

What's happening at Newbury Station?

As part of the *Newbury Railway Station Improvement and Interchange Enhancement Scheme*, we are carrying out upgrades to Station Road to improve access for all users.

What are we planning?

- A block paved area in front of the station building to allow users to move freely and safely
- A new seating area outside close to the bus stops and vehicle waiting area
- Opposite the station the footway will be widened and revisions made to the parking area
- A formalised crossing point to the front of the station to allow users to safely cross the carriageway
- Schemes to keep vehicle speeds low including the narrowing of the existing carriageway and the addition of speed humps
- A lengthened bus stop to accommodate three buses
- Fully revised surface water drainage and street lighting infrastructure

[You can view the planned changes to Station Road here](#)

This project is funded by the Local Growth Fund via Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. It is part of the wider *Newbury Railway Station Improvement and Interchange Enhancement Scheme* led by West Berkshire Council and GWR. As part of the wider improvements GWR will be developing some business units to the south of the station alongside the Station Road works. There will be close liaison between contractors and access to the station will be kept available throughout.

Why will this work be going ahead?

The Newbury Station project takes into account GWR forecasts for growth in rail travel and expected growth in population arising from housing development in Newbury. It also complements investment being made by the Great Western Electrification project and in the local community through the adjacent Market Street area development to the south of the station. The scheme is therefore an important component in the jigsaw of many projects coming together to make Newbury station and its surroundings an attractive gateway for the town that is able to meet the needs of all future passengers. The project also allows for drainage improvements to help prevent surface water flooding.

Desired outcomes:

- Transform Station Road area around the south entrance to a less car-dominated environment.
- Increased number of passengers choosing sustainable modes of travel to travel to/from the station.
- Improved and safer pedestrian and cycle access and interchange arrangements outside the south entrance.
- Build a greater resilience to withstand future extreme rainfall episodes.

West Berkshire Council will be leading these improvements, whilst GWR is working to upgrade the station buildings and facilities.

When will the upgrades go ahead?

The timescale for this scheme is 6 months and the work will hopefully start in August 2022.

Phasing of the works will be as follows and in no particular order:

Phase 1 - A339 to Ashridge Court	Full closure across the entire carriageway, therefore all access and egress for vehicles will be via Link Road. Pedestrian access maintained at all times.
Phase 2 - Ashridge Court to Station Car Park Entrance	Full closure across the entire carriageway. Access and egress for vehicles to Ashridge Court will be via the A339. Access and egress for vehicles to the Station Car Park will be via Link Road. Pedestrian access maintained at all times.
Phase 3 - Station Car Park Entrance to Link Road	Full closure across the entire carriageway, therefore all access and egress for vehicles will be via the A339. Pedestrian access maintained at all times.
Phase 4 – Station Car Park Entrance Access Road	Full closure of the Station Car Park for a short duration.

Disruption and reduced access

The improvements to Station Road will not impact train timetabling and access to the station will be kept available throughout.

Unfortunately as with most major highway related schemes such as this, a certain level of disruption is sadly inevitable and we appreciate that this work is also likely generate a fair amount of noise at times. Please accept our sincere apologies in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused by these works.

To keep up to date with the progress of the scheme, visit our dedicated webpage here: www.westberks.gov.uk/StationRoadImprovements. You can also read our more in-depth Business Case [here](#).

If you have any comments or would like further information please get in touch with the Projects Team at projects@westberks.gov.uk.

