Axminster)**
- ❖ **Cascade of rolling stock: four car Class150/2**
- ❖ **30 minute clock-face service, all day, every day.**
- ❖ **Upgrade of stations (Station Strategy)**

But unfulfilled potential.....

In a city with:

- a rapidly growing economy
- a massive building programme on the eastern side, all within easy distance of a railway
- congested roads and limited parking
- 8 (and shortly 10) stations within the city boundaries
- a well-sited Central station

.....the local rail network, though working at capacity, is still relatively under-used. Devon Metro has the ability to carry much more of the public transport burden, as the capacity issues are eased.

.....suggests we should set our sights higher

- ❖ **Branding of stations and trains**
- ❖ **Marketing and pro-active promotion of the network**
- ❖ **Refurbished trains (including wi-fi)**
- ❖ **Effective integration with other modes of public transport**

Devon Metro – the last word?

50% increase in ridership in 10 years?

