



The new artist's impression of the new Kidderminster station

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## Open Day at Kidderminster reveals how the new station will look.

As part of an open day being held at Kidderminster Station today (Tuesday 6 November), a new artist's impression on how the station will look as been revealed by Worcestershire County Council and partners.

The new image shows the improved forecourt and Comberton Hill layouts and also shows how the new glazed, station building will look once completed.

There are 4 phases of work which will see the station undergo a dramatic redevelopment, including construction of a completely new, glass fronted station building and improved forecourt.

- Phase 1, which includes all the initial survey and prep work, is currently in progress and will continue until the end next month.
- Phase 2 will begin in January and will see the start of the forecourt works and the installation of the temporary ticket office.
- In Phase 3 the demolition of the exiting building will take place and the new glass fronted building will start to take shape.

The final Phase, due for completion next autumn, will see the fit out and opening of the new station building along with the landscaping outside the station and the final surfacing to the footpaths, access road and removal of the temporary ticket office.

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 are 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 or stopping here, this investment is very much welcomed."

Brenda Lawrence, Head of Stations for West Midlands Railway said: "This is an exciting project and we really welcome the investment being made by Worcestershire County Council. Both rail passengers and the wider local economy will benefit from the new station. When complete, customers will enjoy a more welcoming gateway to the area and nearby Severn Valley Railway."

Rod Sillence, sponsor for Network Rail, said: "Investment in the network from outside of the rail industry is vital to support our Railway Upgrade Plan which is providing passengers with better journeys. Improved stations are an important part of this and we are keen to work with and support all interested parties to help successfully deliver these schemes."

Worcestershire County Council and partners will be at the station throughout today (Tuesday 6 November), engaging with passengers about the

redevelopment plans.

For more information visit [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/kidderminsterstation](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/kidderminsterstation)

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