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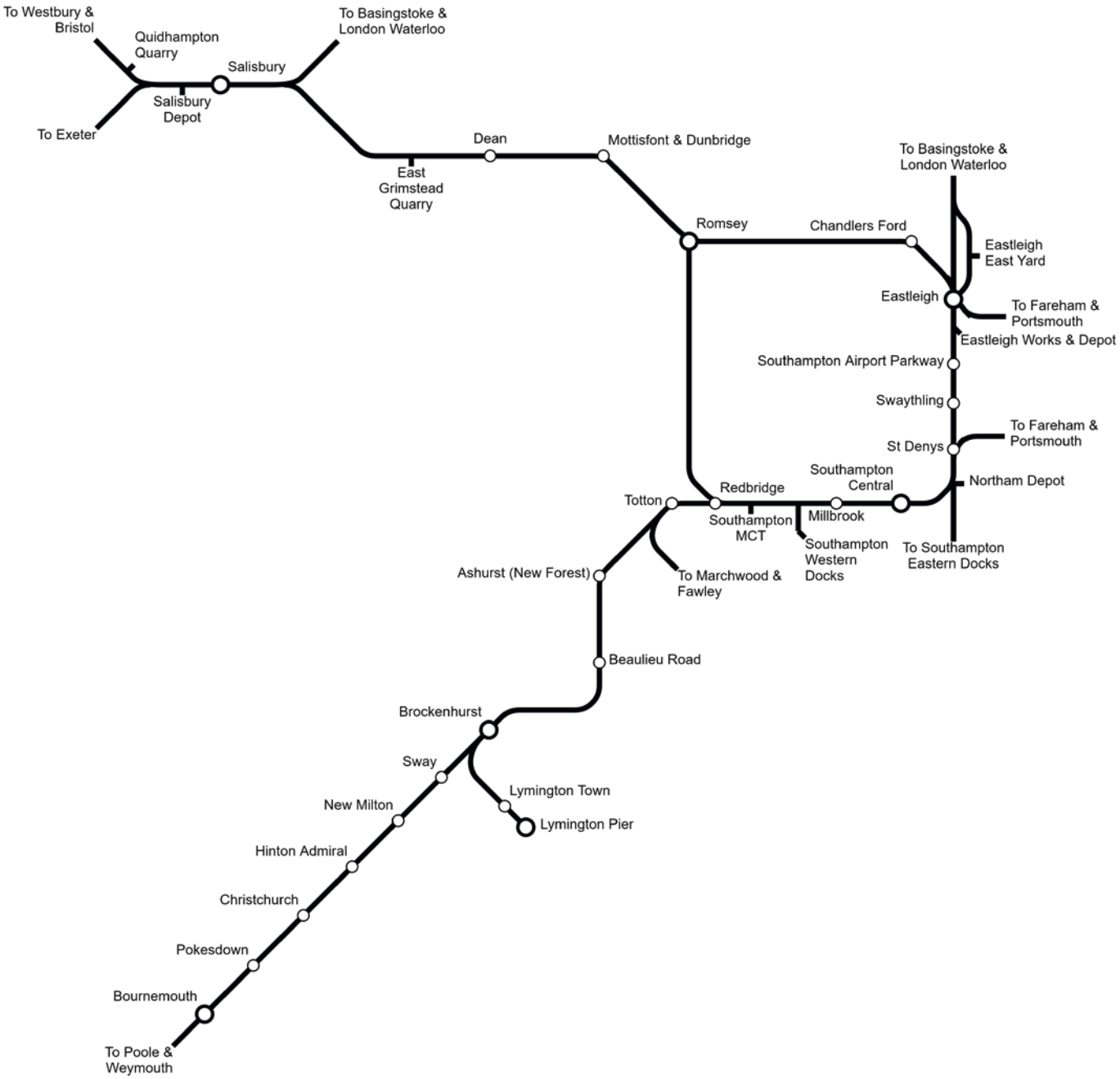
INTRODUCTION

This Wessex Main Line: Southampton-Salisbury Extension route extends Dovetail Games' South Western Main Line: Southampton - Bournemouth Route Add-On to Salisbury. **The Dovetail Games route is required for this extension to operate.**

The extension, which extends the original route by around 36 miles, includes the direct route between Redbridge and Romsey as well as the line to Romsey via Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford. It also includes the now disused quarry at Quidhampton.

Seventeen scenarios which require additional payware add-ons are included as well as ten scenarios which only require default Train Simulator stock and stock which is included in Dovetail Games' South Western Main Line: Southampton - Bournemouth route. See the SCENARIOS section for all the details.



Train Simulator requirements

If you purchased Train Simulator after 20 September 2012 you will require the European Loco & Asset Pack (available to purchase via Steam) for this route to display correctly and for some scenarios to work.

You will also require Dovetail Games' South Western Main Line: Southampton - Bournemouth Route Add-On (available to purchase via Steam).

Some of the scenarios supplied with this Wessex Main Line extension require add-ons which are not supplied with this software; see the SCENARIOS section for full details.

Scenery quality and display settings

Various effects and techniques have been used to enhance the realism of this route, including TSX technology for realistic night lighting effects.

We recommend running the route with 'Procedural Flora' turned off via Settings > Graphics > Advanced > Next and then Save.

Due to the high level of detail which has been modelled, it is best to run the route at the highest settings your PC can manage. Settings can all be accessed via the Settings > Graphics menu in Train Simulator. The route will still run at lower settings, of course, but some of the assets may not be displayed as intended.

Run in 64-bit mode!

We strongly advise you to run Train Simulator in 64-bit mode to enhance its stability:

1. Run the Steam client and select 'Games' from the top menu.
2. Select 'Train Simulator' from the left-side menu and press the blue PLAY button in the top centre of the window. The option to 'Play Train Simulator' or 'Play Train Simulator 64-bit Edition' will pop up.
3. Select the 64-bit option and press 'Play'.

INSTALLATION, UPDATES AND SUPPORT

You can install this add-on as often as you like on the same computer system. To re-download the Wessex Main Line: Southampton-Salisbury Extension software:

1. Log in to your account on the Just Trains website.
2. Click on the 'Your Orders' button.
3. A list of your purchases will appear and you can then re-download the software you require.

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To uninstall this product from your system, select the appropriate option for your version of Windows from the Control Panel:

- 'Add or Remove Programs' (Windows XP)
- 'Programs and Features' (Windows Vista or 7)
- 'Apps & features' (Windows 10 or later)

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STATIONS

Salisbury

Opened 1859

Passengers 2021-2022: 1,288,702

Dean

Opened 1847

Passengers 2021-2022: 33,300

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

Opened 1847

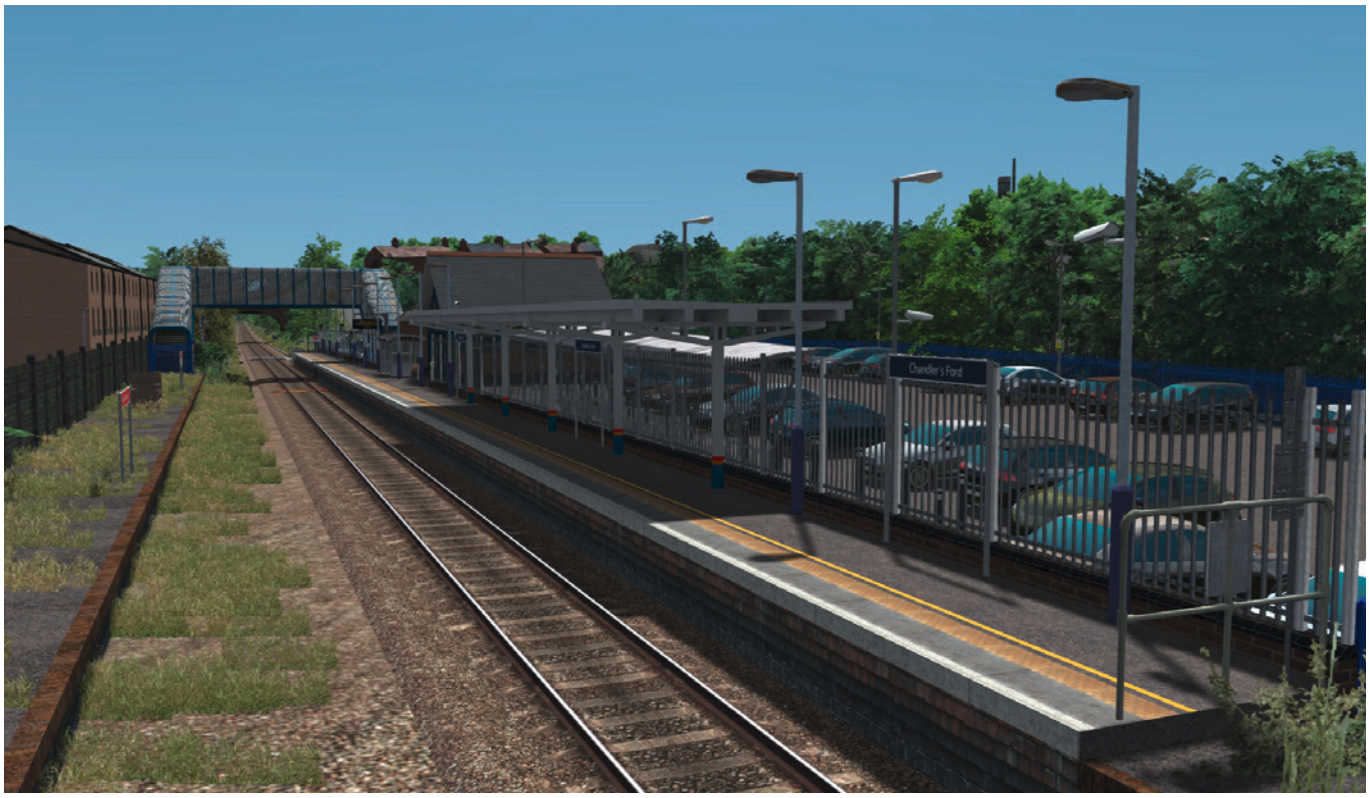
Passengers 2021-2022: 23,726

Romsey

Opened 1847

Passengers 2021-2022: 328,886

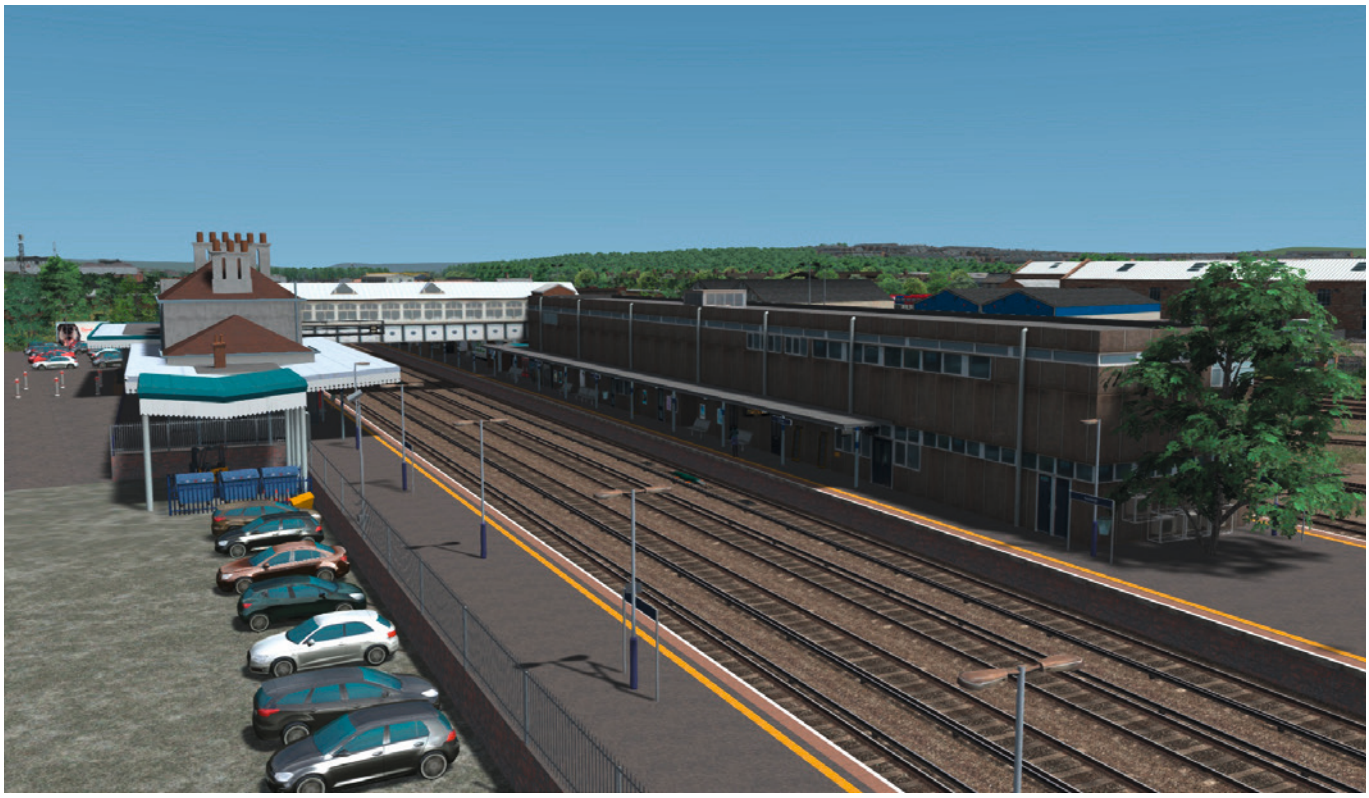
Chandler's Ford

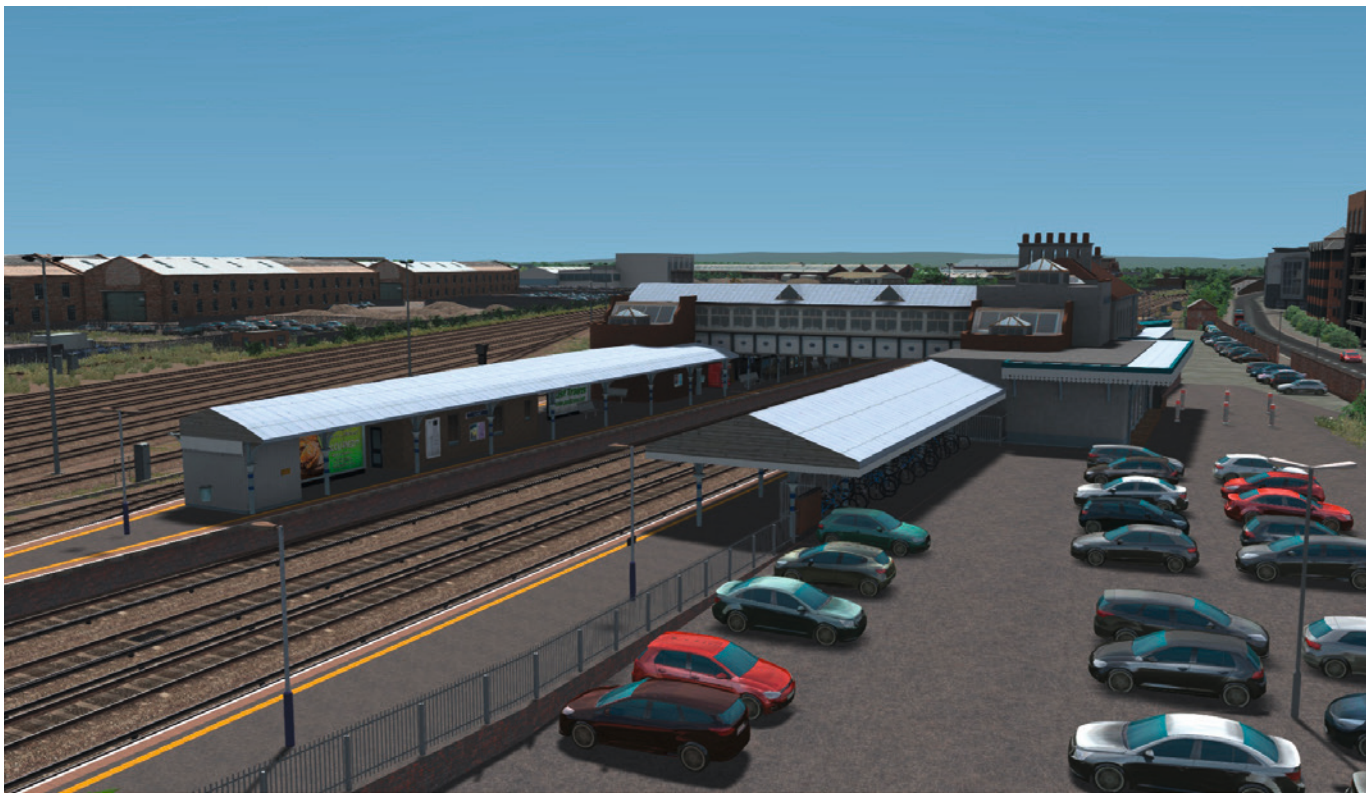


Opened 1847, closed 1969, reopened 2003

Passengers 2021-2022: 94,656

Eastleigh





Opened 1839

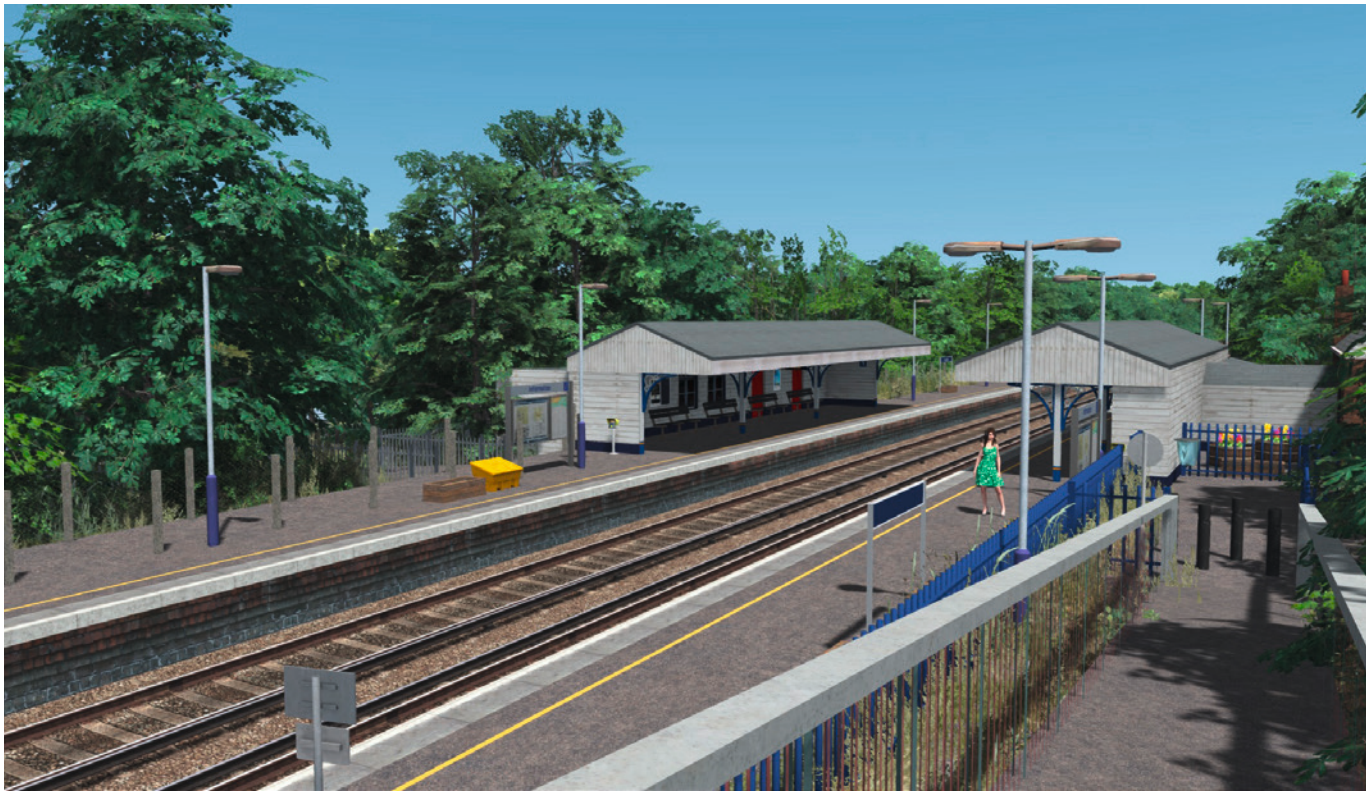
Passengers 2021-2022: 907,938

Southampton Airport Parkway

Opened 1966

Passengers 2021-2022: 780,160

Swaythling



Opened 1883

Passengers 2021-2022: 57,640

St Denys

Opened 1861 (relocated to present location in 1866)

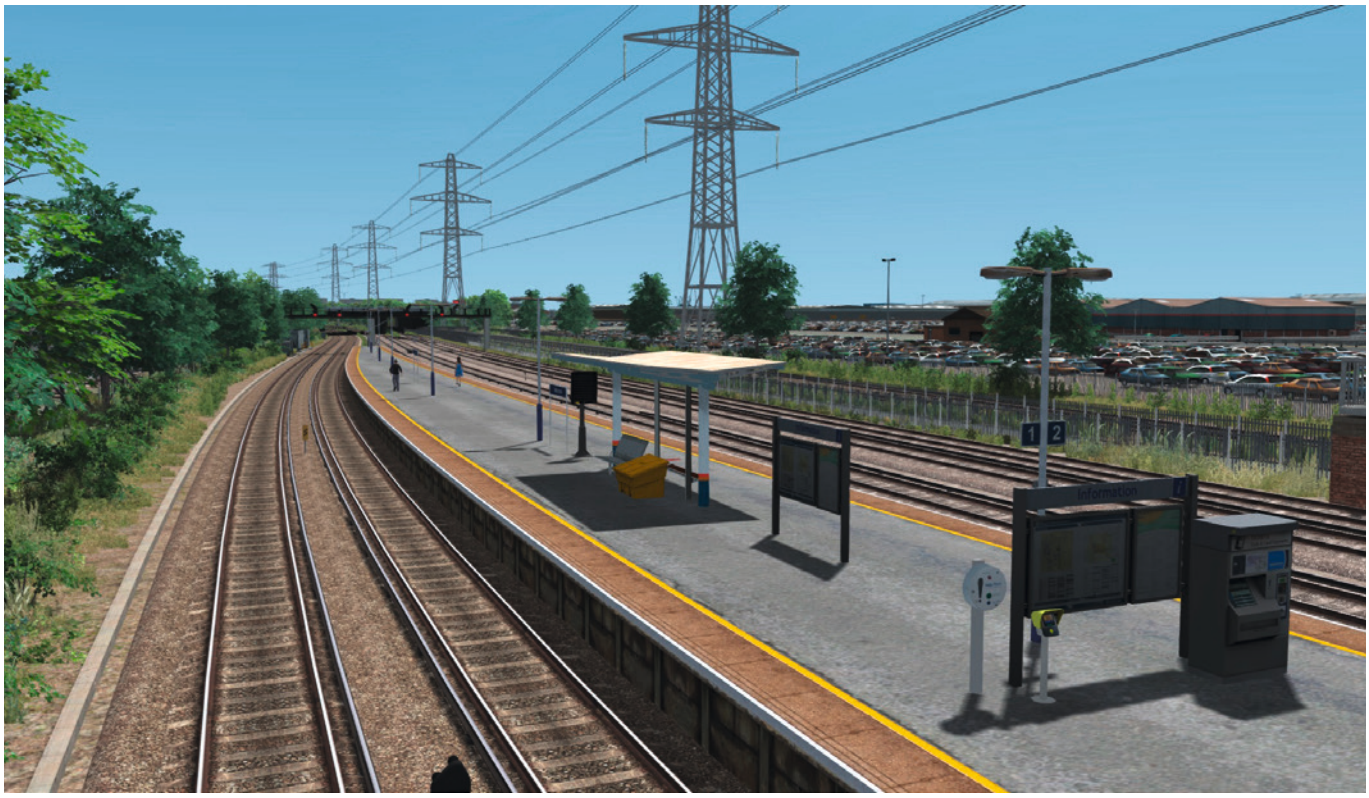
Passengers 2021-2022: 147,764

Southampton Central

Opened 1895

Passengers 2021-2022: 4,294,330

Millbrook



Opened 1861

Passengers 2021-2022: 20,988

Redbridge

Opened 1847

Passengers 2021-2022: 27,416

FEATURES TO LOOK OUT FOR ON THE ROUTE

Driving from Salisbury to Romsey

Here are some of the landmark buildings and other features of interest along the route as you drive from Salisbury to Romsey, starting west of Salisbury around Wilton Junction and Quidhampton:

Wilton Junction

Wilton Junction sees the former LSWR route to Exeter split from the former GWR route to Westbury. The lines join together here for the run through Salisbury before parting company again, going to London and Southampton respectively. Until October 1973, when Wilton Junction was put in, the two lines ran parallel to each other from Wilton to Salisbury. The stub of line to Quidhampton is all that remains of the former GWR route east of Wilton.

Quidhampton Quarry

Quidhampton was an industrial chalk quarry for more than 100 years until its closure in 2009 due to a lack of demand, with services primarily to Eastleigh for onward distribution. It also received traffic for ten years from East Grimstead Quarry. There are plans for it to become a disposal site for spoil from the HS2 construction works; this will be brought in by rail, although services haven't started at the time of writing in summer 2023.

Salisbury Depot

Salisbury T&R.S.M.D. opened in 1992 to accommodate Network SouthEast's new fleet of Class 159 DMUs for the West of England Main Line. It is built on the site of the former GWR station and the headshunt at the west end follows the alignment of the former GWR route, which would have once connected to the headshunt at Quidhampton.

Former Salisbury GWR station

The GWR Salisbury station opened in 1856 as the terminus of the broad gauge branch line from Westbury. Passenger services were transferred to the adjacent LSWR station in 1932 and Brunel's station building became a Grade II listed building in 1972.

Salisbury Cathedral

Built between 1220 and 1258, with the spire being added in 1320, Salisbury Cathedral dominates the Salisbury skyline. The spire is the tallest church spire in the United Kingdom at 404ft (123m) and the cathedral also has the largest cloister and largest cathedral close in Britain. The cathedral is home to a clock which is among the oldest working examples in the world and it also has one of the four surviving original copies of Magna Carta.

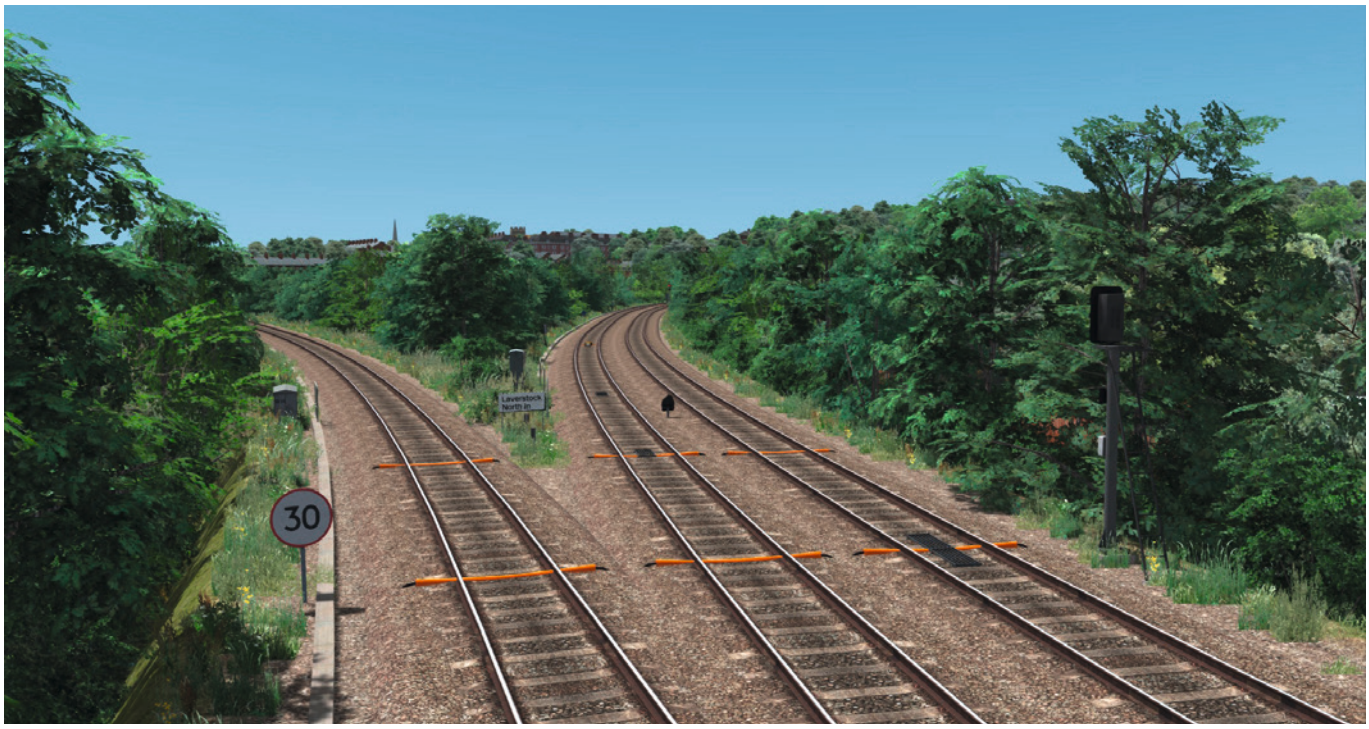
Fisherton Tunnel

Fisherton Tunnel is 443 yards long, with the eastern portal immediately before the Salisbury Tunnel Junction which sees the Wessex Main Line and West of England Main Line split.

Salisbury Tunnel Junction

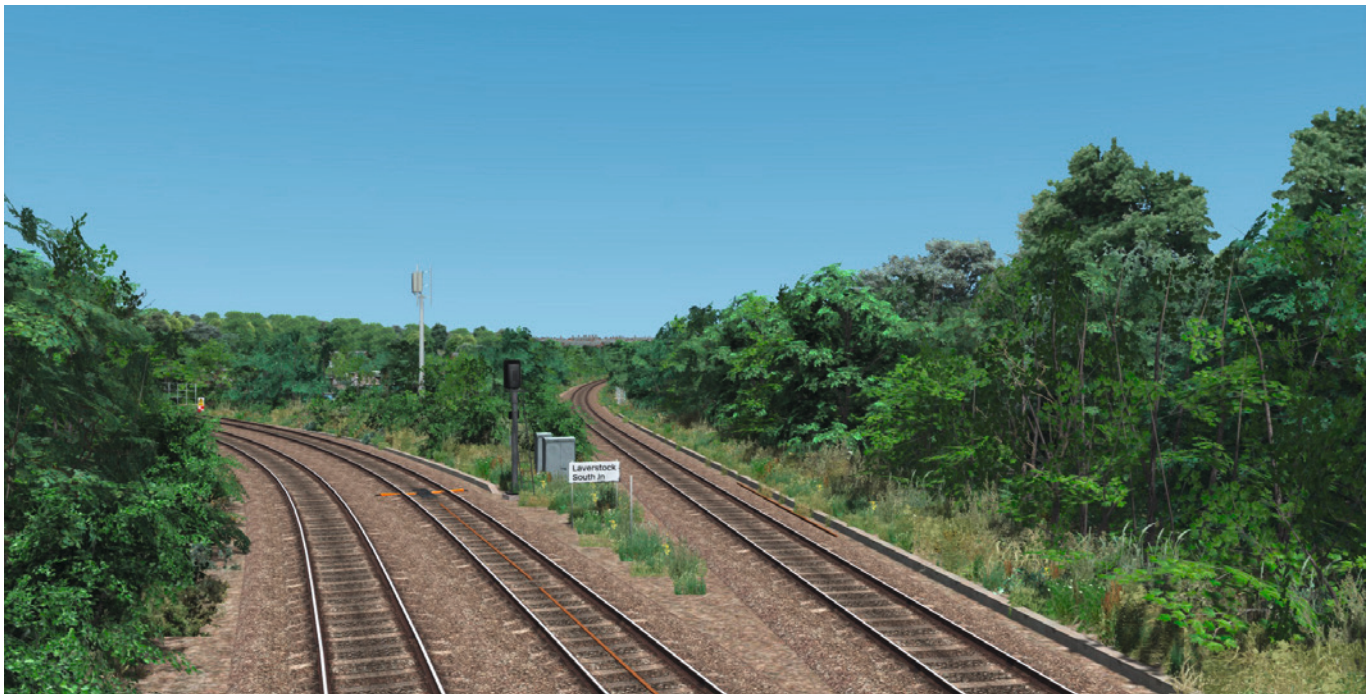
Salisbury Tunnel Junction is where the Wessex Main Line and West of England Main Line split, with the former heading south-east and the latter north-east.

Laverstock North Junction



Laverstock North Junction is on the West of England Main Line and provides a connecting chord onto the Wessex Main Line for trains heading south-west without having to reverse at Salisbury. The chord was reinstated in 1981, having been removed in 1859 after only two years of use.

Laverstock South Junction



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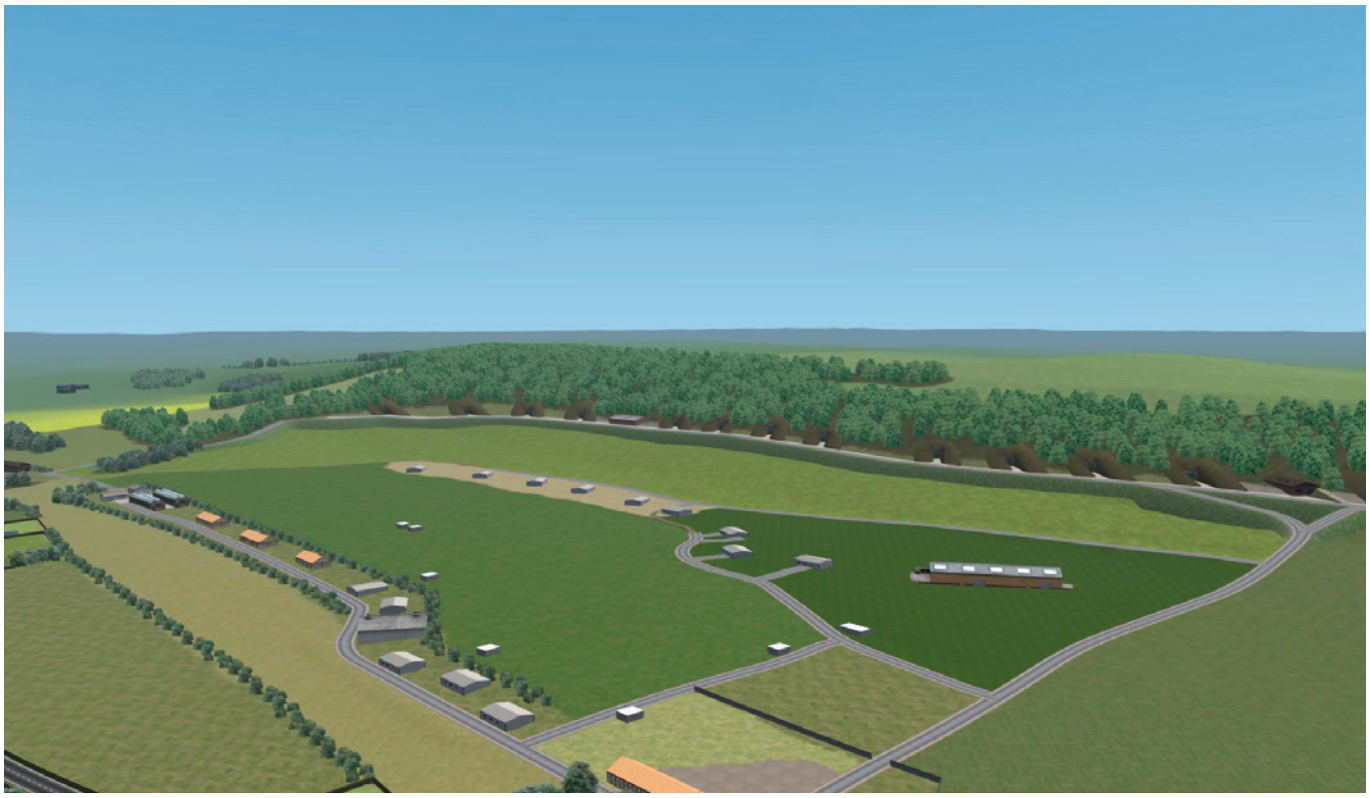
Site of Salisbury landslip (2020)

The Wessex Main Line was forced to shut on 18 February 2020 for over a month because of a landslip just before where the railway swings north at the site of the former Salisbury Milford station. The embankment was restabilised with 250m of 13m-deep piles and reopened three days ahead of schedule.

East Grimstead Quarry

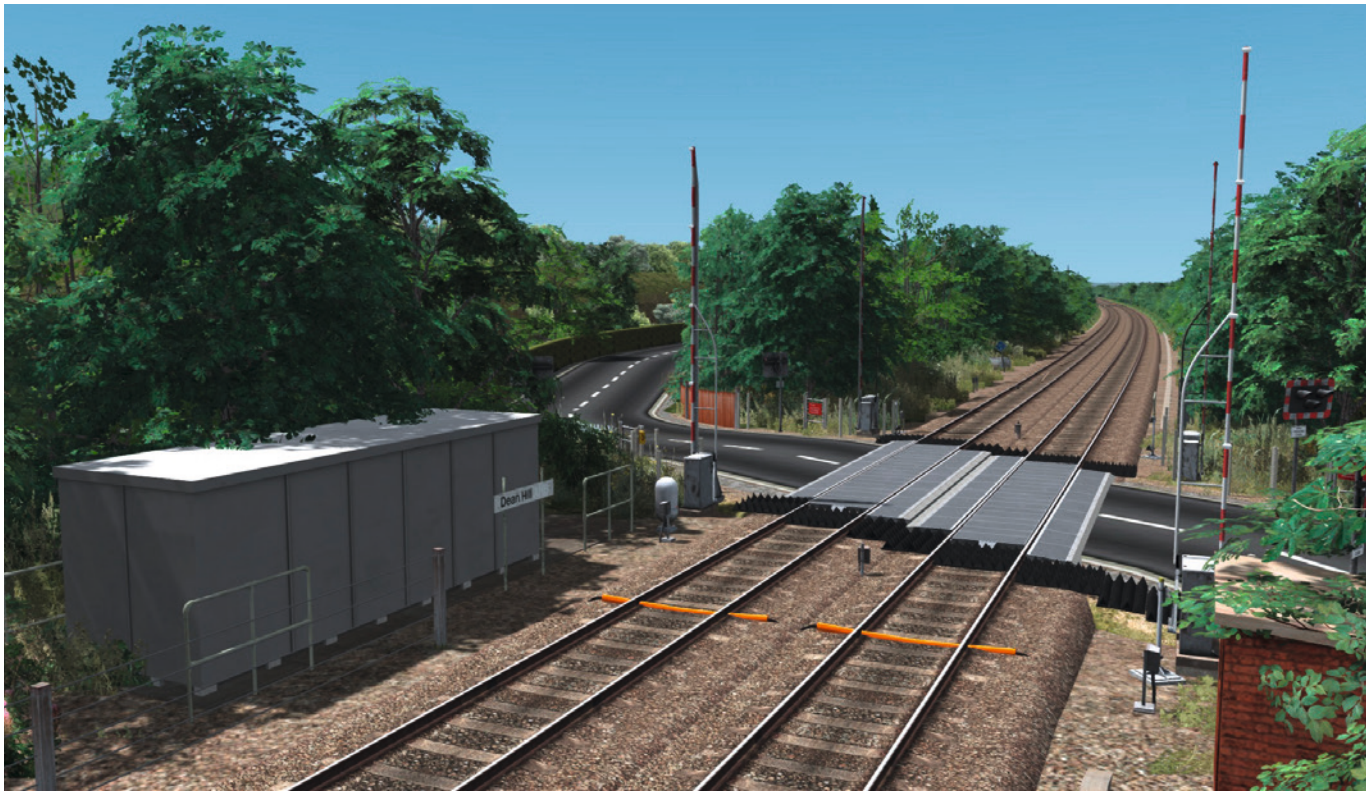
The sidings at East Grimstead Quarry were laid in 1972 and the site took chalk by rail to Quidhampton for ten years before operations ceased. In the late 1980s, withdrawn 4TC sets were stored here after being made redundant due to the electrification of the South Western Main Line between Bournemouth and Weymouth.

Dean Hill RNAD



The Royal Naval Armaments Depot at Dean Hill opened in 1938, with a rail link built in 1941. The 500-acre site included 24 vast bunkers deep in the chalk hillside as well as 7km of 2'6" gauge railway to move munitions around the site. The MoD closed the rail link in 1994, with weapons moved solely by road for a decade until the site shut completely in 2004 after becoming surplus to requirements.

Dean Hill Level Crossing



Dean Hill Level Crossing is located between Dean and Mottisfont & Dunbridge. It was upgraded from an AHB crossing to an MCB-OD crossing in 2015.

Kimbridge Level Crossing

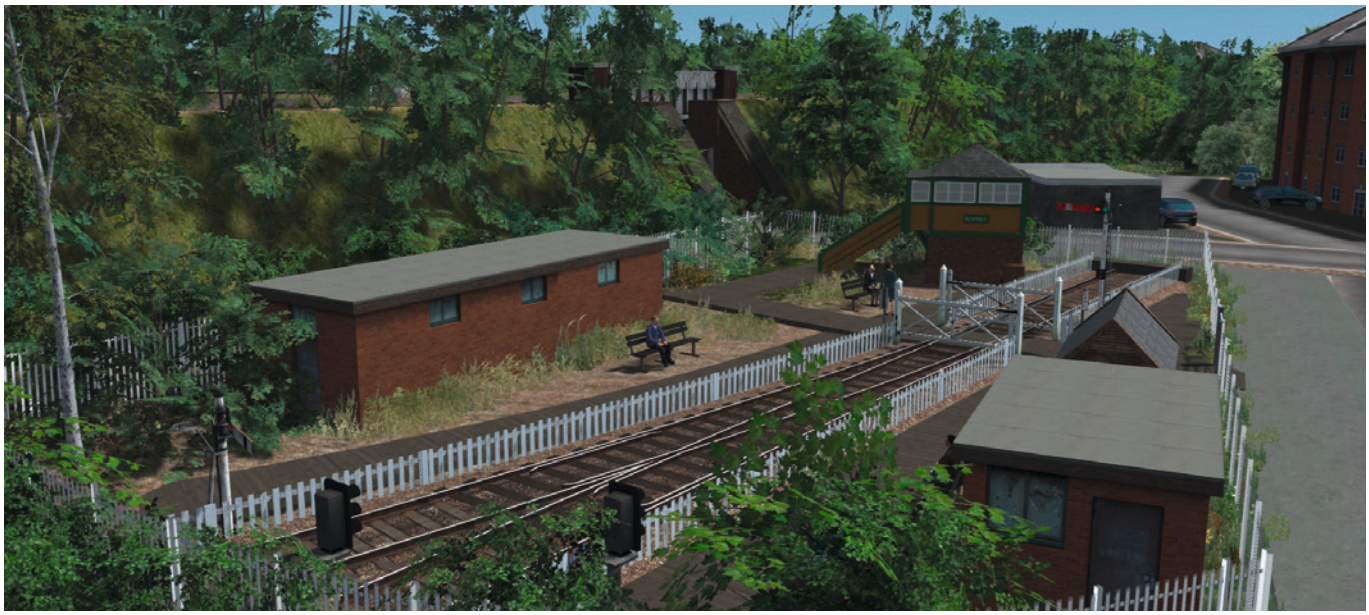
Kimbridge Level Crossing is located between Mottisfont & Dunbridge and Romsey. This location was once six tracks wide (the two ‘down goods’ lines were situated where the Network Rail access track exists to the south of the line today) and served as the junction for the Sprat & Winkle line to Andover which shut in 1967.

FEATURES TO LOOK OUT FOR ON THE ROUTE

Driving from Romsey to Southampton Central via Eastleigh

Here are some of the landmark buildings and other features of interest along the route as you drive from Romsey to Southampton Central via Eastleigh:

Romsey Signal Box



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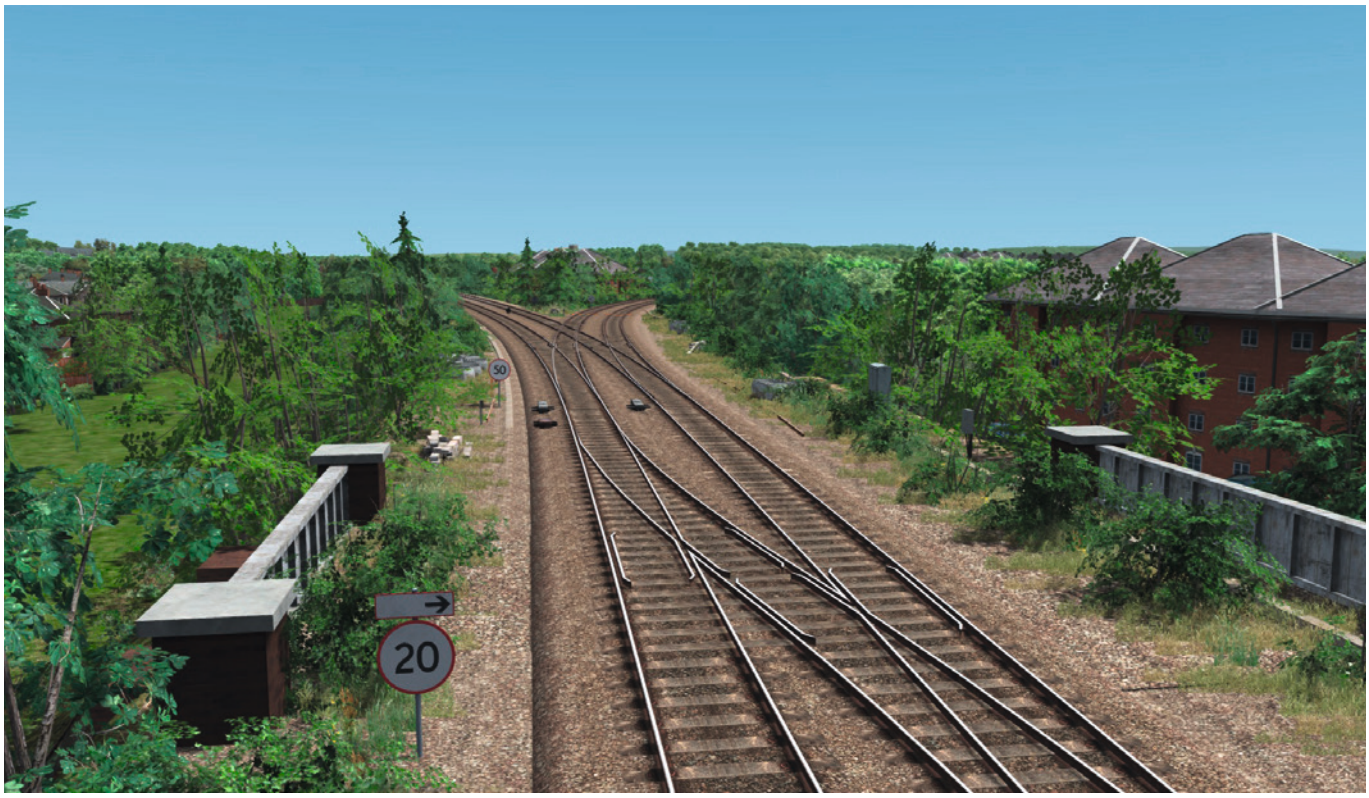
Romsey Junction



At Romsey Junction the branch to Redbridge splits from the main line to Eastleigh. Nowadays the ‘branch’ receives far more traffic than the ‘main line’.

Romsey Single Line Junction

At this point the line to Eastleigh becomes single track, having been singled in 1972, three years after passenger services were withdrawn between Eastleigh and Romsey.

Halterworth Level Crossing

Halterworth Level Crossing is located between Romsey and Chandlers Ford.

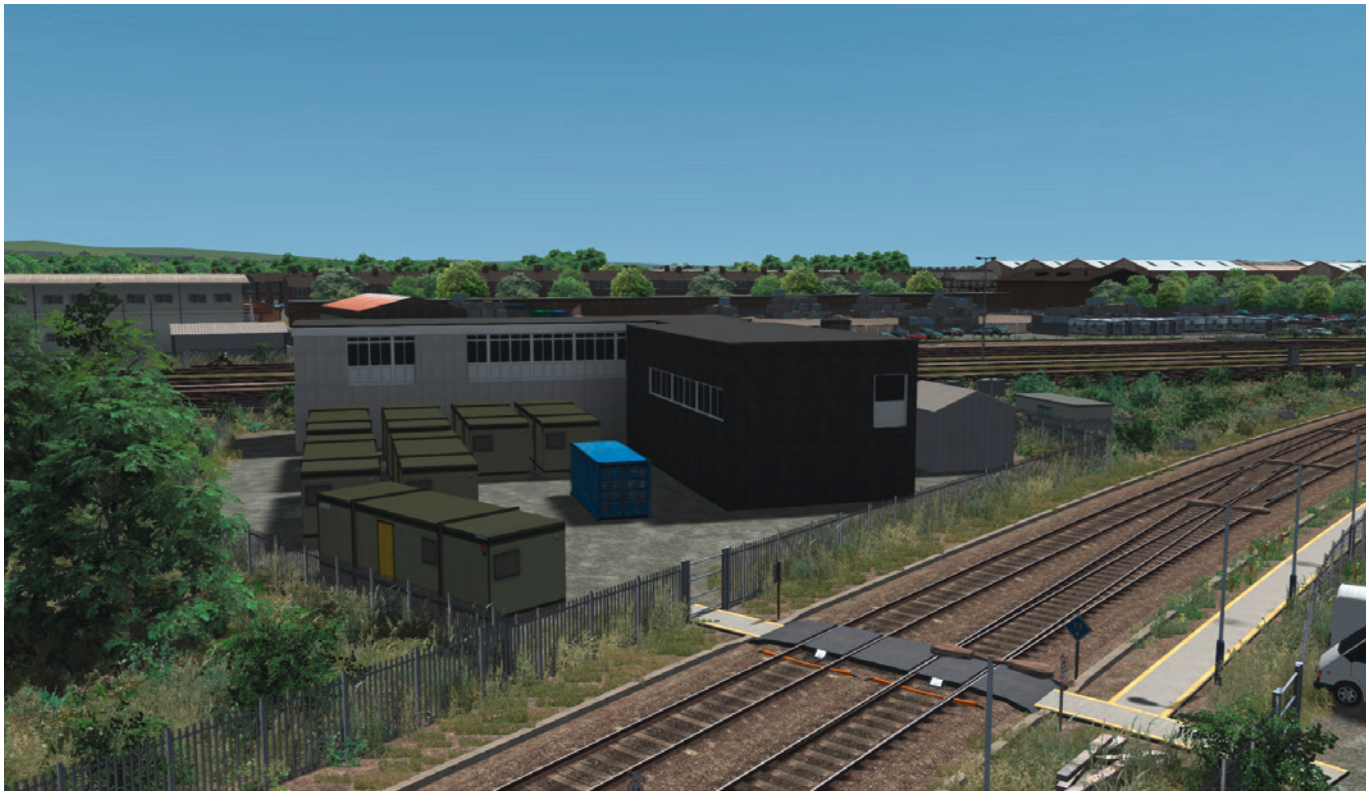
Eastleigh Single Line Junction

The line to Romsey becomes single track here, having been singled in 1972, three years after passenger services were withdrawn between Eastleigh and Romsey.

Eastleigh East Junction

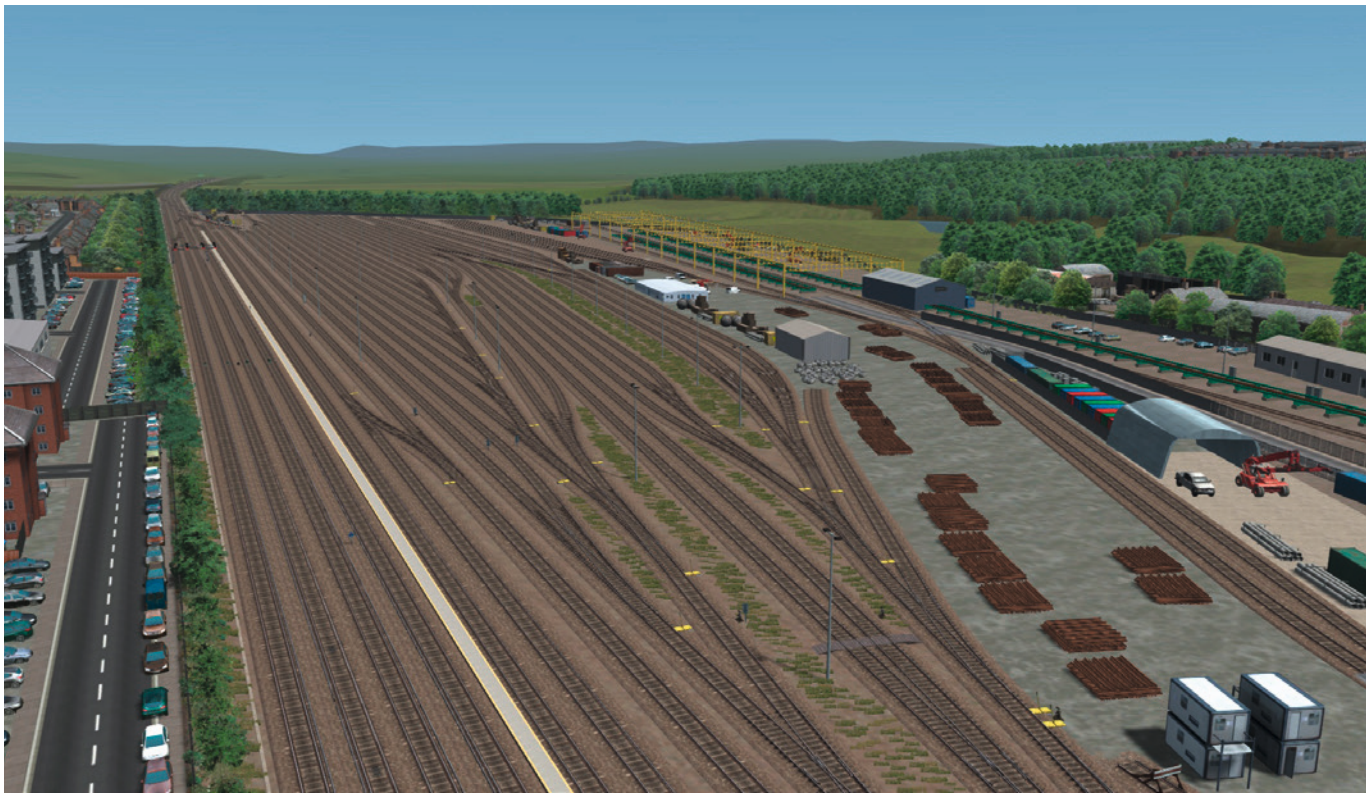
The line from Romsey joins the South Western Main Line at Eastleigh East Junction, located between Eastleigh East Yard and Eastleigh station.

Eastleigh Area Signalling Centre (ASC)



Eastleigh Area Signalling Centre (ASC) is located at Eastleigh East Junction and provides signalling for a large area of the Wessex region. It interfaces with Basingstoke ASC south-west of Worting Junction and Brockenhurst ASC around Beaulieu Road. It also controls both lines to Salisbury as far as Mottisfont & Dunbridge, where it interfaces with Salisbury ASC, and the lines to Fareham where it interfaces with Havant ASC.

Eastleigh East Yard

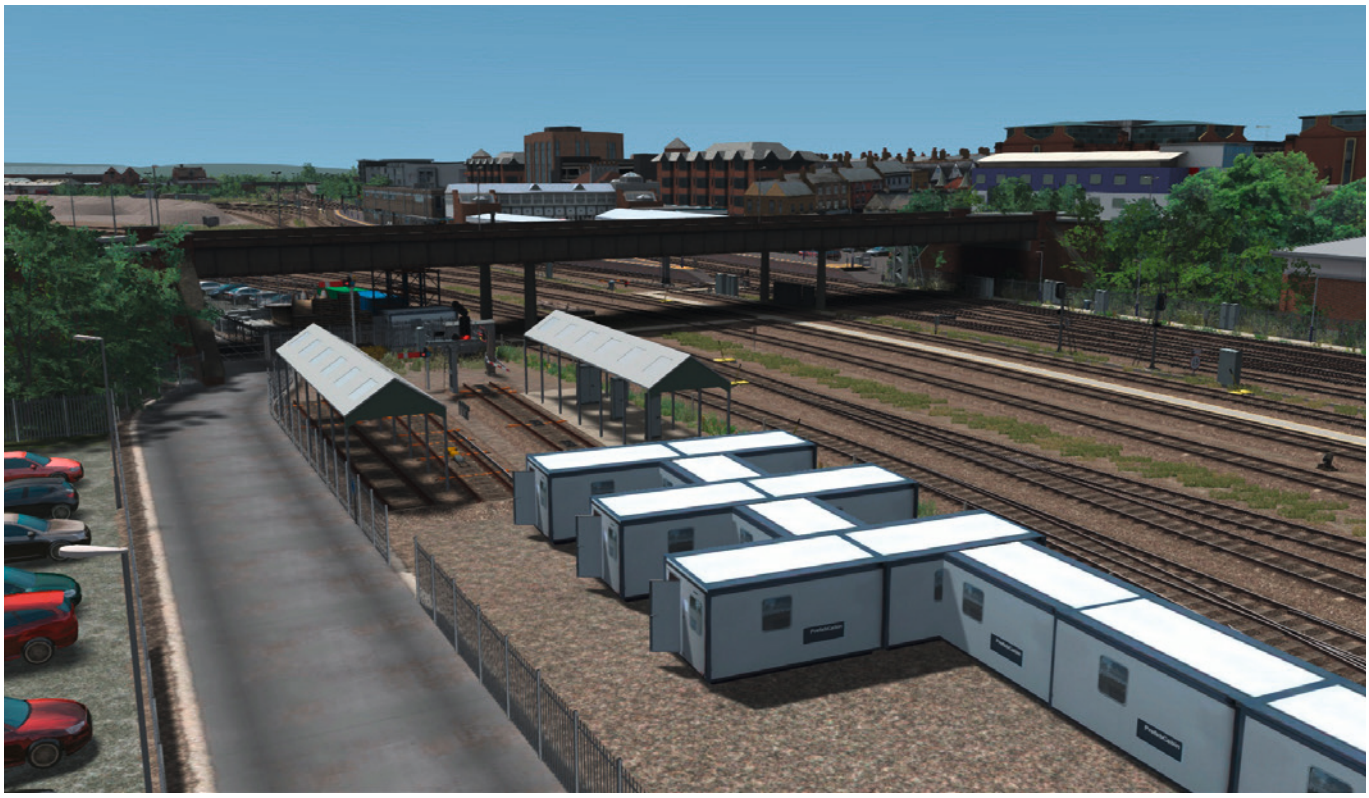


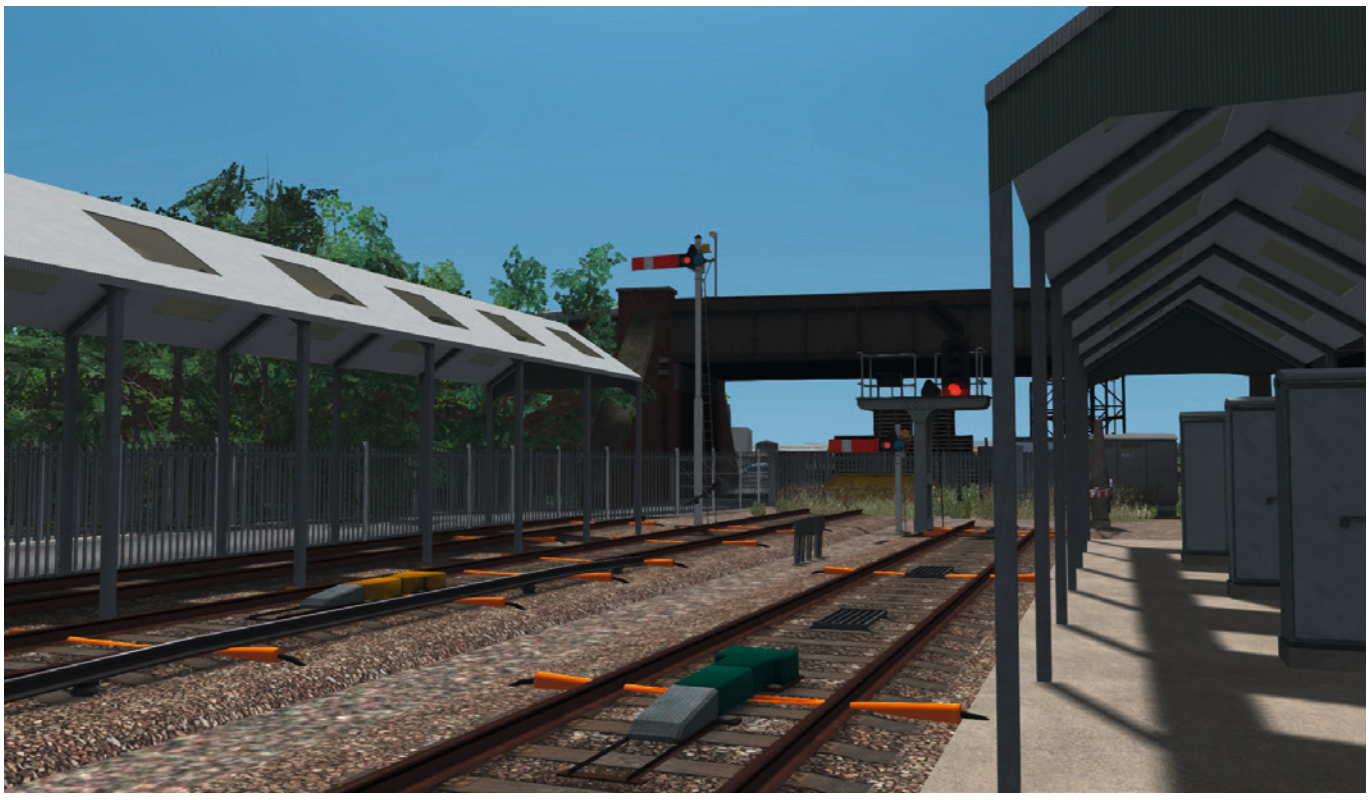
Eastleigh East Yard is located to the north of Eastleigh station and is a vast yard area. Today it primarily serves as a hub for engineering trains, with multiple daily services to Westbury and Hoo Junction.

Eastleigh Long Welded Rail Depot

Eastleigh Long Welded Rail Depot is located at the eastern edge of Eastleigh East Yard. New track is welded into huge 216m (708ft) lengths after delivery in shorter sections from British Steel in Scunthorpe.

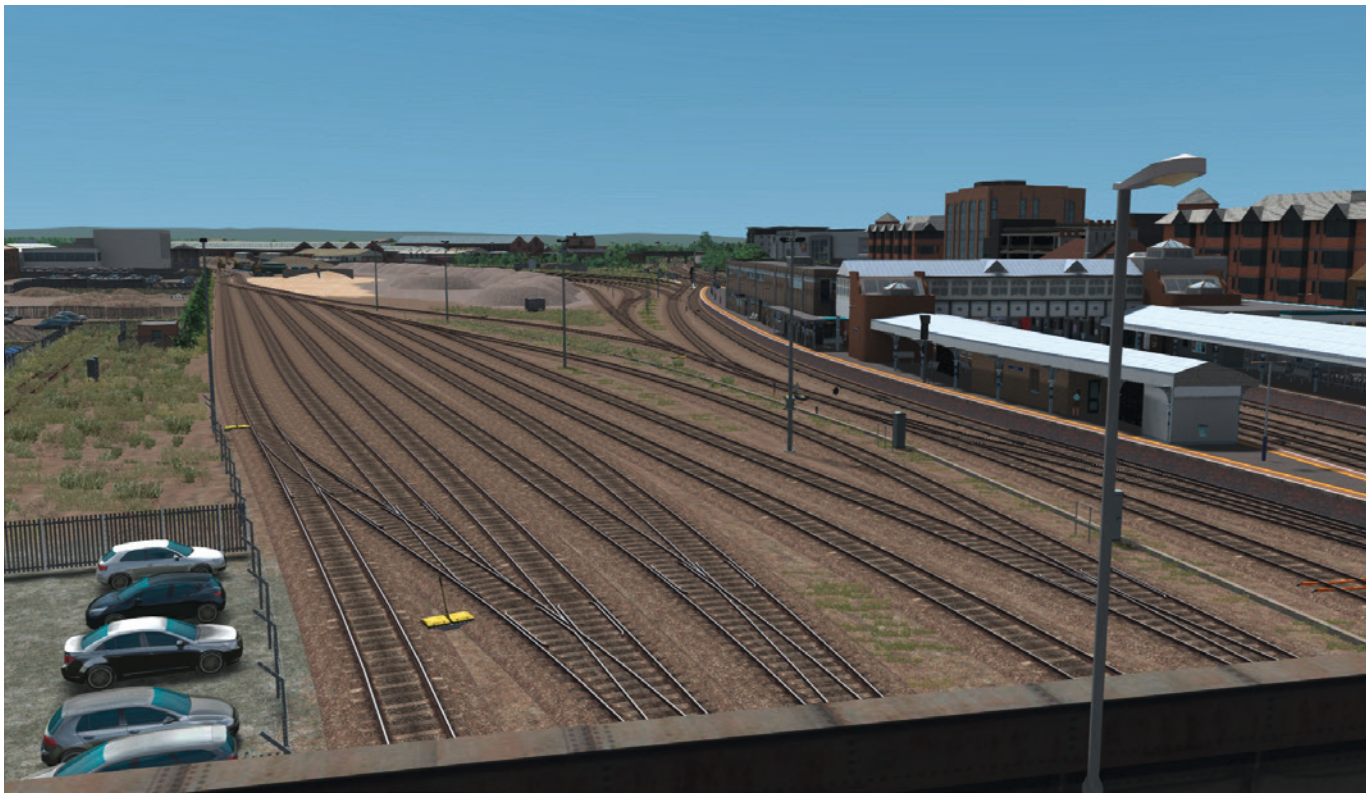
Eastleigh S&T Training Limited

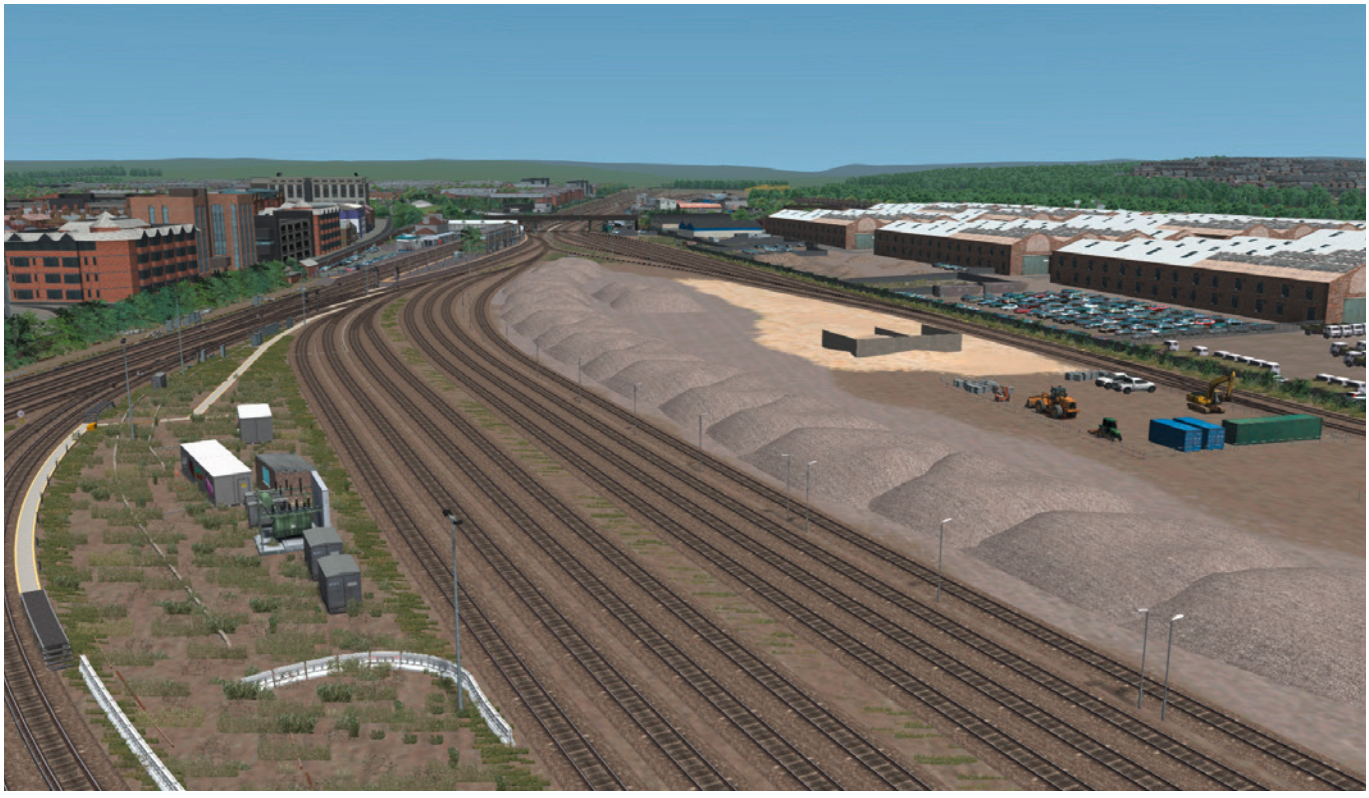




The Eastleigh S&T Training Centre is located next to the main line just north of the station. The small complex contains several tracks, a variety of signals and a level crossing barrier.

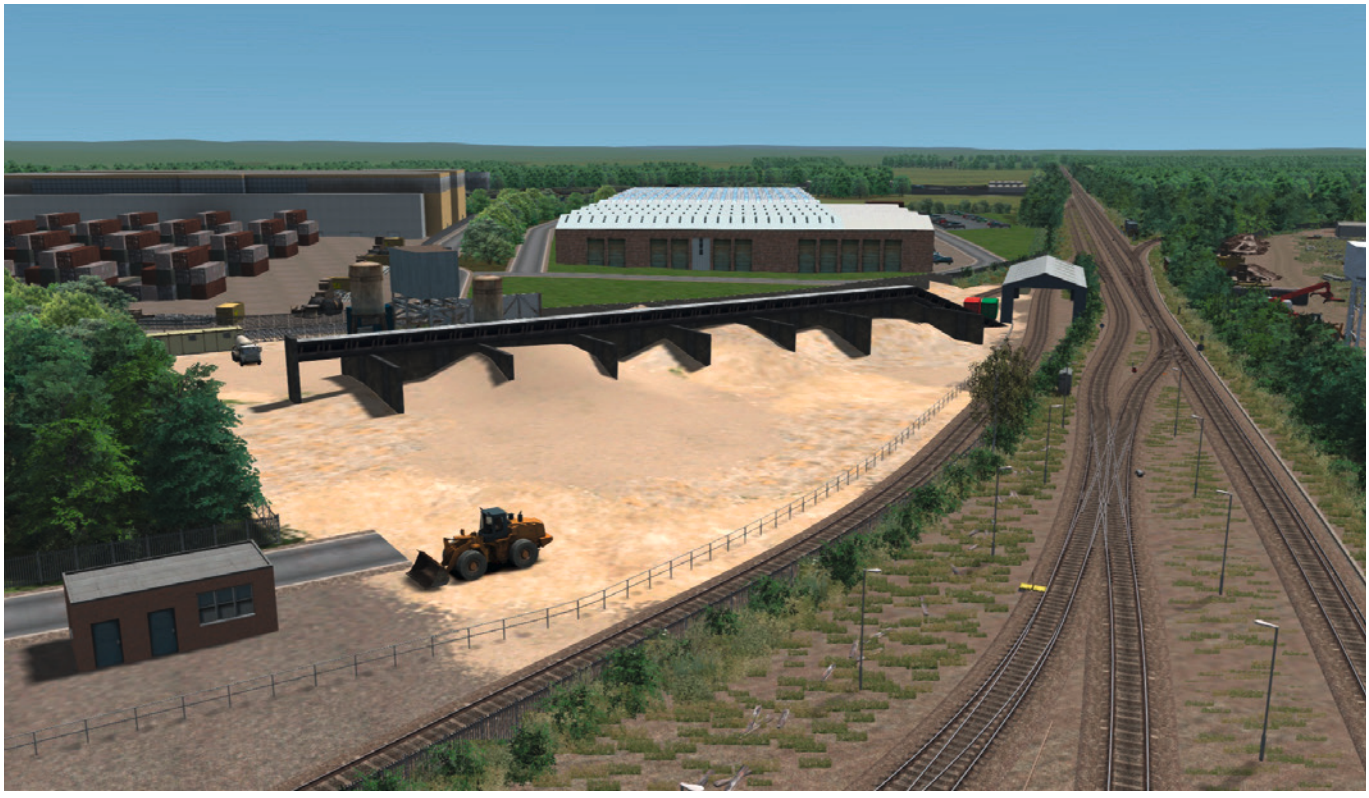
Eastleigh Marshalling Yard





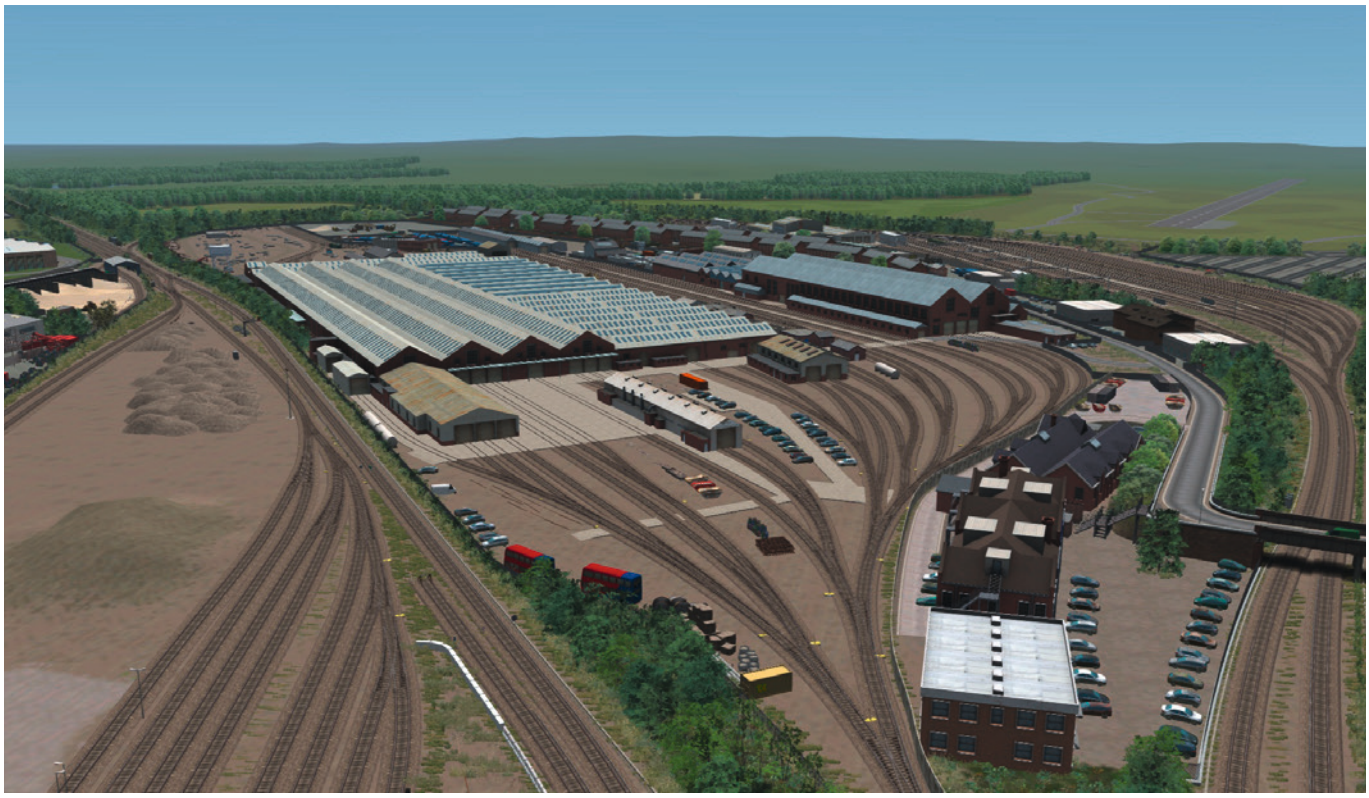
Eastleigh Marshalling Yard is adjacent to Eastleigh station and is dominated by large ballast stockpiles, having had a variety of uses over the years.

Eastleigh Aggregate Sidings



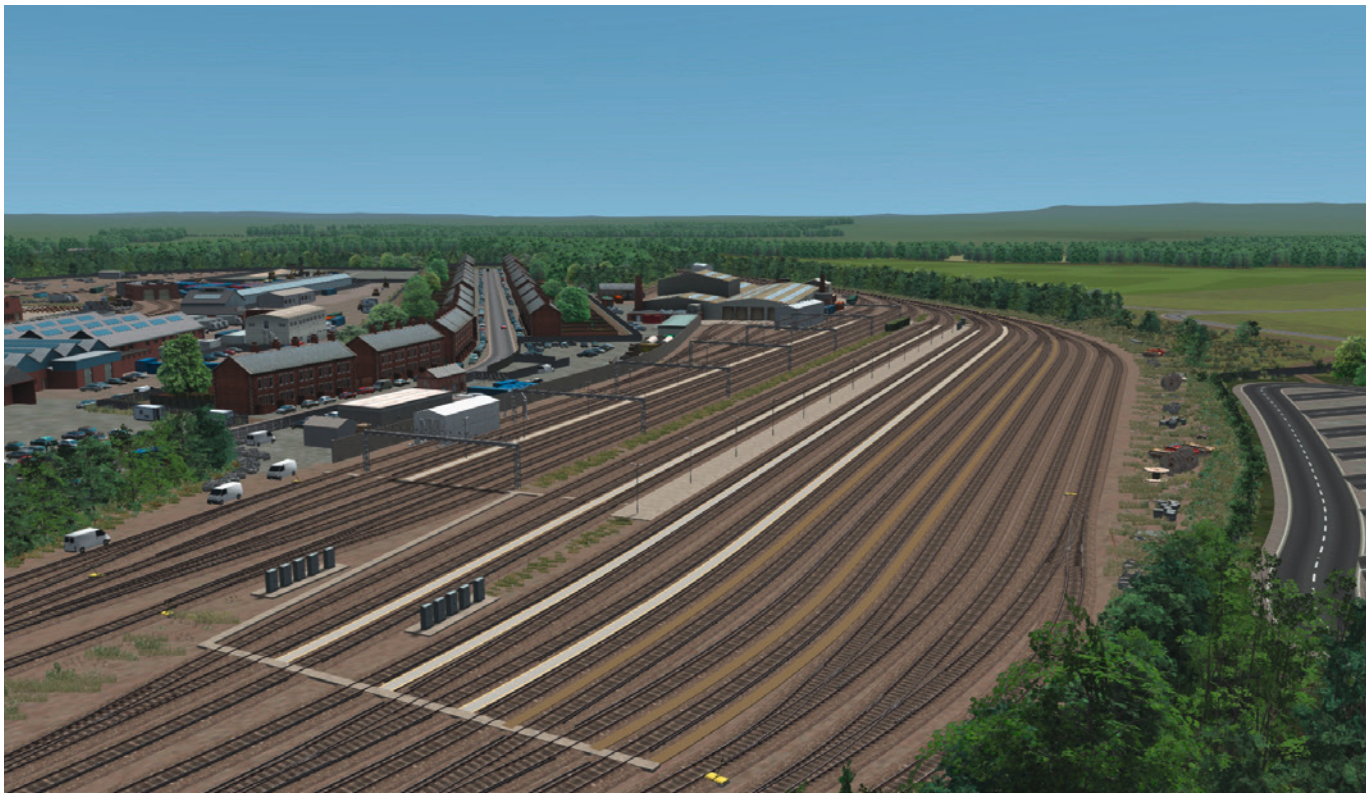
Eastleigh Aggregate Sidings primarily serve quarry traffic from Merehead Quarry.

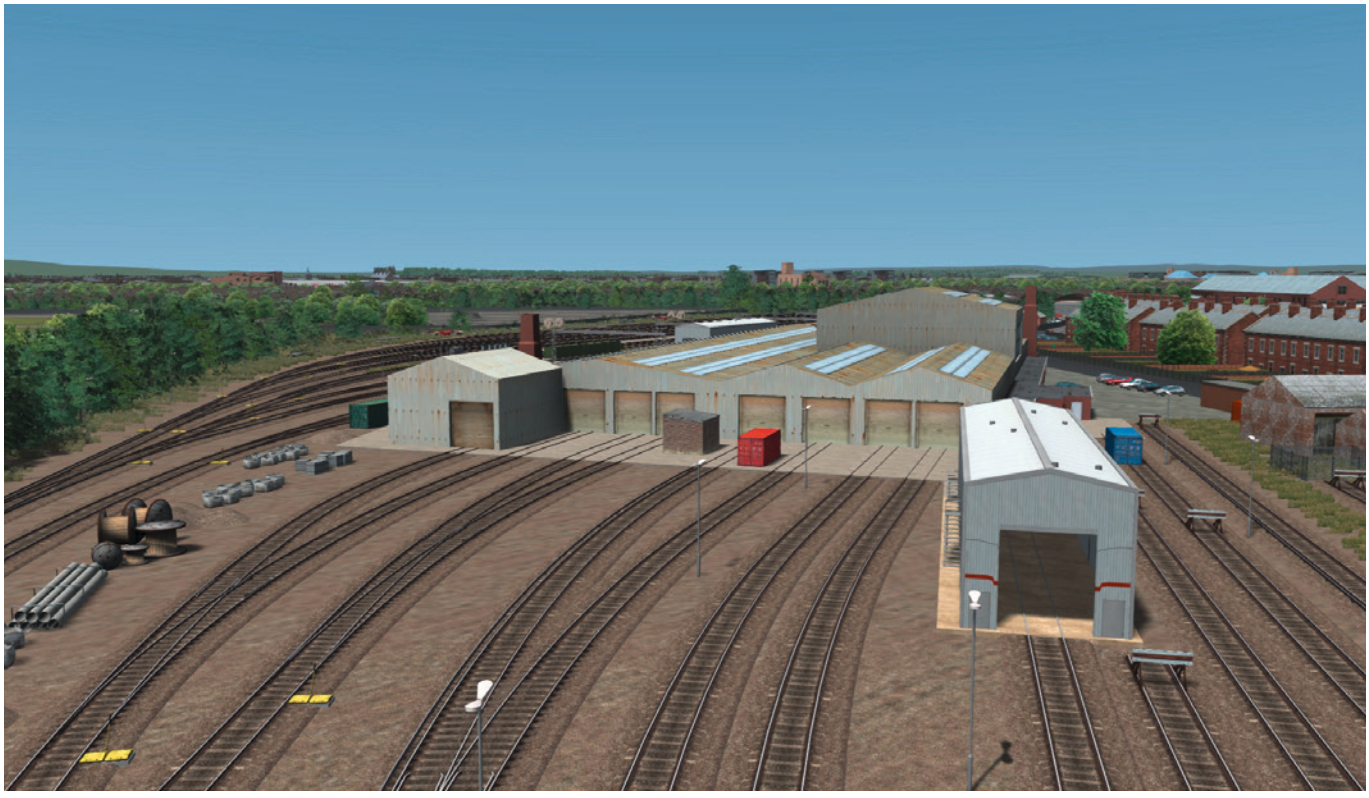
Eastleigh Works



Eastleigh Works was opened in 1891 by the LSWR, with many of the LSWR's (Drummond) and SR's (Maunsell & Bulleid) locomotives being built here until nationalisation. In total, 320 steam locomotives were built here before steam locomotive building ceased in 1950. Nowadays the site is primarily occupied by Arlington Fleet Services, which carries out maintenance, repairs, overhauls, painting and storage.

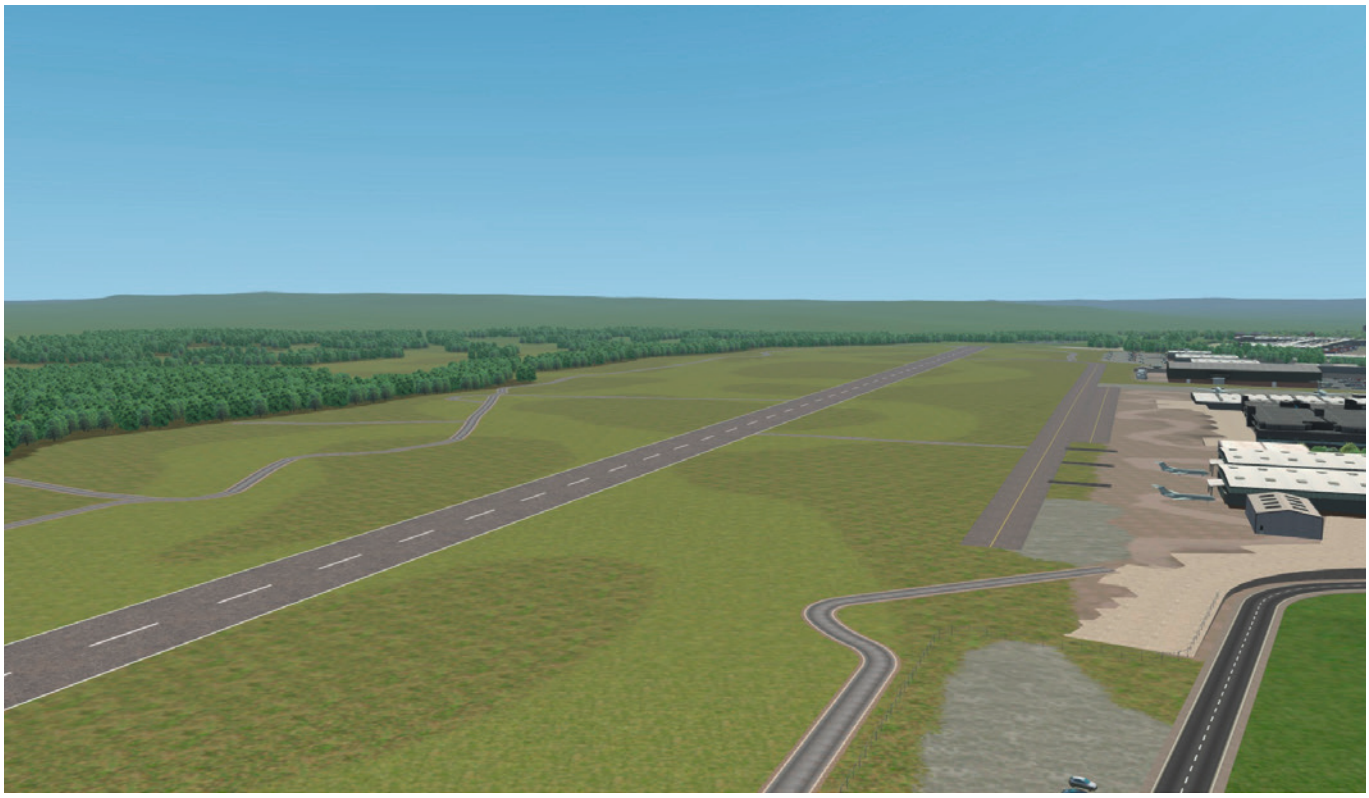
Eastleigh Depot





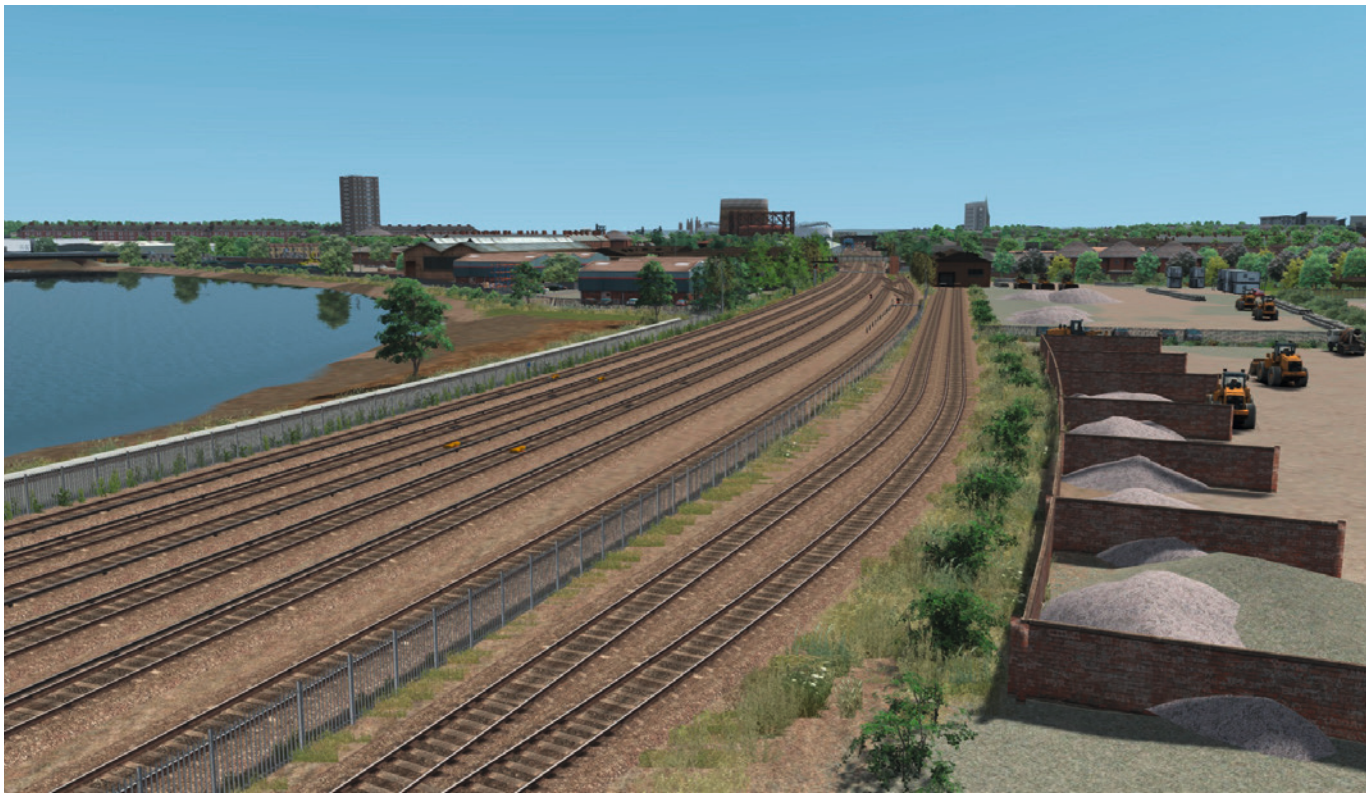
Eastleigh T&R.S.M.D. was opened in 1903 by the LSWR as a 15-road locomotive shed. Nowadays it is operated by Arriva TrainCare, servicing CrossCountry Class 220 and 221 Voyagers. It has also been used as a storage location for SWR's delayed Class 701 Arterios.

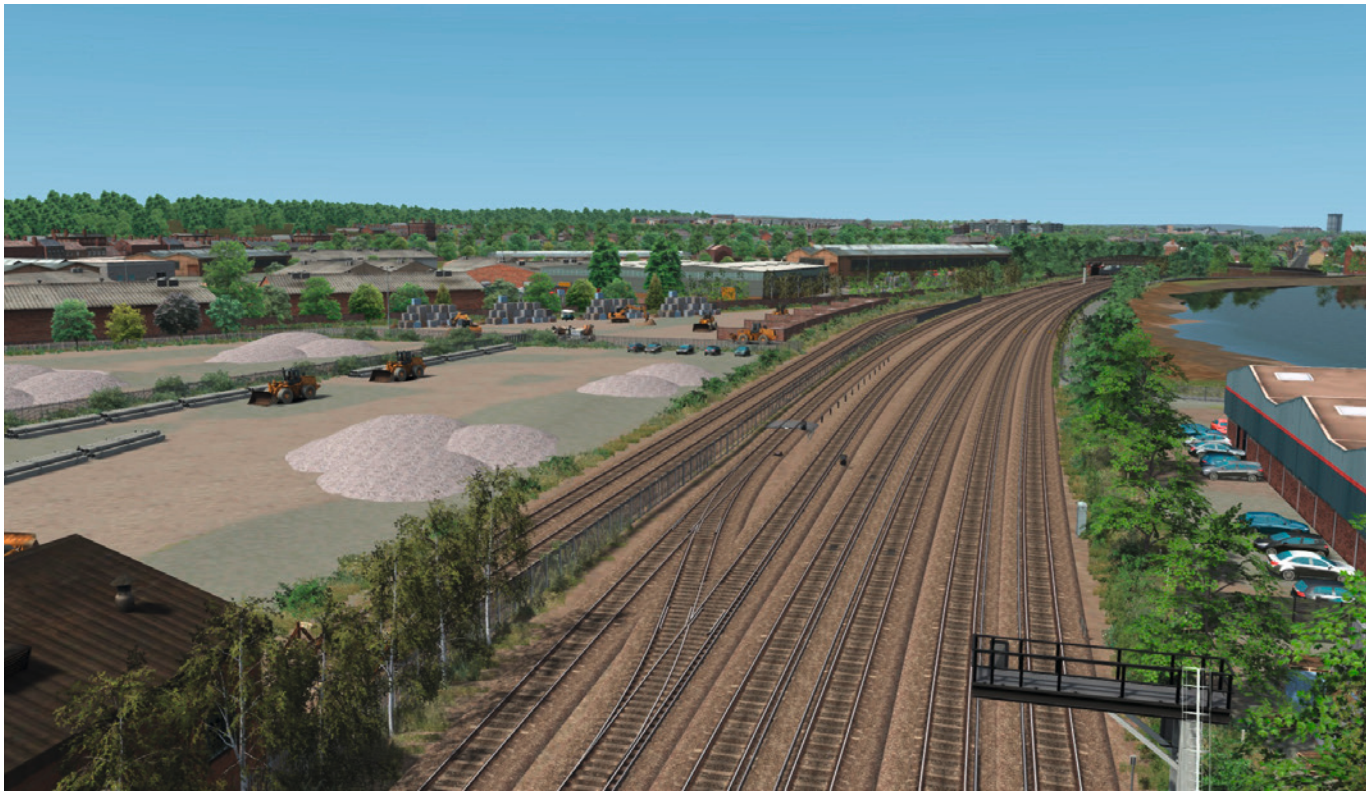
Southampton Airport



Southampton Airport was opened to the public in 1932 and became a large regional airport. It has a single runway and operates flights to destinations in the UK as well as to some European destinations abroad.

Southampton Up Yard (Bevois Park)



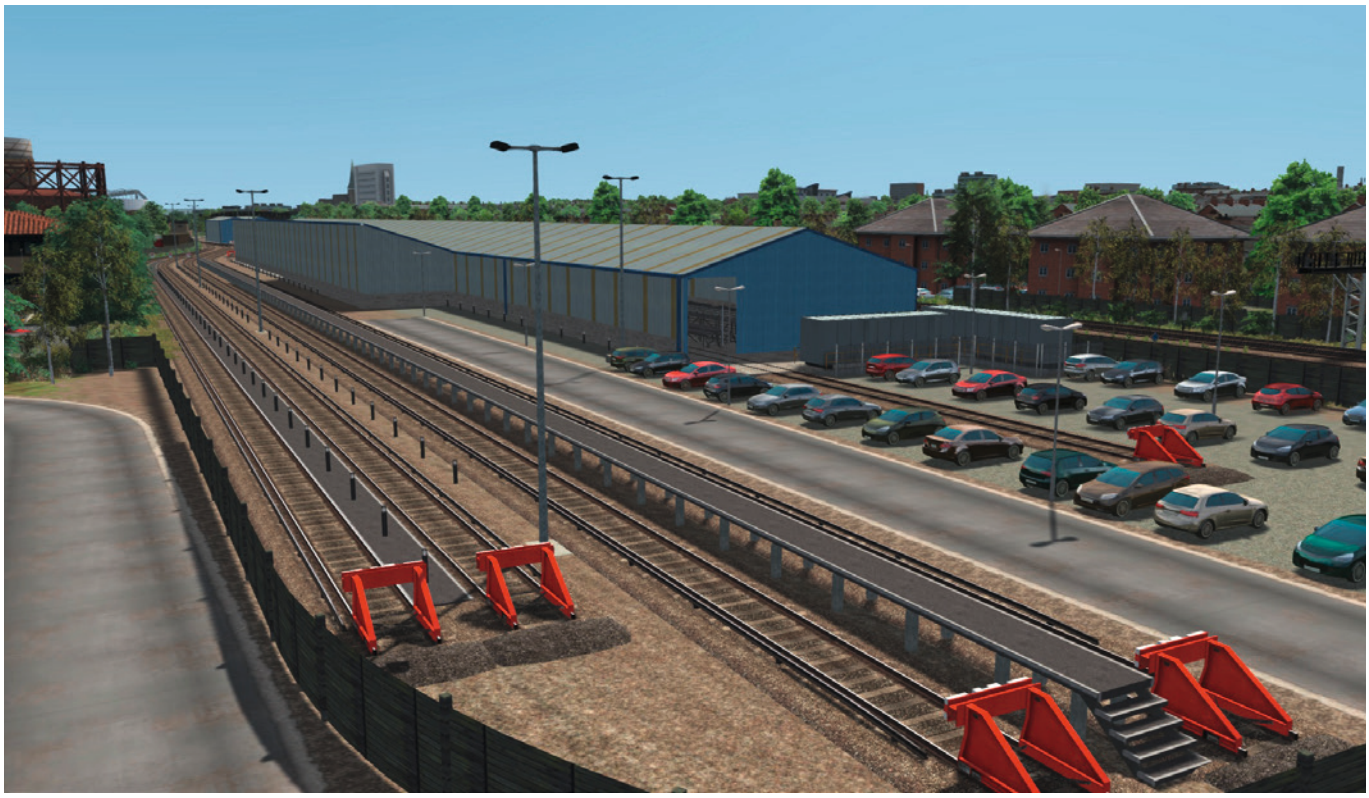


Southampton Up Yard, also known as Bevois Park, primarily serves quarry traffic from Whatley Quarry.

Mount Pleasant Level Crossing

Mount Pleasant Level Crossing is one of the busiest level crossings in the UK, with over 400 trains per day. It is located just to the north of Northam Traincare Depot.

Northam Traincare Depot

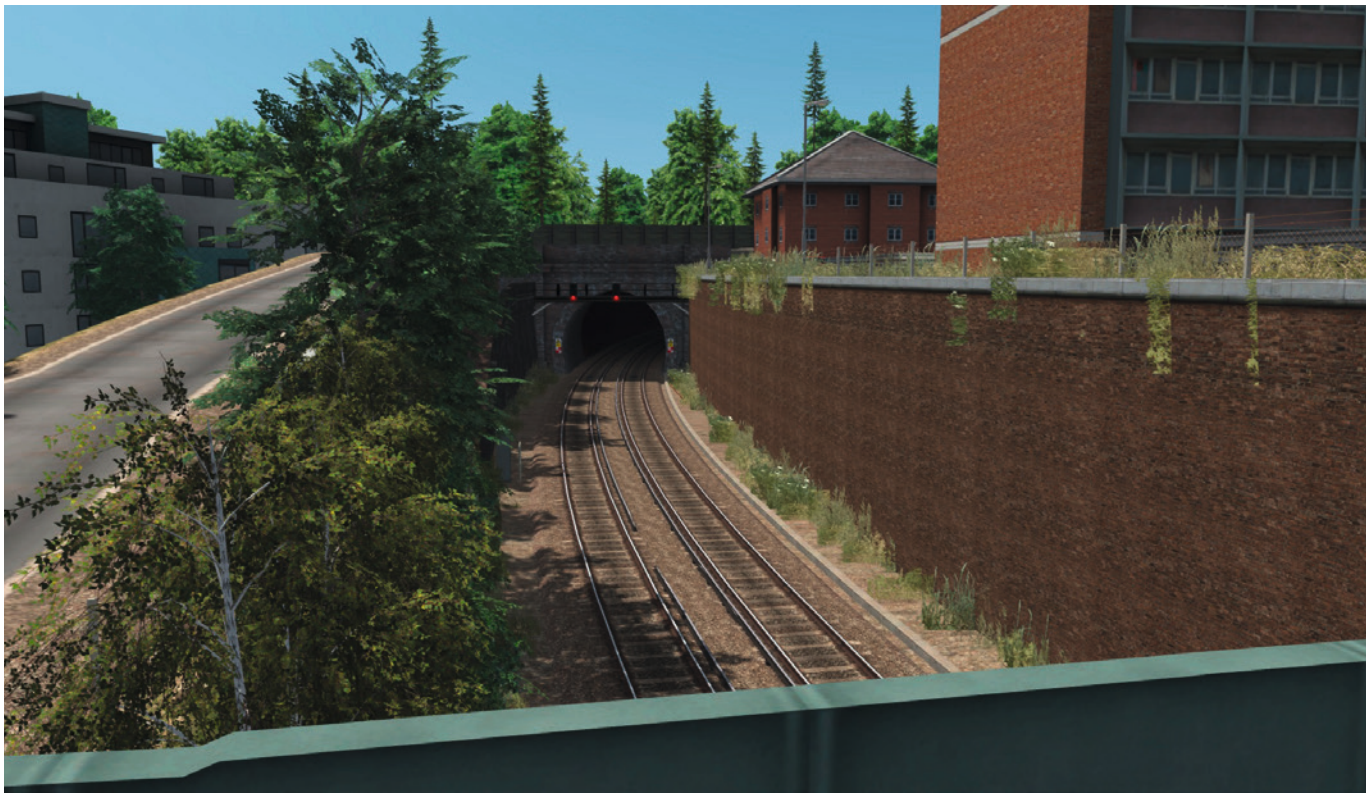


Northam Traincare Depot was opened in 2003 and was the first of Siemens' purpose-built depots in the UK. It is the principal maintenance facility for Class 444 and 450 EMUs.

Northam Junction

Northam Junction sees the main line swing 90 degrees, with the freight-only line to Southampton Eastern Docks continuing south.

Southampton Tunnel



Southampton Tunnel is 528 yards long, with the western portal at the throat of Southampton Central station.

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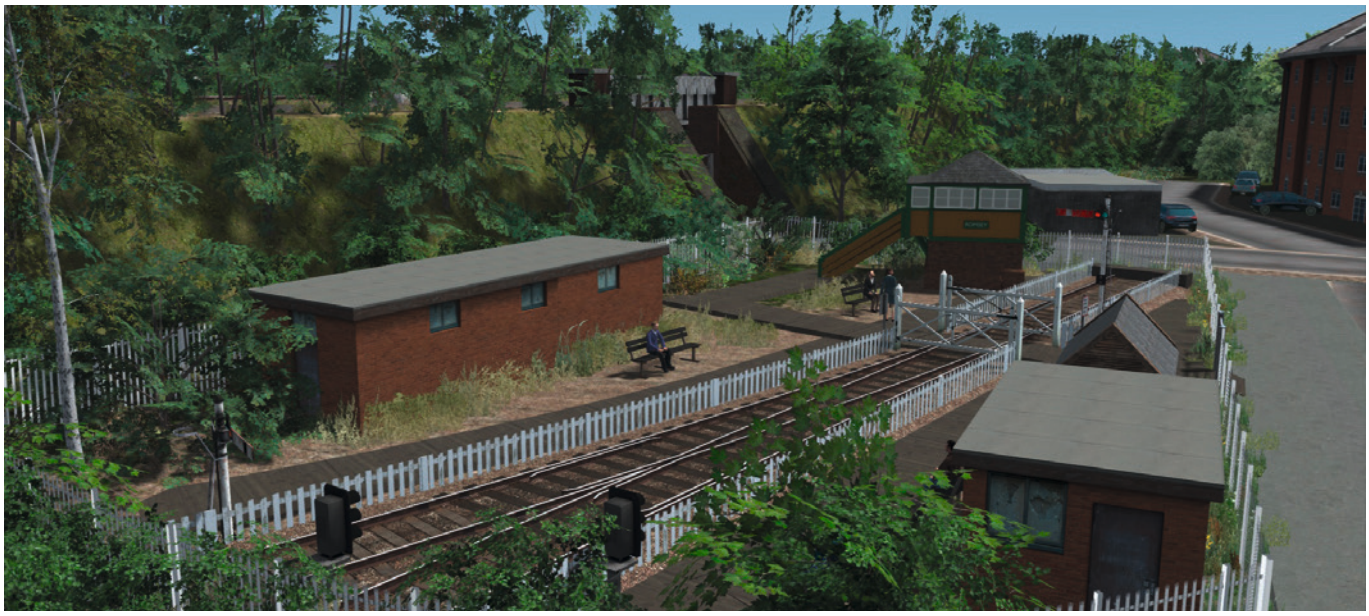

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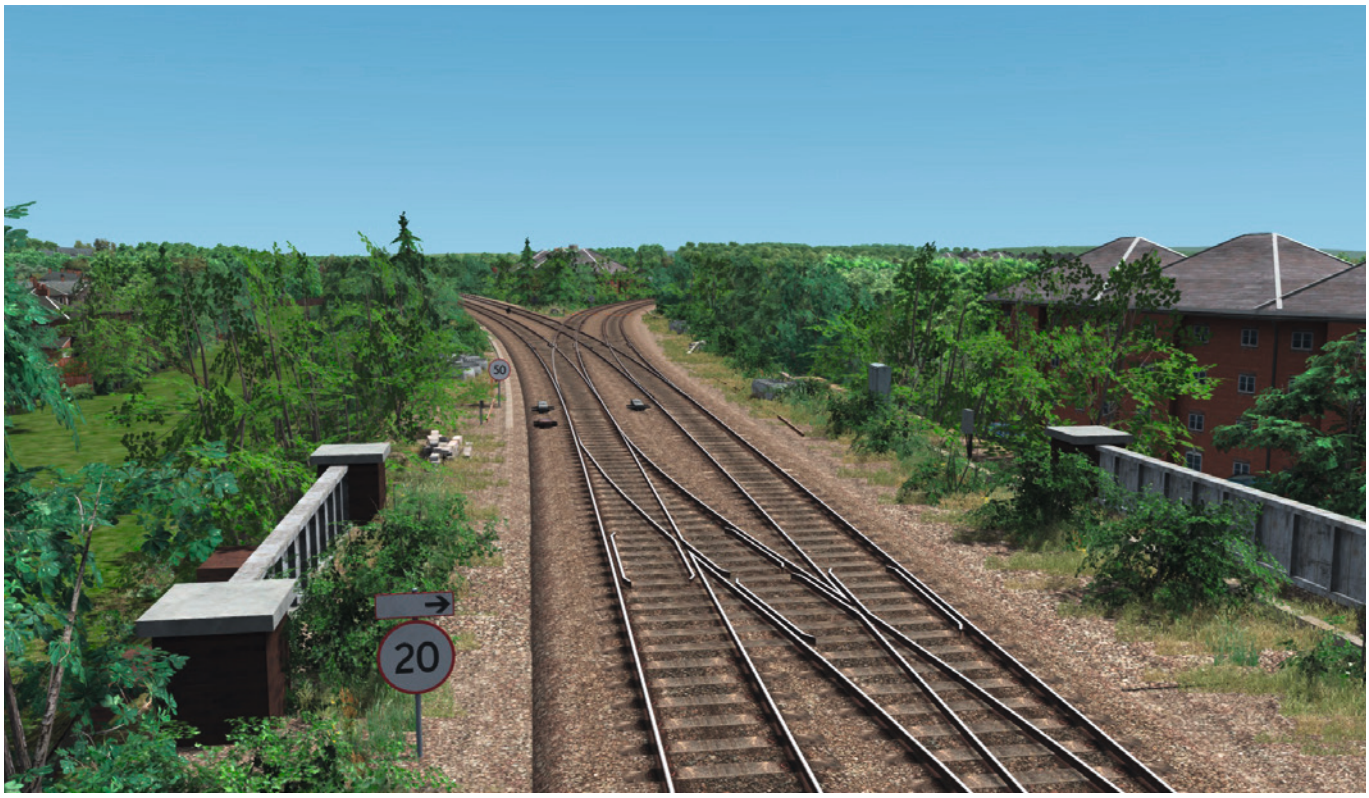
Romsey Junction



At Romsey Junction the branch to Redbridge splits from the main line to Eastleigh. Nowadays the ‘branch’ receives far more traffic than the ‘main line’.

Site of Nursling station

Nursling station was opened by the LSWR in 1882 and was served by local trains on the Sprat & Winkle Line. It closed in 1957.

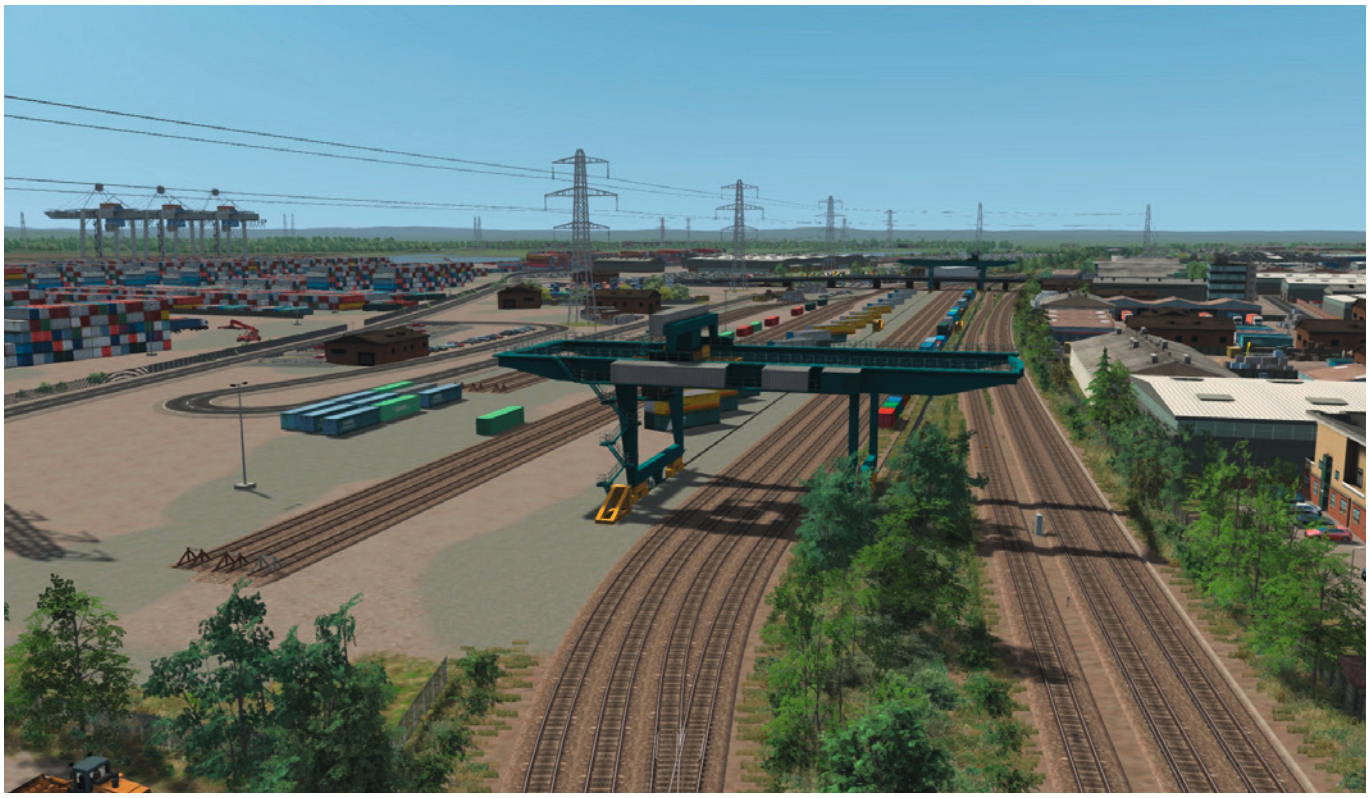
Test Estuary

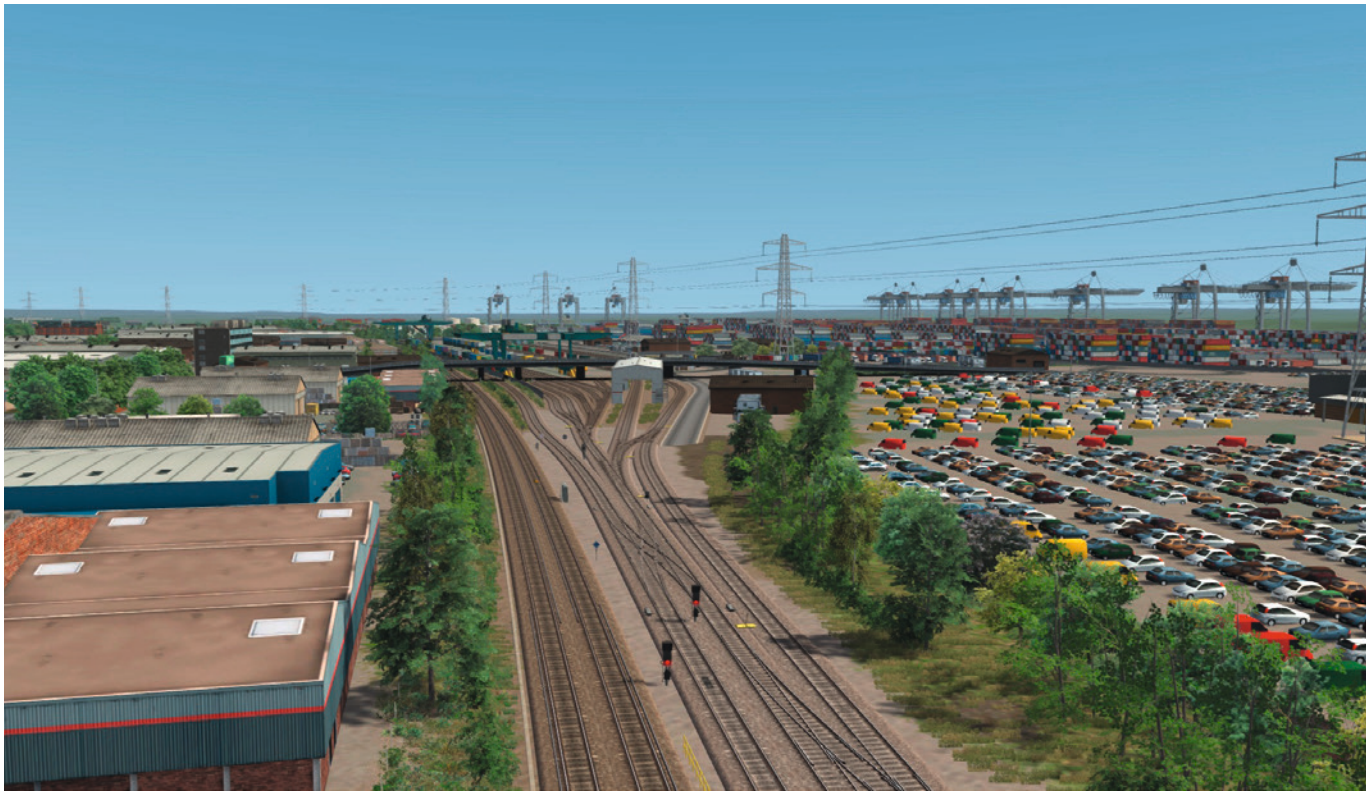
The River Test flows for 40 miles from its source near Basingstoke. The railway runs alongside the Test Estuary as it flows out into Southampton Water.

Redbridge Junction

Redbridge Junction sees the Wessex Main Line from Romsey join up with the South Western Main Line from Bournemouth and Weymouth. The sidings adjacent are the western end of Southampton MCT.

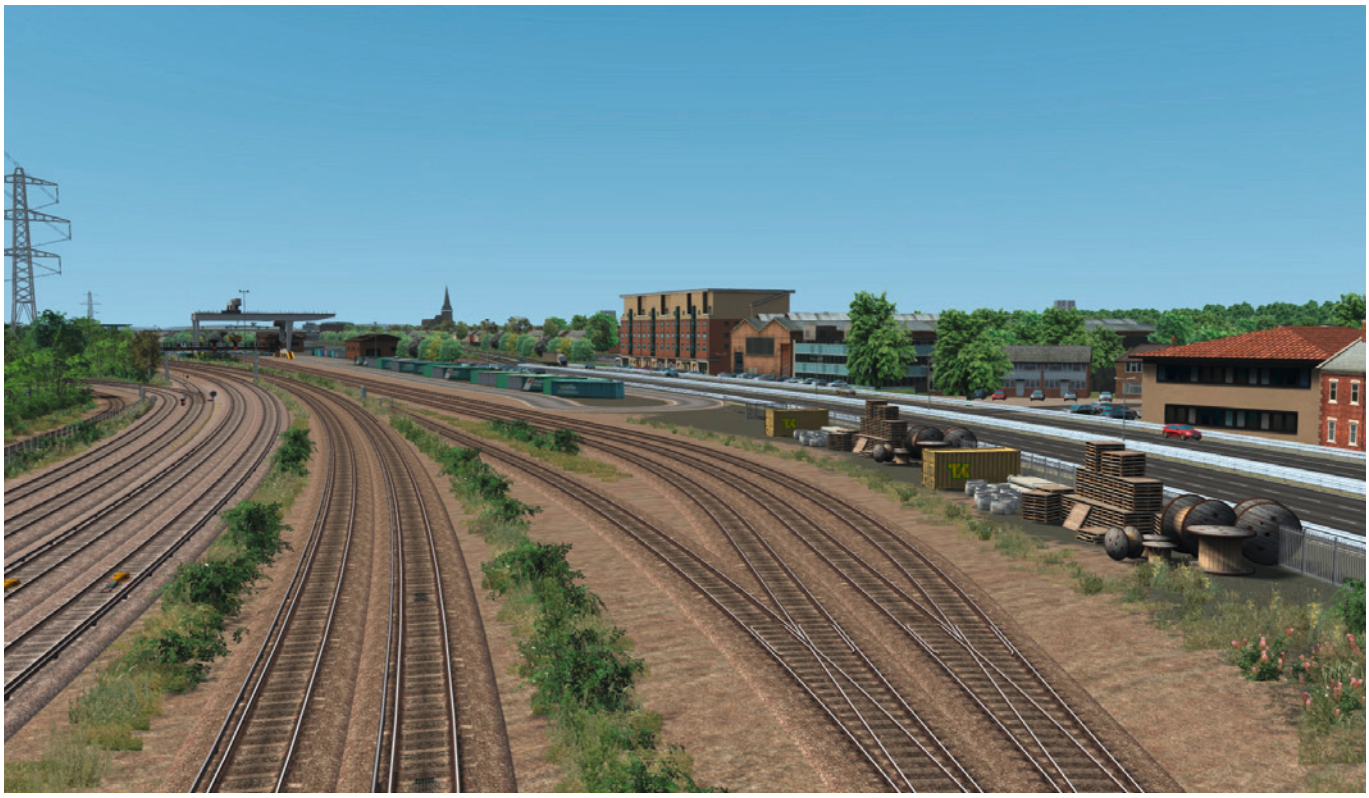
Southampton MCT





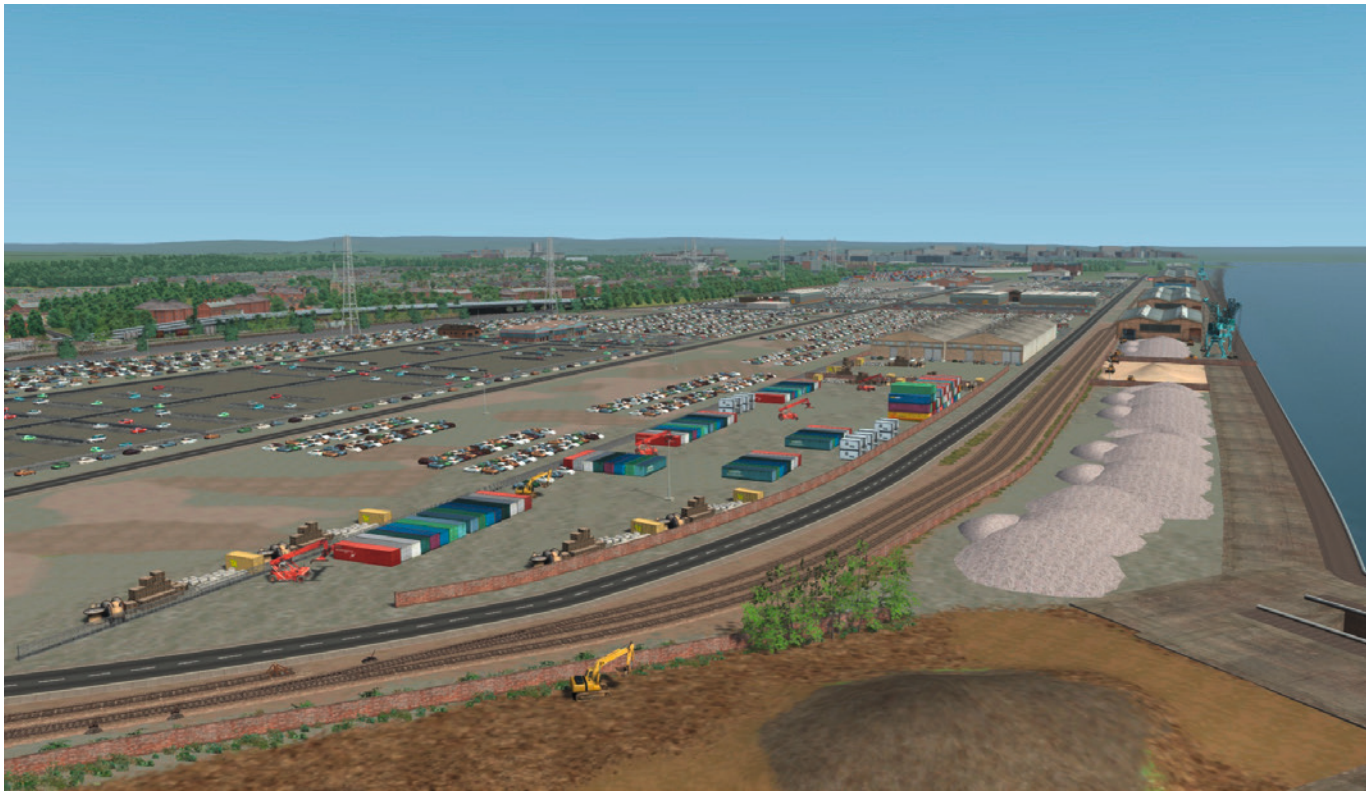
Southampton MCT was opened in 1972 and occupies a larger site than Millbrook FLT less than half a mile to the east. Upgrade work in 2021 enabled it to carry longer container trains and it now handles over a dozen inbound and outbound services a day.

Millbrook FLT



Millbrook FLT opened in 1968 and served container trains to the north. In recent years it has become a wagon storage and maintenance facility, with Southampton MCT less than half a mile to the west handling all container traffic.

Southampton Western Docks



Southampton Western Docks, located on the dock edge, host GBRf and DB cargo container workings, as well as GBRf gypsum workings.

SCENARIOS

Choosing a scenario

When you first start Train Simulator, select the ‘Drive’ option in the Main Menu, then choose the Standard scenarios.

Use the scroll bar on the right side to scroll down to ‘Just Trains – Wessex Main Line’.

You can now choose your scenario and click on the ‘Go’ button.

17 scenarios are included which require additional payware content.

10 scenarios are included which only require default Train Simulator stock.

The add-on requirements for each scenario are listed in the descriptions, but here’s a list of all the add-ons required to operate those scenarios which require additional payware stock.

Just Trains

- BR 7MT Advanced
- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 150/1 Enhancement Pack
- Class 150/2 Diesel Multiple Unit Pack
- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack
- FSA/FTA Wagon Pack
- ICA-D Wagon Pack

Steam

- BR Class 150/1 DMU Add-On
- Chatham Main & Medway Valley Lines Route Add-On
- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

Standard scenarios requiring additional payware add-ons

1F06 0601 Portsmouth Harbour to Cardiff Central

Drive 165130 and 166202 on the first Portsmouth Harbour to Cardiff Central service of the day between St Denys and Salisbury.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 40 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

1F07 0830 Cardiff Central to Portsmouth Harbour

On Wednesday 30 May 2018, drive this 150+158 lash-up between Wilton Junction and St Denys. It was raining when these units left the Welsh capital, but luckily it's starting to brighten up for your run to the south coast.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 45 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 150/2 Diesel Multiple Unit Pack
- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

1O12 0927 Manchester Piccadilly to Bournemouth

Drive a Class 221 between Laverstock North Junction and Bournemouth on 1O12.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 65 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

1O98 1048 Great Malvern to Brighton

Drive a Class 150 between Salisbury and Southampton Central on 1O98.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 30 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 150/1 Enhancement Pack
- Class 150/2 Diesel Multiple Unit Pack
- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- BR Class 150/1 DMU Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2B28 0802 Bournemouth to Winchester

SWR's Bournemouth to Winchester service ordinarily runs fast through St Denys and Swaythling, but certain peak time services call additionally at them. This morning, drive one such peak service which calls at all stations between Bournemouth and Winchester apart from Redbridge and Millbrook.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Chatham Main & Medway Valley Lines Route Add-On
- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2B91 1638 Winchester to Totton

Drive a Class 159 between Eastleigh and Totton on 2B91.

Difficulty: Medium I Duration: 30 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2M95 2123 Portsmouth Harbour to Bristol Temple Meads

Drive a Class 166 between Eastleigh and Salisbury on 2M95.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 55 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2M98 1227 Southampton Central to Great Malvern

Drive a Class 158 between Southampton Central and Salisbury on 2M98.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 40 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2R26 0750 Salisbury to Romsey

Drive a Class 158 between Salisbury and Romsey on 2R26.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

2S55 1808 Romsey to Salisbury

Drive a Class 158 between Romsey and Salisbury on 2S55.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 85 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

4E96 1825 Southampton MCT to Eastleigh

Drive a Class 70 between Southampton MCT and Eastleigh on 4E96.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 45 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- FSA/FTA Wagon Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

4O71 1628 Wentloog (Freightliners) to Southampton MCT

Drive a Class 66 between Salisbury and Southampton MCT on 4O71.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack
- FSA/FTA Wagon Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

5B05 0431 Salisbury T&R.S.M.D. to Brockenhurst / 1J01 / 1J02 Lymington Return

Drive a Class 158 from Salisbury to Brockenhurst before working the first service of the day to Lymington Pier and back.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 90 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 70 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

5L17 0820 Salisbury T&R.S.M.D. to Southampton Central / 1L17 0915 Southampton Central to Exeter St Davids

Due to engineering works shutting the line between Salisbury and Basingstoke, as well as between Basingstoke and Woking to set up a temporary slew of the down fast as a result of the Hook landslip, SWR operated diverted West of England services on the Wessex Main Line over the weekend of 21-22 January 2023.

On the Saturday, the regular 'Romsey Rocket' services ran as normal, with the diverted services running fast between Salisbury, Southampton and Basingstoke, but on the Sunday the diverted services replaced the local services between Southampton and Salisbury (with the exception of 2S97, which you will follow as 1L17), resulting in pairs of Class 159s operating stopping services along the route – an unusual sight to say the least!

Whilst most ran between Basingstoke and Exeter, 1L17, the 08:37 departure from Basingstoke, was cancelled, with 5L17 being run as an ECS from Salisbury T&R.S.M.D. to Southampton Central to start the service to Exeter there instead.

In this scenario you will drive both 5L17 and 1L17, handing over to another driver to continue to Exeter at Salisbury.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 105 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

5Z72 0720 Swanage to Crewe HS

70000 'Britannia' is returning to LSL headquarters at Crewe after spending some time at the Swanage Railway Steam Gala. You'll drive this 7MT between Bournemouth and Salisbury, where it will stop to take on water.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 100 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- BR 7MT Advanced
- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Mk1 Coach Pack Vol. 1

Steam

- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

6O53 0417 Whatley Quarry F Liner Hh to Southampton Up Yard (Fl)

As a fine summer's day begins, drive 66619 on a loaded stone train from Whatley Quarry to Southampton Up Yard.

Difficulty: Hard | Duration: 75 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack

Steam

- Chatham Main & Medway Valley Lines Route Add-On
- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

6Y26 0809 Eastleigh East Yard to Quidhampton Sidings ECC

In the penultimate month of operations, drive 66130 on an empty tanks working from Eastleigh East Yard to Quidhampton.

Difficulty: Hard | Duration: 75 minutes

REQUIREMENTS:

Just Trains

- Voyager Advanced 2019

Armstrong Powerhouse

- Class 150/2 Diesel Multiple Unit Pack
- Class 158/159 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack
- Class 444/450 Enhancement Pack
- Class 66 Enhancement Pack
- ICA-D Wagon Pack

Steam

- EWS Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Freightliner Class 66 v2.0 Loco Add-On
- Network SouthEast Class 159 DMU Add-On
- Portsmouth Direct Line: London Waterloo - Portsmouth Route Add-On

Standard scenarios using default Train Simulator stock

Only the European Loco & Asset Pack and the South Western Main Line: Southampton - Bournemouth Route Add-on (both required to use this route) are needed for these scenarios to operate correctly.

[Default] 1F06 0601 Portsmouth Harbour to Cardiff Central

Drive 165130 and 166202 on the first Portsmouth Harbour to Cardiff Central service of the day between St Denys and Salisbury.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 40 minutes

[Default] 1F07 0830 Cardiff Central to Portsmouth Harbour

Drive 166205 between Wilton Junction and St Denys. It was raining when this service left the Welsh capital, but luckily it's starting to brighten up for your run to the south coast.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 45 minutes

[Default] 2B28 0802 Bournemouth to Winchester

SWR's Bournemouth to Winchester service ordinarily runs fast through St Denys and Swaythling, but certain peak time services call additionally at them. This morning, drive one such peak service which calls at all stations between Bournemouth and Winchester apart from Redbridge and Millbrook.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

[Default] 2B91 1638 Winchester to Totton

Drive a Class 165 between Eastleigh and Totton on 2B91.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 30 minutes

[Default] 2M95 2123 Portsmouth Harbour to Bristol Temple Meads

Drive a Class 166 between Eastleigh and Salisbury on 2M95.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 55 minutes

[Default] 2R26 0750 Salisbury to Romsey

Drive a Class 166 between Salisbury and Romsey on 2R26.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

[Default] 2S55 1808 Romsey to Salisbury

Drive a Class 166 between Romsey and Salisbury on 2S55.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 85 minutes

[Default] 4E96 1825 Southampton MCT to Leeds FLT

Drive a Class 47 between Southampton MCT and Eastleigh on 4E96.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 45 minutes

[Default] 4O71 1628 Wentloog (Freightliners) to Southampton MCT

Drive a Class 47 between Salisbury and Southampton MCT on 4O71.

Difficulty: Medium | Duration: 75 minutes

[Default] 6O53 0417 Whatley Quarry F Liner Hh to Southampton Up Yard (Fl)

As a fine summer's day begins, drive a Class 47 on a loaded stone train from Whatley Quarry to Southampton Up Yard.

Difficulty: Hard | Duration: 75 minutes

Free Roam scenarios

Pick a train and explore the route!

Free Roam Salisbury

Free Roam Eastleigh

Free Roam Southampton

QUICK DRIVE

This route is equipped for use with the Quick Drive option in Train Simulator.

To access this option from the Main Menu, press the ‘Drive’ button and then the ‘Quick Drive’ tab at the top left.

The Quick Drive menu

The top left area on the menu is where you select the train you wish to drive.

When you click on the menu directly to the right of the train picture, it shows the variations/consists available for the selected train in the right-side area of the menu. Click on the consist that you want to drive.

Changing your train

If you want to drive a different train, click back on the top left train picture. The right side of the menu will change and will display all the trains you have installed in Train Simulator.

Use the ‘Page’ button located at the top middle of the pictures to scroll through them all.

All installed trains which have Quick Drive enabled are displayed. If the train does NOT have Quick Drive enabled, it will NOT be displayed in the Quick Drive menu.

Selecting your route

When you have selected the train and consist you wish to drive, you then need to select the route.

In the middle left area are the route selection menus. Click on the middle far left route picture. This will change the right-side area of the menu to display the routes that you have installed in Train Simulator.

Choosing departure and arrival stations

Click on the route ‘map’ image directly to the right of the route picture. This will then show the available departure and arrival points for the route. You can select them by clicking on the ones you want.

Changing the time and weather

Controls for changing the time of day and weather conditions are on the lower left area. You can use these to adjust the time and weather settings as you wish.

Driving

When you have made all your selections, press the ‘Drive’ button on the lower right side of the menu and Train Simulator will load your settings.

IMPORTANT – Filters

In the Standard and Free Roam ‘Drive’ menus there are various locomotive and route filter options along the top of the right side. We strongly recommend that these are all set to ‘None’ unless you are experienced in using them.

If you set a filter and forget to remove it, there is a strong possibility that not all the available locomotives and/or routes will be displayed in the menu.

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