

Nick Timothy, Member of Parliament for West Suffolk



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Dear Mr Burles

I am writing to highlight the strong demand among local rail users in my West Suffolk constituency for a greater number of trains to call at Kennett station, on the Greater Anglia line between Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds / Ipswich.

Although Kennett Station is just over the boundary from my constituency, it is used by many of those who live in West Suffolk.

Because of the infrequency with which trains stop at the station, however, many people are forced to limit when they travel. Existing services to and from Cambridge are often overcrowded during the peak.

During the hours between 10am and 4pm on Mondays to Saturdays, there are only four trains scheduled to stop at Kennett on the way to Cambridge. On Sundays, two-hourly stops apply throughout the day in both directions despite trains passing at hourly intervals.

The result is that passengers face a wait of up to two hours for connections returning from Cambridge. Parents of students returning from Cambridge sometimes have to shuttle between Newmarket and Kennett depending on the student's finishing time in the afternoon.

Although a number of trains pass hourly, many do not stop at Kennett. Also none of the trains that pass on the Ipswich to Ely / Peterborough service stop at Kennett.

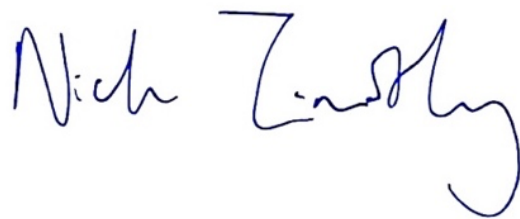
My predecessor as the MP for West Suffolk wrote to Greater Anglia about this in 2019. The response he received said that Greater Anglia would review this as soon as new trains arrived, taking advantage of their improved performance.

Unfortunately, the situation has still not been resolved. I am therefore writing again to ask for an update as to whether it will be possible to ensure that a greater number of trains stop at Kennett?

Significant development is taking place at Kennett, where a new garden village of 500 houses is being built. This is also the case for nearby Kentford, where the construction of new homes on the cards, and Red Lodge, in the vicinity of which a new secondary school is being planned.

I am grateful for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Timothy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

**Nick Timothy**  
**Member of Parliament for West Suffolk**