

What's happening?

Case Study: Donation of rail heritage to industrial heritage museum

Background

As part of the Thameslink Programme (TLP) to increase rail capacity through central London, Carillion is responsible for renewing the existing Horsham Field Siding, including increasing the capacity to stable six 12-car trains, and provision of walkways, lighting and maintenance accommodation.

During the works, several heritage rail items, including 2 hand point handles and bullhead rail keys and clips were identified as redundant material. Rather than these items being removed offsite as waste, Network Rail and Carillion staff suggested that they might be of interest to the nearby Amberley museum, which is dedicated to the industrial heritage of the South East.



The items were gladly accepted by Tony Johnson from Amberley museum, who stated:

“The Amberley Museum have been rebuilding the old quarry industrial railway of the former private owners, Pepper and Son with the aim to display to our visitors, the types of old wooden railway wagons that were used in the 1920/30’s. Although we have been restoring the wagons for some time, your bullhead rail keys and plates will enable us to complete the last two track panels to the lime kilns.”

The exhibition will eventually become a semi-static exhibit of an industrial locomotive and railway goods wagons on period track work with suitable interpretation for schools and visiting public. As a result of the donation, these heritage items are now on display in the museum alongside other rail heritage, leaving a positive legacy for all to enjoy.

Meeting TLP objectives & targets:

The project was able to meet the following objectives of the Thameslink Sustainability Strategy as a result of the donation:

- 8a - seek to reuse/salvage heritage assets where practical and beneficial
- 18a - Divert waste from landfill using the waste hierarchy
- 7- Proactively engaging with communities