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Next phase of Kidderminster station improvements to begin later this month

Work to modernise Kidderminster station takes another step forward later this month.

Making way for the new bigger and better glass fronted station building, the current ticket office is soon to be demolished. Whilst this next phase of essential works takes place, temporary forecourt arrangements will be in place from **Monday 15 July**.

Councillor Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy and

Infrastructure said: “Following the huge range of preparation works that have taken place over the last few months, these new temporary arrangements will enable the main station building works to begin. With the demolition of the old and work soon starting on the foundations of the new, this marks a real step forward in the programme that will see the station building completely rebuilt. We have worked hard to try and minimise disruption however, whilst the changes will be clearly signed, I would encourage regular users of the station to take time to familiarise themselves with the temporary changes.

“The open day next week is an ideal opportunity for station users to come and learn more about the progress of the scheme, and to ask questions about the temporary changes ahead of the next phase of works.”

During this next phase of works, a temporary ticket office will be in use along with temporary toilet facilities.

Train services will not be affected by the works however there will be a short term change to the location of the taxi waiting area and disabled parking bays.

Access to the platforms will also change, as will the drop off and pick up point.

There will also be a change to vehicle flow into the car park with reverse parking only bays in certain areas.

Some footpaths will also be been relocated.

All temporary changes will be clearly sign-posted and a map has been produced to help regular users of the station be aware ahead of them being implemented.

Richard Brooks, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: “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. While trains will operate as normal throughout these works – with some temporary changes to the layout around the station, we would advise rail passengers to allow a bit of extra time when using services over the

summer. “The finished project will create a more welcoming gateway for those visiting the Severn Valley Railway or simply travelling to and from the local area.”

If you would like more information, have any questions or would like to talk through the new temporary arrangements at the station, members of the project team will be available the week before the changes are live on **Wednesday 10 July from 7.30am to 6pm.**

All of the information will also be on the council’s dedicated webpage for the scheme which can be found at: worcestershire.gov.uk/kidderminsterstation

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