

## Brief History:

The Fawley branch line of the Southern Railway opened on the 20th July 1925 with the last passenger train running on the 14th February 1966. The line also served Fawley Refinery, which accounts for 20% of all UK refining capacity. As a result of transferring distribution from rail to pipeline and shipping, the last oil train ran in 2016, however the occasional freight train still runs to Marchwood Military Port. Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership ran a series of special passenger trains from Southampton Central to Fawley Gates in May 2017 which proved very successful.

## The Line:

The line from Totton to Fawley Gates is just over 8 miles long with a line speed of 30 mph, with a number of lower speed restrictions for level crossings. The signalling is controlled by Eastleigh Panel between Totton and the Southampton side of Marchwood station (approximately 2.5 miles from Totton), and by Marchwood signal box from this point to Fawley Gates. Marchwood signal box still uses the traditional semaphore signalling (signal arms) rather than the colour light signalling used on the South Western mainline. At Marchwood, a token is given to the driver to allow the train to run towards Fawley.

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# FAWLEY : EXPLORER

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### Map Key:

- Current station
- Original station/site now closed
- Proposed Waterside Railway station
- Current Level Crossing
- New Forest District Council Local Plan - Housing Allocation
- Fawley Waterside development site