

Notes from a meeting held between [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- [REDACTED] opened by providing a background to the situation for the benefit of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who had not been at the meeting in March. Although the politicians' position had not changed, it was recognised that we all need to work together to find a solution that can be put forward as a proposal to councillors etc.
- [REDACTED] was invited to share an overview of the research he, along with members of the team, have been undertaking on the Darlington railway story. This includes the achievements made in establishing the model for financing railways as well as locomotive and other rail vehicle production. (The overview was later circulated to all attending the meeting.)
- [REDACTED] thanked [REDACTED] for the research and stated that there were a lot of links between the site and the story as outlined by [REDACTED] particularly the connection to the A1 Trust who have premises on site. This means that the RHQ has an almost 200 year old tradition of producing vehicles on site.
- The meeting also discussed loans of objects and vehicles. It was re-iterated that NRM wished to continue the loan of all other vehicles currently on loan to HoS and was happy to support the museum with loans in the future.
- Programming and other joint engagement activity was also discussed. This included joint events such as those based around the visit of Flying Scotsman to other types of smaller-scale programming.
- It was agreed that a workshop style meeting be set-up in the next couple of weeks to explore some of the ideas proposed around interpretation and programming with the intention of producing a proposal that could be put to the councillors and other interested parties.