c2c Customer Report

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An update from Rob Mullen, Managing Director, c2c

To our valued customers,

Welcome to the second Customer Report of 2025, bringing you all the latest operational and service news, updates and developments from your local rail operator, c2c.

Here you will also find details of our Net Zero Strategy, c2c's commitment to being financially and environmentally sustainable within the next ten years.

After many months of meetings, preparatory and mobilisation works, at 02:00 on Sunday 20 July 2025, c2c train services officially transferred from Trenitalia UK into public ownership, meaning we are now c2c Railway Limited under the ownership of the DfT Operator (DFTO).

Although we are now part of a different owning group, it is still the same c2c that our customers, colleagues and stakeholders have come to know and value so highly - with the same trains and timetables, managed by the very same people, operating each and every day for our customers right across the route.

Our focus hasn't changed: c2c is fully committed to continuing to provide a high quality, industry-leading service for our

customers. In the most recent Transport Focus Rail User Survey (June 2025) c2c came in overall sixth place for 'passenger satisfaction with the journey' (out of 22 participating operators) with a score of 89. I am pleased to see that our overall customer satisfaction score remains positive, with notable improvements in areas such as 'level of crowding' and 'train frequency'. We will continue to work to improve these existing results and thank all our customers for their support and feedback.

Prior to our move into public ownership, I had the great pleasure of welcoming the Secretary of State (SoS) for Transport, Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP, and DFTO Chief Executive Officer, Robin Gisby, and members of the Department for Transport team to Upminster as part of her official public transfer media and engagement activities.

During the visit, which included tours of both our station and the nearby Service Delivery Centre, the SoS took time to speak with c2c and Network Rail colleagues about their important roles, while also seeing first-hand the monitoring and signalling processes and systems we have in place to support and manage the network.

While we managed this transition, the business of running the railway continued, with key parts of the route now at various stages of improvement thanks to the work of our Asset team, Network Rail and delivery partners. We saw step free access come into service on the c2c Thameside loop at Grays, a new ticket office opened at Barking and two new platforms were built at Rainham. We announced the start of works for step free access at Southend East and Chalkwell as part of the government's Access for All scheme and every day, our teams work hard to ensure our stations are safe, clean and welcoming.

In addition to major infrastructure works and running the trains, community rail remains part of our DNA at c2c and we've had a fantastically exciting 12 months supporting our charity partners including Southend YMCA, planning our Ultra Marathon for Gold Geese and bringing new talent into our organisation through our work with The King's Trust. Alongside these, we confirmed the continuation of our Platinum Partnership with Southend United Football Club for the 2025/26 season, which sees c2c remain in pride of place as the club's front of shift partner.' This brings even further opportunities for c2c to build our legacy and support our communities along the route.

As if this wasn't enough, earlier this year, c2c joined with a group of major UK businesses, organisations and educational institutions, known collectively as The Purpose Coalition, to launch a landmark impact report, 'Breaking Down Barriers'.

The report highlights the steps being taken to drive social mobility across the East London and South Essex rail route, helping to break down barriers to opportunity and transform communities. It also benchmarks c2c's progress and activities against our six chosen 'Purpose Goals' – a framework of social impact developed by the Purpose Coalition – and outlines how we deliver social value beyond our core transport remit. This will become ever

more important as we look ahead to the results of the Essex Thameside Study and how this will guide us in how to best future-proof our route for generations to come as we bring together track and train.

Our chosen goals are as follows:

- Fair Career Progression Goal 6): Creating pathways to employment, structured career development, and inclusive hiring practices.
- Good Health and Wellbeing (Goal 8):
 Prioritizing physical and mental health for employees and passengers, alongside safety initiatives
- Closing the Digital Divide (Goal 10): Improving digital accessibility through smarter ticketing, apps, and digital skills training.
- Infrastructure for Opportunity (Goal 11): Investing in station upgrades, accessibility improvements, and sustainable transport solutions.
- Building Sustainable Communities
 (Goal 12): Supporting local regeneration, community partnerships, and environmental initiatives.
- Equality through Diversity & Inclusion (Goal 14): Promoting inclusive recruitment, accessibility, and continuous learning for all.

In future editions of the Customer Report, we will be updating you on our progress and activities in achieving these goals.

Rob Mullen

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Our Performance

The rail industry uses a range of different measures to assess train punctuality and performance. Under each of these metrics, c2c consistently remains one of the most punctual train operators in the country.

Below are some key statistics to illustrate our operational performance since the last Customer Report.

	Average March 25 - August 25	Average September 24 - February 25
Cancellations	1.82%	1.69%
Short Formations	0.09%	0.18%

	Latest Figures March 25 - August 25	Latest Figures September 24 - February 25	
Time to 3: % of recorded station stops called at within 2 minutes and 59 seconds of the planned time	93.35%	92.90%	
On Time: & the lateness at a particular recorded station stop within 59 secs	80.26%	78.43%	
Time to 15: % of recorded station stops called at within 14 minutes and 59 seconds of the planned time	99.50%	99.43%	

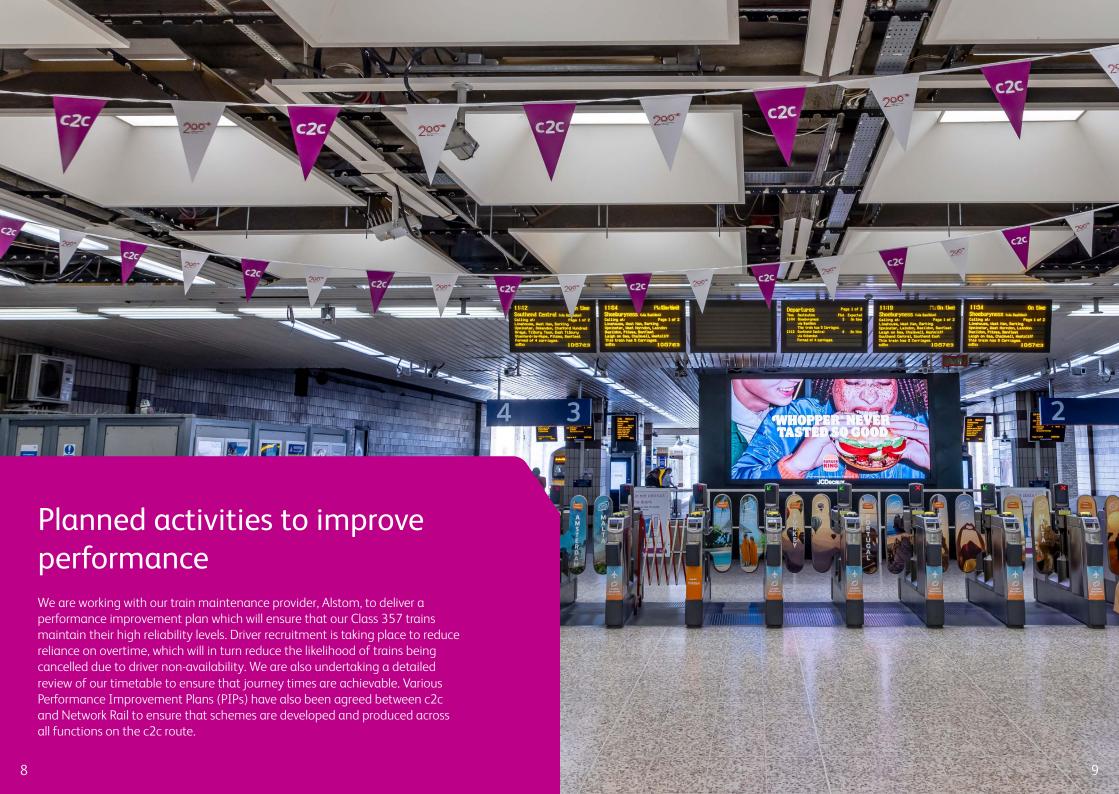
Punctuality has improved slightly since March, with a 0.45 % increase in trains arriving within 3 minutes of their scheduled arrival time. Cancellations have got slightly worse since March, with 1.82 % of services either cancelled or part-cancelled.



How we have improved our performance

c2c has a joint performance plan with Network Rail to ensure focus on increasing the number of trains that run on time, while also reducing any delays. There are a number of initiatives in this plan dedicated to improving customer journeys, and these include:

- A new Traffic Management system which will reduce the impact of incidents across the route
- Increased station staff levels during the evening to reduce delays caused by antisocial behaviour on trains and at stations
- Increasing our number of train drivers, which has led to a significant reduction in the number of cancellations due to non-availability



Safeguarding, Security & Safety Initiatives

c2c's Revenue Protection and Security Strategy is built around five pillars: Safeguarding, Revenue Protection, People, Community, and Crime each supporting Net Zero and safety goals seeing priorities like reducing workplace violence, improving emergency response, and embedding continuous improvement.

Staff Welfare & SCARF Framework

The SCARF (Staff Care and Review Forum) initiative addresses violence against staff, with weekly meetings tracking welfare and incident response.

Governance & Public Ownership Transition

Revenue protection efforts are being adapted to support the transition to public ownership, ensuring continuity in service quality and strategic alignment.

c2c has reaffirmed its leadership in rail safeguarding by securing full reaccreditation under the 2025/26 Safeguarding on Rail Scheme, achieving an impressive 92% audit score. This milestone reflects three years of continuous

improvement, driven by the dedication of our frontline staff and robust executive sponsorship.

The British Transport Police and Department for Transport praised c2c's proactive safeguarding culture, and commended c2c's comprehensive approach from enhanced training and incident reporting to community partnerships and visible safeguarding champions. The reaccreditation not only validates operational excellence but also reinforces c2c's identity as a trusted community asset.

Coupled with continued accreditation through the Secure Station Scheme, c2c remain fully committed to maintaining a safe and secure network for our staff and customers.





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Our 'Enhanced Police Service Agreement' remains in place with the British Transport Police, with the team recently developing a process to brief frontline security officers directly in a data led and intelligence rich way.

Another measure of our progression sees us recently become the first TOC to become members of the charity Stamp Out Spiking – with the aim of bringing awareness to our staff and customers of the crime, and how to protect and deal with any incidents.

We recently held our annual conference – 'Safeguarding Essex Thameside' - with numerous partners represented including the Essex Safeguarding Children Board, Missing People charity, London Travelwatch and Walksafe. as we entered the summer holiday period.

The day was rounded off with a safeguarding panel discussion, with a key topic being how we can use new technology to deal with crime on the railway.



Eleni Jordan (c2c Commercial and Interim Customer Director), Kieran Mackie (Managing Director, Amulet), Mark Sutton (Southeastern Train Safeguarding Lead), Dawn Dines (Founder & CEO, Stamp Out Spiking) and Joyce Spiers (BTP Safeguarding on Rail Scheme Manager) at the Safeguarding Essex Thameside conference.







Cracking down on fare evasion

Strategic Oversight & Governance

Driving out fare evasion from c2c remains at the forefront of our business. Collaboration among Train Operating Companies (TOCs) is being strengthened to harmonize enforcement practices and share best practices.

Ticketless Travel Mitigation

Multiple ticketless travel surveys have been conducted, and tactical deployments by our teams of uniformed and plain clothed Revenue Protection Officers continue to take place both at stations and on trains. to combat fare evasion and drive revenue recovery.

Digital Integration & CPAY Monitoring

Contactless Payment (CPAY) initiatives are being monitored for their impact on revenue protection. It has never been easier to pay for your travel by simply tapping in and tapping out correctly.

Remember – we have both uniformed and plain clothed Revenue Protection Officers, operating across all stations and trains seven days a week. You must have a valid ticket to travel for the full duration of your journey, and we strongly advise customers to buy before you board.

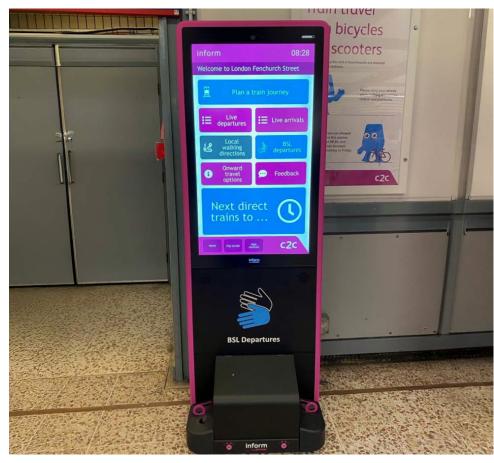
Committed to accessibility

At c2c, accessibility is a core focus that shapes our services, infrastructure, and customer experience. Led by Steve Scutt, our Accessibility & Integrated Travel Manager, we are dedicated to ensuring that every journey is inclusive, safe, and comfortable for all passengers, regardless of their individual needs.

Steve plays a pivotal role in driving our accessibility strategy, working closely with stakeholders, disability groups, and frontline staff to identify and remove barriers across the network. His leadership has helped implement a range of improvements to

support independent travel. We believe that accessible travel is not just a legal obligation, but a moral one, and we're proud to be a railway that empowers everyone to travel with confidence and dignity.

We regularly track and assess how effectively we support customers who request assistance whether they've booked in advance or asked for help on the day. This ongoing evaluation helps us understand how well we're meeting customer needs and expectations. It also highlights opportunities to improve our systems and processes, ensuring we continue to deliver a reliable and inclusive service for everyone.





Customer Survey Results

Feedback from our customers is crucial to operating a better railway and as such, c2c participates in the rail industry's Wavelength customer satisfaction survey. In addition, Transport Focus, an independent watchdog for transport users, also carries out regular surveys among train passengers.



At the Station:

The most recent Transport Focus survey results show that 81% of c2c customers are "satisfied" with our stations. This is just below the average score across train operators in London and the Southeast.

Transport Focus Survey		
	c2c	London & Southeast
Overall satisfaction with the station	81%	82%

The most recent Wavelength data has been taken from survey responses between 2 February and 19 July 2025. The results show that c2c performance levels have remained consistent with the last report and around average for train operators in London and the Southeast region.

Wavelength Survey		
	c2c	London & Southeast Average
The station feels like a nice environment	76%	77%
The status of my train is visible	84%	85%
I can sit or stand comfortably	80%	81%
Wi-Fi is available at the station	79%	77%



On the Train:

Transport Focus is an independent watchdog for transport users, and the group regularly undertakes surveys of train passengers across the country.

This latest data from Transport Focus is from surveys undertaken between 7 February and 20 July 2025. The results presented in the chart below show that c2c continues to provide a frequent and punctual service, giving customers the confidence that they will be delivered from A to B in a reliable and timely fashion. A stable timetable has also given our passengers the opportunity to find trains which fit their schedule better to avoid crowding when compared to other train operators in London and the Southeast.

Transport Focus Survey			
Train facilities	c2c	London & Southeast	
Overall satisfaction with the train	78%	79%	
Frequency of the trains on that route	82%	74%	
Punctuality/reliability (i.e the train arriving and departing on time)	84%	79%	
Level of crowding on the train	72%	70%	
Cleanliness of the inside	79%	78%	

After Your Journey:

The Wavelength survey asks customers to appraise their journeys, and c2c remain in the leading pack, continuing to post an impressive score ahead of the average satisfaction rate achieved by train operators in London and the Southeast.

Wavelength Survey		
	c2c	London & Southeast
Appraising your journey	78%	77%

Customer satisfaction survey

Our own in-house customer satisfaction survey launched in June 2023 has, so far, generated more than 6700 individual responses. Our highest performing areas/indicators are **timeliness**, **wayfinding** and Accessibility, and the key areas where we will be focusing our attention on over the coming months are onboard train Wi-Fi and on train toilet cleanliness and **station facilities** (at stations and on trains).

Our Net Promotor Score (NPS) - a score which measures customer loyalty by asking the respondent to state how likely they are to recommend the brand and service to others - sits at +39.6. This tells us that the majority of our customers would recommend our services to others.

Our overall Customer Satisfaction score sits at 83%, which again indicates that the majority of our customers have generally been satisfied with our services.

Work remains ongoing to ensure we make steps to improve on these scores throughout the year and continue provide an excellent c2c experience for our customers.

Our Stations



Passenger Assistance

The railway is open and accessible to everyone, and at c2c we're committed to making sure every customer feels welcome and at ease throughout their journey, whether at our stations or on board our trains.

We offer dedicated support for elderly passengers, individuals with reduced mobility, and those with non-visible impairments through our Passenger Assist Team, who are available to help with pre-booked assistance. Whilst we encourage booking in advance to help us prepare and provide the best possible service, we understand that plans can change, and assistance may be needed on the day. That's why we support both pre-booked assistance and turn up and go requests.

To ensure we're consistently meeting the needs of our customers, we closely monitor and review our performance in delivering assistance. This helps us identify areas for improvement and make informed changes to our systems and processes, so we can continue to provide a reliable and inclusive service for all.

Booked
Passenger Assist

98%

Completed successfully

Un-booked
Passenger Assist

97%

Completed successfully

Statistics for the period (March 2025 – August 2025)

To book assistance, or for further information on Passenger Assist, please visit our website <u>c2c-online.co.uk/help-feedback/passenger-assist</u> or call our friendly team on 03457 444 422 (option 3).



Our Ticket Offices

Our team works hard to ensure our station ticket offices are staffed against the 'Schedule 17' opening times published on our website. However, there are occasions when it is not always possible to staff our offices 100% of the time.

During the period from the 2 March 2025 until 19 July 2025, our ticket offices have been staffed 96.99% of the time against our scheduled hours, right across the network

Railway Period	Dates	Actual Compliance
Period 13 - 2025	02/03/25 – 31/03/25	97.03%
Period 1 - 2026	01/04/25 – 26/04/25	98.03%
Period 2 - 2026	27/04/25 – 24/05/25	97.50%
Period 3 - 2026	25/05/25 – 21/06/25	95.21%
Period 4 - 2026	22/06/25 – 19/07/25	97.16%
Average		96.99%

Figure: percentage compliance with our ticket office staffing plan from 2 March 2025 to 19 July 2025.

It should be noted that there is a variance in percentage staffing compliance at stations across the network, and some individual stations may have seen less coverage than the average.

For more information about our ticket office opening hours, please go to <u>c2c-online.co.uk/tickets-and-fares/at-the-station/</u>

Customer Relations

Customer complaints

If things do go wrong with our service, then our Customer Relations team is on hand and works hard to address the problem and provide a prompt resolution to customers.



The mean average response time for complaints during Q1 and Q2 of 2025-26 was 6 days.

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) is responsible for collating data on passenger complaints and response times against a 20-working day target. Past and present ORR data can be found in the 'data portal' of their website at dataportal.orr.gov.uk

ORR data: Complaint volumes received for Q1 2025-26 against Q1 2024-25 are down 4%, from 624 to 599

599

01 2025 - 26

624

01 2024 - 25

ORR data: The percentage of complaints responded to within 20 working days for Q1 2025-26 against Q1 2024-25 has decreased by 2%

97%

Q1 2025 - 26

99%

Q1 2024 - 25

Reporting faults

Fault Reporting

01/03/2025 - 19/07/2025 (P13 2524 - P4 2526)			
Station		On train	
Car Parking	2	Lighting	0
Ticket Buying	30	Heating	420
Lighting	0	Train condition	33
Quality	47	Plug sockets	0
Toilets	4	Wi-Fi	16
Other	82	Toilets	17
		Other	49
Total:	165	Total:	535

Of the 700 recorded 'faults', below is a breakdown of how and where we were alerted to them:			
Email 77			
Letter/Comment form	2		
Telephone	11		
Web form 610			

Environmental Performance

Our environmental impact is not solely related to the daily train service we provide to customers, but it is inextricably linked to how we affect wider society in the areas we serve.

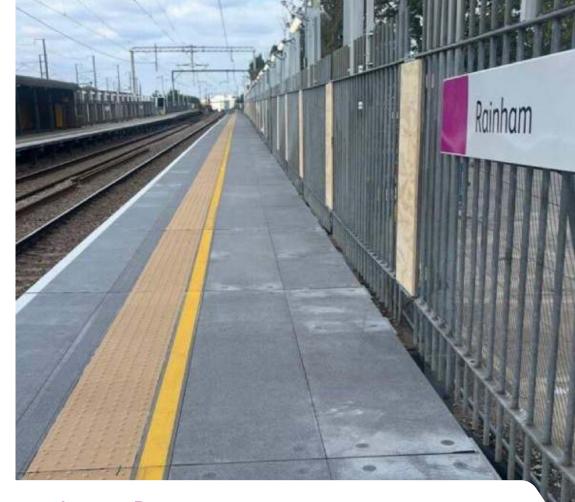
We measure our performance each year against a wide range of environmental criteria. Our performance against these targets for 2023/2024 is shown in the table below.

2025/26 Results

Environmental performance stats		
Carbon Emissions – Traction Electricity CO ₂ e/vehicle mile	2.1% better than target	
Carbon Emissions – Infrastructure Electricity CO ₂ e	8.8% better than target	
Carbon Emissions – Infrastructure Gas CO ₂ e	17.78% better than target	
Traction Electricity kWh/vehicle mile	3.1% better than target	
Infrastructure Electricity kWh	8.8% better than target	
Infrastructure Gas kWh	66.2% better than target	
Water Consumption m3	42.76% better than target	
Zero Non-Hazardous Waste to Landfill	On target	
Total non-hazardous waste - tonnes	13% better than target	
Total non-hazardous waste recycled	4.13% better than target	

Over the past 12 months, we have:

- Updated the c2c roadmap to Net Zero
- We have undertaken an energy review and have been audited in line with ISO (International Standards Organisation for Standards) 50001 criteria for compliance
- c2c will focus on waste management, aiming to reduce non-hazardous waste on sites and improve energy efficiency in buildings and infrastructure. These efforts are part of c2c's broader strategy to enhance sustainability and contribute to global environmental goals.



Asset Projects

Completed works

Platforms three and four at Southend Central were resurfaced earlier this year, providing improved under-foot conditions.

Both Rainham Station platforms have recently completed a one month long redecking scheme. Both platforms now have new surfaces. This scheme replaced the platform decking with a solution which should last for decades to come.

c2c also took the opportunity to renew the flooring in the Platform one waiting shelter at the same time.

Ongoing schemes

Works are underway to Basildon Platform two to extend the platform. This will enable 10 and 12 car services to call at Basildon in time for the December 2025 timetable change. The embankment is being regraded and stabilised, prior to the installation of platform foundations and the new 100 metre section of platform being installed.

Upcoming schemes

Stairs from platforms one, two and three at Upminster station will have repairs in winter 2025.

Rainham Station will have some structural, electrical and roofing improvements undertaken between December 2025 and February 2026. The footbridge will undergo work to its foundations in October 2025, resulting in a two-week closure.

The glass plaza roof at Southend Central station will have timber repairs made by January 2026.

There are other schemes also under development for delivery in 2026 and beyond.

'Access for All' schemes

Grays station

A £9 million investment to enhance accessibility at Grays station brought step-free access for customers. The station now has two new lifts for both platforms, accessible via the main entrance. The project was delivered in collaboration with Network Rail and carried out by contractors Octavius.

The new lifts will make a difference for all customers, including those with reduced mobility. The step-free access makes it easier and safer to move between platforms, significantly cutting travel time and improving overall accessibility and passenger experience.

The new lifts can carry up to 16 passengers and are the first DLDS VLB (Dual Lift Drive System, Vertical Linear Beam) lifts to be installed anywhere in the UK. They are also evacuation lifts, which means they can be used in emergencies, including during a power failure, another first for the UK rail network

In addition to the lift installation, c2c invested £300,000 to upgrade the station's power supply, subway refurbishment and the evacuation features of the lift. Throughout construction, the station remained open to minimise disruption to passengers.

This upgrade at Grays is part of the government's Access for All programme, launched in 2006 to improve accessibility across the rail network. The scheme aims to provide step-free access, better signage, and enhanced facilities for passengers with mobility needs.

Southend East and Chalkwell stations

In summer 2025 we announced that step-free access was also coming to Southend East and Chalkwell stations.

Like Grays' programme, the project will be delivered in collaboration with Network Rail and carried out by contractors Octavius.

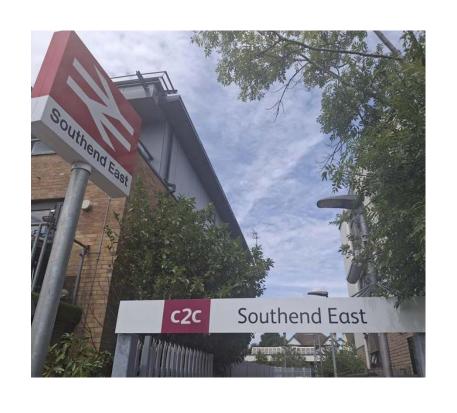
Southend City Council is also a key partner in plans to deliver these important improvements for customers.

In order to deliver the step-free access, there will be some noticeable changes inside the

station which will change the way passengers can access the platforms during the work. There will also be changes around the station environments, which may have some temporary localised impacts on those living nearby.

In order to provide an opportunity to talk about the improvements and explain how they will be delivered, Network Rail, Octavius and c2c held multiple drop-in sessions for residents and customers at the Southend City Council's Civic Centre and at a local church near Southend East.

Preparations at Chalkwell began this August and at Southend East in September. The work at both stations is currently planned to be completed by the end of 2026.



Asset Reactive Works

Since 1st April 2025 we have had 2,266 faults raised with 2 weeks left of P6 and currently on course to have around 150 more faults than this time last year.

P01.25-26	01/04/2025	26/04/2025	393
P02.25-26	27/04/2025	24/05/2025	418
P03.25-26	25/05/2025	21/06/2025	395
P04.25-26	22/06/2025	19/07/2025	441
P05.25-26	20/07/2025	16/08/2025	408
P06.25-26	17/08/2025	13/09/2025	211

However, we are managing this increase with our in-house team picking up reactive faults and minor works. Because of this we have seen a huge decrease on Service Quality Regime open faults with only 14 open, compared to 85 this time last year. As part of our commitment to providing exemplary customer service, independent auditors conduct Service Quality Regime (SQR) audits on our trains and at our stations. Bicycles being chained around our structural poles at Benfleet and Purfleet, is an example of a typical SQR issue we faced recently. To solve this, planters were installed around the poles, which you can see in this image.



We have also been working to solve an issue with pigeons at stations, most notably at Southend East. We have taken action in the short-term to ensure animal welfare after a number of pigeons were reported to have gotten stuck in netting. For this reason we have removed parts of the netting and we are awaiting a line block to remove the remainder. Long term options are being scoped, including partial removal of the canopy and boarding.

Engage with us

We always want to hear what customers think of our service. Whether it is an issue you want to raise or if you just feel like giving us some feedback.

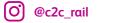
If you get in touch with our Customer Relations team:

We will acknowledge your comment or feedback within one working day, and we will provide a response to you within 20 working days.

How to get in touch:

c2c social media

Our social channels are where you can hear about our latest offers and promotions. Tell us what you think of our service and how we could improve, or ask us a question to help you on your travels.









Our social media policy will tell you about how you can expect to interact with us on these platforms and you can read more about them on our website c2c-online.co.uk/about-c2c/ourpolicies/social-media/

Meet and Tweet the Team

Our online and in-person Meet and Tweet the Team events give you an opportunity to engage directly with our senior managers. Look out for details of events taking place this year.

Passenger Panel

At Passenger Panel meetings, we discuss service standards and performance issues with customers from across the route. If you have a suggestion for the improvement of our service, or are interested in joining the panel, email passengerpanel@c2crail.co.uk

c2c-online.co.uk

You can also get in touch through our website Visit c2c-online co.uk/contact-us/

Customer Relations

Our team is available from 08:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 16:00 on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays (except Christmas and Boxing Day when we will be closed). You can reach them by:

Email: contact@c2crail.co.uk

Phone: 03457 44 44 22, select option 6

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