

**Report for Public Services Committee  
Notes from MLAG meeting 19/05/10**

- **Through service to Brighton maintained but still a threat of degradation of Hastings to London services. (Deprivation of an area is not considered a factor in rail strategic planning)**
- **News of consideration by authorities of additional car park provision for Appledore station-currently free but considerably increased in use. High speed travel to London is having major impact on use of this line.**
- **MLAG asking for clarification of new Dec timetable because it appears not to include travel to smaller stations on Sundays**
- **Continuing concern about when installation of barriers at Winchelsea station will take place- it ranks 28 of 30 most at-risk level crossings in UK, based on statistics for near-misses**
- **MLAG has joined informal alliance of E Sussex rail user groups and will raise pursuit, as suggested at ESCC conference, of any EU financing and involvement of local MPs and MEPs. Our line key part of S Coast infrastructure and currently serves as bottleneck on route west.**
- **Facilities at Ashford**  
**Lack of cleanliness of lift to Plat 1 and servery/waiting area raised with rail authorities, in addition, non functioning doors to that area with consequent discomfort to passengers and waste of energy from heating vents.**
- **Station Approach**  
**Concern expressed at current appearance of area, presence of opposing groups of youths, restricted opening hours of public toilets.**