

KEEP PILNING STATION PLATFORMS OPEN

Petition URL: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/keep-pilning-station-platforms-open>

We the undersigned are concerned about the possibility of the westbound platform at Pilning Station being closed when the footbridge is removed in September. Pilning is a future growth area for industry and housing. We call on Network Rail to replace the footbridge and keep this station open in both directions so that Great Western Railway can restore a daily commuter service.

64 Comments [142 Signatures](#)

Comment Highlights:

- Pilning station potential - major opportunity for transport in the region
- An investment into the future / Wrong decision that will be regretted
- Lack of public transport in the area
- Use of the station by local residents as well as employees of local businesses
- Dependency of non-drivers on lifts and taxis
- Lack of proper consultation

Comments

- **Anonymous**
Sep 04, 2016
Fully support this petition
- [Dorothy Burden](#) United Kingdom, Cheltenham
Sep 02, 2016
Keep both platforms open. Public transport is vital.
- [Gill King](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 24, 2016
Please keep both platforms open. My late husband Jonathan King fought hard in the past to try and get more trains stopping at Pilning with any success. He would be horrified to learn that one of the platforms is to close. Please keep Pilning Station open in both directions in Jonathan's memory.
- [Andrew Short](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 24, 2016
The estimated figure for employment in the Western Approach, Central Park and Westgate business parks is some 15,000 persons within the next few years, and fewer years than it takes to change rail infrastructure.
The bridge should be replaced with one spanning the MAIL LINE and passing lines, with a foot/cycle path across to the B4055 where the northern entrance to the industrial area will be.
Pilning station is nearer to most of the businesses than Severn Beach and would serve commuters from South Wales (of which there would be many) and north Bristol.
We are NOT PLANNING AHEAD yet again.....
Andy Short.

- [Natasha cottam](#) United Kingdom, Weston-super-mare
Aug 20, 2016
Should stay open
- **Anonymous**
Aug 19, 2016
This platform shouldn't be removed, without further and proper consultations
- [Christina Biggs](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 18, 2016
Pilning Station has three possible functions: 1. to allow local residents and also inhabitants of Thornbury and Almondsbury to commute to either Bristol or Cardiff.
2. to allow employees of Severnside to commute from Wales or the North Fringe
3. When the M49 junction is built, to have a Park and Ride for people coming in by road from Wales and the North to travel to large-scale events in the Arena or the Floating Harbour.
In the immediate present, the Saturday excursion service can be promoted as a trial Park and Ride into Bristol for shopping.
- [Martin Cinnamond](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 18, 2016
Another short-sighted decision allowing our already woefully inadequate transport infrastructure to fall even further out of touch with the reality of our current needs. Pilning needs a regular train service to and from Bristol and South Wales. That is not going to be achievable with one platform. It's a staging post to full closure. Shame on our planners.
- [Ray Watkins](#) United Kingdom, Pembroke Dock
Aug 18, 2016
Another one-eyed decision in an area where rail communication will be vital in the future
- [Ben Osborne](#) United Kingdom, London
Aug 18, 2016
Pilning is a massive future growth area for industry and housing in North Bristol. An expensive decision you'll come to regret in 20 years.
- [Doug Nethercott](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 18, 2016
Very shortsighted decision.
- [Guy Hale](#) United Kingdom, Nuneaton
Aug 17, 2016
Memories has kid shame to see it go
- [Karin Bishop](#) United Kingdom, Cardiff
Aug 17, 2016
Don't think of the here and now. Think of the future.
- [David Wood](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 16, 2016
Pilning railway station is the only mainline railway station on Severnside, and i consider it is wrong to close the down platform to South Wales, and not replace the footbridge linking east and westbound platforms.

- [Richard Cooksley](#) United Kingdom, Aylesbury
Aug 16, 2016
A very important asset to the community or the future and also part of an environmentally friendly transport network
- [Diane Orchard](#) United Kingdom, Chipping Campden
Aug 16, 2016
This is a very important platform and needs to remain open!
- [Frances Berry](#) United Kingdom, Gillingham
Aug 16, 2016
Please leave the platforms open its the only way I can visit my daughter when I can't drive. It also allows independence for younger members of the community.
- [Ian Roberts](#) United Kingdom
Aug 16, 2016
It is imperative that this bridge is not removed and maintained to facilitate passenger movement which will increase substantially as the business parks at pilning and severn beach come into use over the years to come.
- [Tammy Liddiatt-Browning](#) United Kingdom
Aug 16, 2016
We need to keep this station and have more trains stop here. I was told at an initial meeting re the noise levels that there will be more trains stopping at electrification makes them more efficient and able to stop at more stations
- [Janette Martin](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 16, 2016
I can't beleive this. It is such a backwards step.
- [Richard Stedman](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 16, 2016
Essential for the long term
- [Becky Griffin](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Aug 16, 2016
Please keep the footbridge it is needed by the locals in the future. Keep both platforms open
- **Anonymous**
Aug 16, 2016
There is so much missed potential in this proposed closure. An extra stop before parkway and regular service options would resolve a lot of travel headache for the community. Why is no-one local ever polled about this?
- [Heather Rickards](#) United Kingdom, Pencader
Aug 16, 2016
Pilning Station has great potential. Replace the bridge so that Eastbound and Westbound trains can stop!
- [Victoria Bywater](#) United Kingdom
Aug 16, 2016
As the closest neighbour to Pilning Station, we cannot believe that we were not even consulted regarding the closure of the west bound platform. Furthermore, we cannot believe that with the massive extension of the SW Enterprise Zone and terrible traffic issues in this area that Network Rail is closing the platform and so making the full closure of the station ever nearer. This is the most short-sighted view.

- **Anonymous**
 Aug 16, 2016
 This will be a vital link to South Wales with the industry that is planned in the area. We need this basic infrastructure to remain.
- [Mrs F Barr MBE](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
 Aug 16, 2016
 Instead of wasting all the money on HS2, just to get travellers to the North half an hour earlier. Use some money to replace our bridge so that future travellers will be able to access Pilning Station.
- [Bernard Lane](#) United Kingdom, Plymouth
 Aug 16, 2016
 Like so many closures it will be regretted in a short time. With all the new industrial sites, access from/to Wales and Bristol will be a huge asset for all concerned - less M4 traffic etc.. All for a ha'porth of tar!
- [julie boston](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
 Aug 14, 2016
 This station is important for leisure on Saturdays and would be essential when the industrial estate develops.
- [Karen Clapp](#) United Kingdom
 Aug 13, 2016
 Would be great to have trains stopping at Pilning
- [Sharon](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
 Aug 12, 2016
 It's been there since I was little. Needs to stay. We still need our platform and station.
- [Jonathan Lucker](#) United Kingdom, Pembroke Dock
 Aug 12, 2016
 hourly trains like patchway and severn tunnel junction
- [Michelle Tillson](#) United Kingdom, Limpley Stoke
 Aug 12, 2016
 Really hope that we also get a
 Better timetable to Cardiff too
- [Patricia Meaney Seward](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
 Aug 12, 2016
 Keep Pilning platforms open!
- [Carol Harries](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
 Aug 03, 2016
 Would love to be able to use this station, consultation needs to be extended and publicised!
- [Sergei Turceninoff](#) United Kingdom, London
 Jul 31, 2016
 Required for visiting relatives in the area.
- **Anonymous**
 Jul 30, 2016
 I want to use this train stop to visit my friends and do not want it stopped.
- [Saffia Bullock](#) United Kingdom
 Jul 28, 2016
 Totally believe in trying to keep these local transport links open and usable in a practical way.

- [Angela Lerway](#) United Kingdom, Bath
Jul 28, 2016
This is a very convenient and important station please do not close. ?It will cost thousands to re open in years to come. Please run more trains on it and connect the line to other track in the area so that it can be used. Do not let another Station be lost!!!!!!
- [Simon](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 26, 2016
The station appears to have dropped off the radar but should be used more because of its links to the region, so much potential it would be a shame to lose it.
- [John Mildenhall](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 26, 2016
Why is Network Rail discouraging commuter passengers? Stop being short sighted and keep the station functioning.
- [Sandie Cusack](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 26, 2016
Shortsighted and penny-pinching action at a time when we should be discouraging commuters etc from going back to their cars.
- [richard berry](#) United Kingdom, Colchester
Jul 26, 2016
why shut a perfectly good station?
- [Tatiana](#) United Kingdom, Bath
Jul 26, 2016
This station deserves to be up- and not down-graded!
- [steve morgan](#) United Kingdom, High Wycombe
Jul 26, 2016
Keep it open!
- [Stuart Bushell](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 26, 2016
I live in olveston and have to travel to Bristol Parkway through rush hour traffic to get trains to South Wales and London. If only we had a local connecting service. Oh Pilning - no closed to save a few quid now.
- [O Taylor](#) United Kingdom, Bath
Jul 25, 2016
This station has a great potential. If there were a daily service suitable for commuters, it would be ideal for those who work in Newport, Cardiff, Patchway, Bristol and beyond. There are people who live in Pilning and have to drive to Patchway to catch the service - only to go past their own house again!
- [Bert](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 25, 2016
Increase services and people will use this station
- [Ed Elderton](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 25, 2016
Good to keep this open.
- **Anonymous**
Jul 25, 2016
This route provides a rare alternative to driving into Bristol.

- [Becky Elderton](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 25, 2016
I've only recently discovered that this station still operates. Will definitely use it. Please advertise it more, a great asset for the area.
- [Dave R](#) United Kingdom, Cambridge
Jul 25, 2016
Keep this station alive and futureproof the Network
- [Steve Savage](#) United Kingdom
Jul 24, 2016
Use the passing loop for a regular Pilning service & keep the central section for high-speed through trains.
- [David Lambie](#) United Kingdom
Jul 24, 2016
This is a major opportunity for transport in the region. It has been largely ignored to the point many locals don't even know that the station still operates. Keep it open, replace the bridge and advertise the services: it will bloom
- [Bernard Lane](#) United Kingdom, Plymouth
Jul 24, 2016
This station has great potential with the development of the industrial area close by. Close it and you lose a facility that will cost millions in future to re open.
- [Terry Miller](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 20, 2016
On 6 May 2008 a HST train failed at Pilning & ALL the passengers were eventually detrained to another HST using the footbridge. This is the nearest station on the English side to the Severn tunnel. It already has passing loops. Pilning is the nearest station on the English side to the Severn tunnel. It already has passing loops. What are the equivalent contingency plans in future?
- [Charlie Rothwell](#) Taiwan
Jul 18, 2016
This is ridiculous. There has been no public consultation on this platform closure and should it go ahead I shall take the issue further.
- [John Walker](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jul 03, 2016
Don't let this be yet another closure that is seen as mistake in the not too distant future.
- [Janette martin](#) United Kingdom, Newcastle
Jun 30, 2016
It would be extremely short sighted.
- [Simone South](#) United Kingdom, Wolverhampton
Jun 29, 2016
Pilning is a greatly undervalued asset and should be given a decent level of service, removing access to the down platform will be disastrous.
- [Jack Gill](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jun 29, 2016
Keep the station open for future development!!!
- [Alex](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jun 29, 2016
Shutting stations is not the way forward

- [Oliver South](#) United Kingdom, London
Jun 29, 2016
viva la pilning!
- [Carol Durrant](#) United Kingdom, Bristol
Jun 29, 2016
Pilning station has much potential.