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SENUG WELCOMES LUMO BOSS TO MORPETH MEETING.

SENUG – The Group that campaigns for better rail services in Northumberland and beyond, is pleased to be welcoming Stuart Jones, Managing Director of First Rail Open Access and Lumo, to its public meeting at Morpeth Town Hall on Tuesday 17th March.

Lumo recently extended some of its services through Morpeth beyond Edinburgh to Haymarket, Falkirk and Glasgow, giving more direct journey opportunities to people of the North East. Stuart will give a brief overview of Lumo's operation and future expansion aspirations, as well as other open access plans within the Lumo and First Rail brands.

Open Access means the rail services are operated commercially, without government subsidy, and the services will not be absorbed into the Great British Railways umbrella but will remain independent.

SENUG Chair Dennis Fancett said "we are delighted to be welcoming Stuart to our meeting at Morpeth Town Hall, which is open to SENUG members and non-members alike. We've had a close relationship with Lumo over the years and believe our lobbying and presentation of the strong market for their services in the local area was influential in securing Morpeth as one of the stops along the company's route, transforming rail travel opportunities across South East Northumberland."

The meeting starts at 19:30 with tea and coffee available from 19:15. After Stuart's talk there will be the usual opportunity for questions and answers, with a finish normally just before 21:00.

Although SENUG are perhaps best known for their 21-year campaign to open the Northumberland Line, the group has never been a single campaign group, and has worked hard to secure a number of improvements to rail services between Newcastle and Berwick. Full details of all the group's campaigns at www.senrug.co.uk.

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Notes for Editors:

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Photo caption: A Lumo train prepares to leave London Kings Cross bound for Morpeth and Edinburgh. Credit Dennis Fancett.

