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Kidderminster open day will showcase plans for station redevelopment

An open day is being held at Kidderminster station ahead of major redevelopment works starting.

Partners in the project, including Worcestershire County Council and West Midlands Railway, will be hosting the event on Tuesday 6 November.

Project staff will be on hand at the station to update the public on the plans

and answer questions from 7.30am to 6pm.

The station is to undergo a dramatic redevelopment, including construction of a completely new, glass fronted station building. Once complete, inside the station there will be a new café, fully accessible toilets and an indoor seating and waiting area. Outside, the forecourt will be reshaped with a new drop-off and collection zone, relocated taxi rank and new traffic flow arrangements. The aim is to improve pedestrian safety and increase access and exit flow during the busiest times.

Highway works on Comberton Hill have recently taken place and include improved bus shelters and a new pedestrian crossing. These works are set to further improve access to and from the station.

Councillor Ken Pollock, Worcestershire County Council's Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure, said, "As the main bulk of work starts soon, I'm delighted that the Project Team is taking the opportunity to talk to passengers, businesses and local residents about the transformation works that will happen over the coming months.

"With this station being the second busiest in the county with almost a fifth of all rail travel in the county either starting stopping here, this investment is very much welcomed."

Richard Brooks, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway said, "We want to thank Worcestershire County Council for securing the investment for this exciting project. The new station will not only improve the experience for existing rail passengers at Kidderminster, but will also provide a real boost for the local economy. The finished project will create a more welcoming gateway for those visiting the Severn Valley Railway or travelling to and from the local area."

Work on the station is part of the £50 million plus the council is spending between 2016 and 2019 on rail improvements that includes the new Worcestershire Parkway and work already completed at Bromsgrove station last year.

Information will also be available online following the event at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/kidderminsterstation

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