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This is a great idea.

I have read some of the other comments with interest. The pro-bus lobby seems to see the project as an either/or situation as though a decision to reopen the railway would preclude the provision of improved bus lanes, it also quite correctly points out the emissions from a potential diesel powered train.

Given the emphasis we should all place on the climate emergency, this means the reopening of the railway ought to be regarded as an opportunity rather than a problem.

The Solution? Look no further than Vivarail which appears to produce battery-powered rolling stock which could help make this scheme a flagship for the future of local rail transport and be a vital contribution to both Bristol's and North Somerset's commitment to a greener future. It would also remove the necessity for additional expense in electrifying the proposed line.

I should say that I have no connection to Vivarail, and it may be that there are other suppliers with similar products

I don't know whether any detailed decision has been made as to the rolling stock, but with the area's green credentials and aspirations electricity must be the way forward.

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