

The Campaign so far

April 2021
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CNER launch and receive great initial response.
With the pandemic still ongoing, CNER launched online and saw a strong response in support from the community.

CNER lobby candidates, gain strong support from elected MSPs.
We secured commitments from 10 of 13 local elected MSPs across all parties, and continue to enjoy this cross-party support.

Scottish Government Cooperation Agreement passed.
Included within was a commitment to a new feasibility study for Buchan rail links, it also established the Just Transition Fund, and resolved to update the STAG criteria in line with climate targets.

North East rail links excluded from STPR2.
STPR2 sets out the investment priorities for the Scottish Government to 2040. Unfortunately, rail links never made the cut. CNER appealed this decision, but ultimately were unsuccessful.

ScotGov sets target to reduce car journeys by 20% by 2030.
This goal will now factor into transport planning, and will weigh the tables in favour of rail and greener proposals during appraisal.

CNER speak at AGCC Just Transition Event.
Attended by Richard Lochhead MSP, groups including large oil companies pitched for how best to spend the £500m JT fund. CNER not only spoke, but were voted top of the poll of ideas.

Transport Minister Jenny Gilruth MSP visits.
Along with Transport Scotland, she paid a visit to the North East. CNER took her on a short walk along the line, and made our case.

CNER speak at AGCC rail event.
CNER pitched our proposals to the business community alongside Alex Hynes, MD of Scotland's Railway. CNER proposals became AGCC policy after this event.

Just Transition Fund awards CNER feasibility study funding.
After writing an Expression of Interest in June, CNER were awarded £250k to be spent on 'investigating rail links to Ellon, Fraserburgh and Peterhead'. AGCC become partners in delivering this study.

Humza Yousaf endorses CNER, then is elected FM.
Humza Yousaf responded to both CNER and AGCC lobbying. In his responses he supported stronger connections in the North East.


Feasibility Study Commences
After months of engagement with our stakeholders, including JTF, Transport Scotland, NESTRANS and Network Rail, CNER & AGCC have commissioned AECOM and Stantec to undertake a STAG based study. This is a major step towards a new Buchan railway, join CNER to be part of this project becoming a reality!

Scotland now has a track record of successful rail campaigns, with strong public support, we can replicate that in the North East. Together, we can reconnect Buchan to the rail network.


Support the Campaign

The best way you can aid the campaign is by responding to the feasibility study this summer. Subscribe to our mailing list to be notified when it is active.

Follow us on Social Media and share with Friends and Family!



'Campaign for North East Rail'



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www.campaignfornortheastrail.org

How can you help?

Local Residents and Supporters

Join the campaign as a member, get involved with volunteering opportunities, reach out if you have skills, connections or talent to offer, follow us on social media to stay updated, or donate to the campaign to help us fund our efforts!
Contact your councillors to tell them you want this to be a priority project.

Business Owners

Get in touch and let us know the impact a Buchan Railway would have on your business and local jobs. Let's have a chat about cross promotion opportunities. Publicly endorse the campaign and reach out to us to arrange media coverage.

Community Leaders

Organise a local community meeting to discuss the proposals and encourage folk to get involved. CNER are always happy to attend and speak at any event. Publicly endorse the campaign and reach out to us to arrange media coverage.

Councillors, Community Councillors, Politicians

Rail links to Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Ellon need to be endorsed at every level of government, and made a priority. Lobby your colleagues, host events.

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PETERHEAD AND FRASERBURGH MUST BE RECONNECTED TO THE RAIL NETWORK.

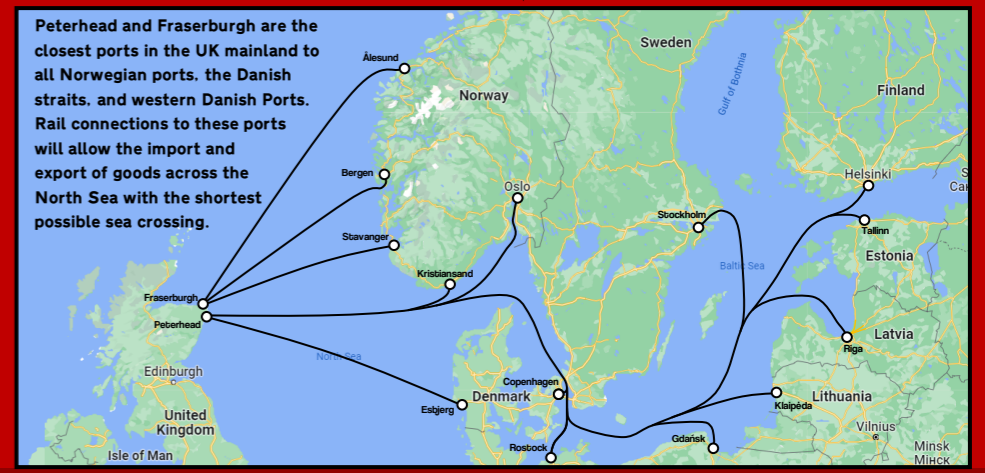
1. PETERHEAD IS THE **LARGEST** SETTLEMENT IN THE UK MAINLAND AND THE **FURTHEST** FROM A RAILWAY STATION. **FRASERBURGH IS SECOND.**
2. PETERHEAD PORT IS BOTH THE **LARGEST** FISHING PORT IN EUROPE, AND THE **LARGEST** OFFSHORE SUPPORT FACILITY IN THE WORLD.
3. THE BODDAM BRANCH LINE HAS **NEVER** BEEN STUDIED, ITS BOTH **FREE OF OBSTRUCTION** AND WILL **COMPETE** WITH THE CAR JOURNEY TIME.
4. THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT HAS IDENTIFIED PETERHEAD AND FRASERBURGH AS **REGENERATION PRIORITY AREAS.**
5. HMP GRAMPIAN IS THE **WORST** CONNECTED PRISON IN SCOTLAND BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

 READ ON TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP TO RECONNECT BUCHAN TO THE RAILWAY

Rail Freight Potential

“Sufficient provision of Rail Freight terminals is critical to achieving a significant shift of Freight from Road to Rail. This will improve competition in Scotland’s Supply Chain, and help support the transition to a Net-Zero economy.”

Strategic Transport Projects Review 2
(Scottish Government)



1 Fraserburgh Proposed terminal. Located on south side of Fraserburgh, near A90 and Formartine and Buchan Way.

Who?	Manufacturers of refrigerated HGV trailers and rigid.
What?	Prefabricated Axles and Suspension kits, Raw Materials.
Where?	UK wide, parts from Leicester.

2 St Fergus The area immediately surrounding the Gas Terminal presents an opportunity for a direct rail freight link.

Who?	Future CCS project based at St Fergus Gas Terminal.
What?	CO ₂ imports, Hydrogen and Sustainable Aviation Fuel exports.
Where?	UK imports for sequestration in depleted North Sea gas fields.

3 Peterhead Rail freight can be Linked directly to the South Pier, or placed near the industrial area.

Who?	One of the largest fishing ports and markets in Europe.
What?	150k tonnes of fish annually (plus 21k from Fraserburgh).
Where?	Daily fish exports to London and France.

Who?	Busiest private offshore support facility in the world.
What?	910k tonnes of oil & gas/renewables material annually.
Where?	Engineering support and export facilities UK wide.

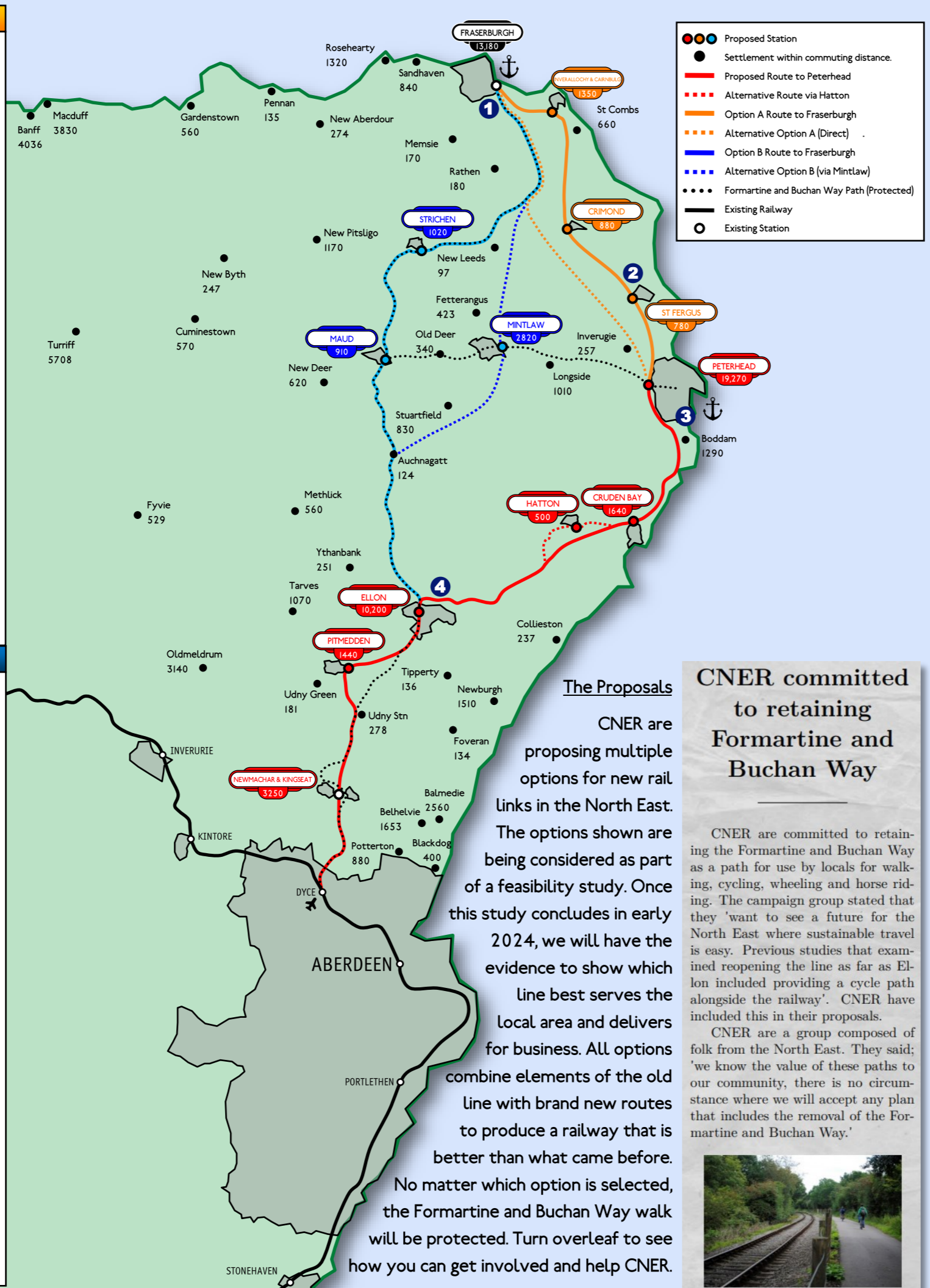
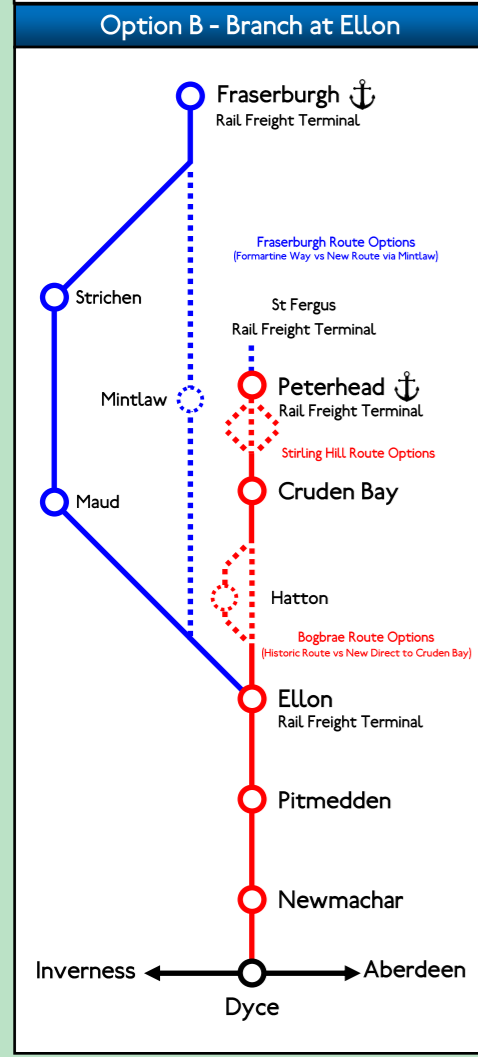
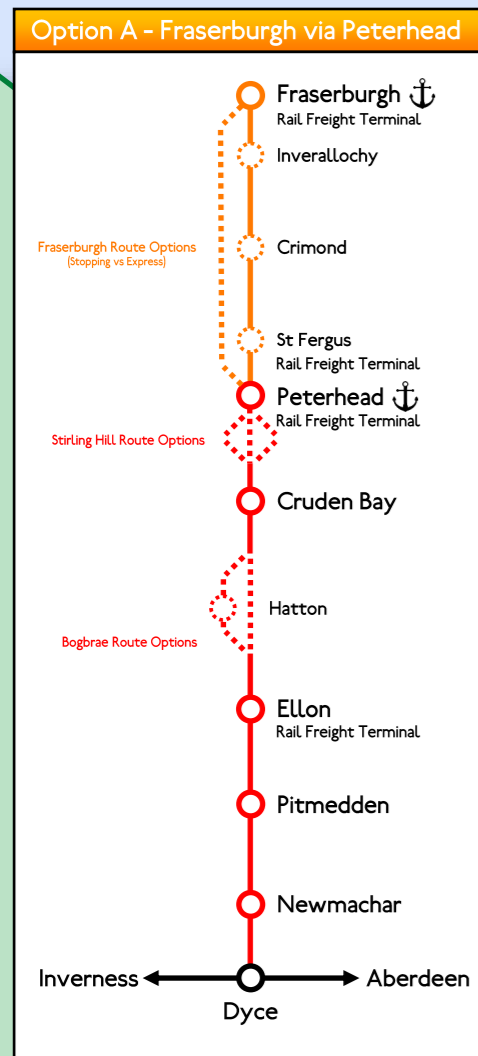
Who?	Producers of agronomy services and technology.
What?	24k tonnes of grain and animal feed.
Where?	Farms, food suppliers and distribution centres UK wide.

4 Ellon Connection between the routes allow for a rail freight terminal to be placed adjacent the bypass, and Brewery.

Who?	World famous producers of Craft Beer and Soft Drinks.
What?	Empty cans and bottles imported, Beer and spirits exported.
Where?	Distribution centres in Mossend, Europe and USA.

Who?	5 th highest sales of ice cream in the UK, largest in Scotland.
What?	11 million litres of ice cream annually.
Where?	Distribution centres UK wide.

Note: The companies listed here are suggested examples of businesses that may be able to make use of rail freight should it be brought to the area. This is intended to be a demonstration of the potential for rail haulage in Buchan, and in no way implies a commitment from these companies, or endorsement of any Campaign for North East Rail proposals.



- Proposed Station
- Settlement within commuting distance.
- Proposed Route to Peterhead
- Alternative Route via Hatton
- Option A Route to Fraserburgh
- Alternative Option A (Direct)
- Option B Route to Fraserburgh
- Alternative Option B (via Mintlaw)
- Formartine and Buchan Way Path (Protected)
- Existing Railway
- Existing Station

