

Southend Central Area Action Plan
 Additional Document 7 - Tourism related rail journeys and trends since 2011

From SBC response to Matter 4:

4.2.10 Rail usage of the town centre's two railway stations has increased in recent years. Victoria Station has seen entries and exits increase from 990,288 in 2000/1 to 1,439,480 in 2015/6 a 45% increase, whilst the Central Station has increased from 2,282,597 to 3,082,306 in 2015/6, a rise of 36%.

With reference to paragraph 4.2.10 of SBC response to Matter 4 - data for passenger exits only is not available for 2000/01, but is available for 1997/98. Victoria Station passenger exits were 371,077 in 1997/98 rising to 719,740 in 2015/16, a 94% increase; exits at Central Station increased from 941,297 to 1,546,153 in 2015/16, a rise of 64%.

C2C Rail has confirmed large year on year increases in off-peak journeys to Southend train stations in recent years. All of these stations are located relatively close to shoreline¹. Off-peak journey growth to Southend Central, located in Southend Central Area, increased 6.7% between 2015 and 2016, and 7.3% between 2016 and 2017 (year to date).

Table 1: C2C off-peak annual journey growth into stations within Southend-on-Sea

Journey Growth by c2c period	LEIGH-ON-SEA	CHALKWELL	WESTCLIFF	SOUTHEND CENTRAL	SOUTHEND EAST	THORPE BAY	SHOEBURY NESS
2014	-5.8%	-6.2%	-3.2%	-4.3%	-0.7%	-1.3%	-10.5%
2015	9.2%	18.9%	4.0%	7.7%	10.2%	1.2%	8.6%
2016	13.1%	6.2%	7.6%	6.7%	6.1%	12.9%	0.5%
2017 YTD	15.9%	0.1%	18.8%	7.3%	7.5%	9.5%	27.7%

Data prior to 2014 is not comparable due to methodologically changes.

¹ Walking times from Southend train stations to the shoreline vary from 1 minute to 15 minutes