



## Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust – Press Statement



11 February 2021.

The S&DRT Board would like to provide an update regarding the Notice to Quit received for the Washford site from the West Somerset Railway on 10 February 2020. The Notice to Quit gave the S&DRT one year to leave the Washford site, so the Notice Period officially expired yesterday.

Negotiations about the situation resulted in the WSR & S&DRT issuing a joint statement in early November 2020 saying that both sides were exploring the opportunity to agree a new 10-year lease which left both parties with a deadline of 10 February 2021 to agree a way forward. Despite intense negotiations, agreement on a new lease has not yet been achieved.

However, the S&DRT Board is pleased to announce that an agreement has now been signed by the WSR and the S&DRT to extend the notice period to 10 August 2021. Discussions on a new 10-year lease will now continue in earnest.

The S&DRT Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of its members who have supported the Trust during the last year. There is much left to do as we move much of the museum collection so please continue to support us by renewing your memberships and, where possible, by helping us with the huge task ahead in any way you can.

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