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Hi Abigail,

I am writing to you in response to the Passenger Information Consultation.

- I would urge you to demand rail operators to licence their timetable and live updates under an open licence to allow much wide integration of rail timetable data.

The absurdity of the current situation that allows rail operators to profit from selling timetable data instead of focusing on selling rail tickets must end. If there is to be an integrate transport system in the UK, timetable information must be open and free for all. This would spur innovation in providing routing, navigation and journey planner software and services. For instance websites like www.cyclestreets.org could more easily integrate train information to encourage sustainable transport.

- I request that rail operators must provide information on which trains bikes can be transported and how many spaces are available.

Currently the National Rail Enquiries website often provides no such information or the links lead to generic bicycle policy information. More information specific to the train and stations could be provide on capacity and bike locking facilities at the station for instance.

Thank you

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