

WMT Transport Integration Forum

Midlands and North

30 September 2020

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Agenda

1300	Introductions
1305	TIF scope and structure
1310	New timetable and COVID update
1325	Stations as places project update
1340	Questions
1350	Cycle schemes update
1400	Minor Works opportunities 2020/2021
1410	Partnerships update
1420	Questions

The WMT team

- **Rebecca Preece** – Integrated Transport & Accessibility Manager
- **Rachel Evans** – Stations as Places
- **Jonny Wiseman** – Customer Experience Director WMR
- **Francis Thomas** – Head of Corporate Affairs
- **Sian Sansum** – PR and Public Affairs Manager

What will these forums cover?

Timetabling

Commercial
partnerships

Improving rail-
bus links

Marketing and
promotional
activities

Customer
information
developments

Station Travel
Planning

Cycling
initiatives

Minor works
improvements

New trains

Two forums

TIF Midlands and North

- West Midlands Railway services
- London Northwestern Railway services north of Rugby

TIF LNR South

- London Northwestern Railway services south of Rugby

The substantive content of both forums will be the same but with a focus on the different geographic areas.

Please let us know if you would like an invite to the other forum as well as or instead of this one

Meeting frequency

Meetings will take place quarterly
Virtually on Teams until further notice.

Proposed plan for 20/21:

- **Oct** – regional meetings
- **Jan** – regional meetings
- **April** – network wide meeting - TBC
- **July** - TBC

WMT business update



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Timetable changes

- New timetable introduced on 7 September
- Capacity is now at 95% of pre-Covid levels
- Not returning to pre-Covid timetable
- Focus is on reliability
- Our investment programme continues



New service summary

- Fewer services than pre-COVID timetable, but longer trains
- 95% capacity maintained – although passenger numbers are around 25% of pre-Covid levels and falling as restrictions increase
- More trains starting from Birmingham New Street to improve performance



New diesel trains – class 196

- 26 brand-new trains will strengthen our existing fleet.
- Will replace some of our 20-year-old trains
- Made up of 80 carriages, in 2 and 4 car formations.
- Built and maintained by Spanish manufacturer, CAF, in their UK based factory

New diesel trains – class 196

- Due in service during 2021.
- Improving capacity by around 25% - more room to accommodate social distancing.
- The first train arrived in March, and is now into its final stages of fault free running
- 3 more units currently going through rigorous testing at our Tyseley depot and on the network.



New diesel trains – class 196

- The first trains will serve Hereford and Worcester lines
- Followed by Shrewsbury and Telford lines.



New electric trains – class 730

- Our all-new electric class 730 trains being manufactured in Derby by Bombardier.
- These will start to come into service on WMR later in 2021 and during 2022 for LNR services.
- The first WMR train is now on test in Velim, Czechia and is returning to the UK later in October 2020.



New electric trains – class 730

- **LNR services**

- There will be 45 of these brand-new trains in 3 and 5 car formations
- Increasing capacity on the West Coast Mainline

- **WMR services**

- There will be 36 trains in 3 car formation to replace the Class 323s
- Doubling capacity for passengers on the Cross-City line.

New electric trains - class 730

- Plan is to schedule a **new trains virtual event** for stakeholders early in 2021
- A visit with Andy Street, West Midlands Mayor took place on Tuesday 8th September to demonstrate WMT's ongoing investment in future services.



Stations as Places



Rachel Evans



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SaP – The essential ingredients

- Looking at the **whole station** and its place and position in the community
- Developers
- Stakeholders
- Local authority
- Community
- Business
- Customers

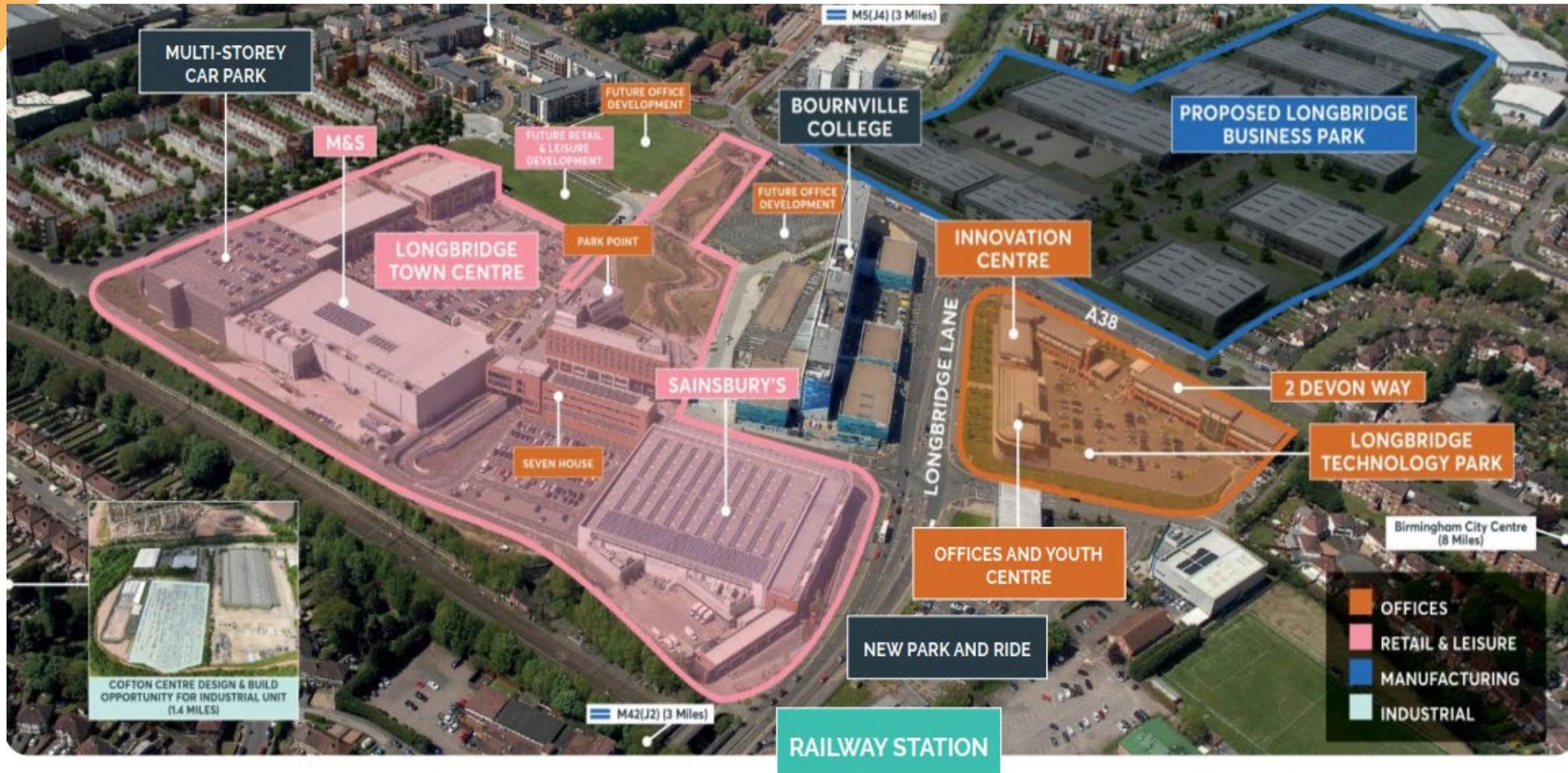


SaP – How it is evolving

- WMT's commitment to station travel plans (working collaboratively with CR)
- Development and commercial potential (connectivity between stations and developments)
- Public realm and masterplan approach
- 'Pooling' schemes & funding
- **Opportunity prospectus** for each station



Looking at the whole picture



Station boundary

Immediate station environment

Station boundary

Wider catchment

Community and social value

SaP – How we are doing it



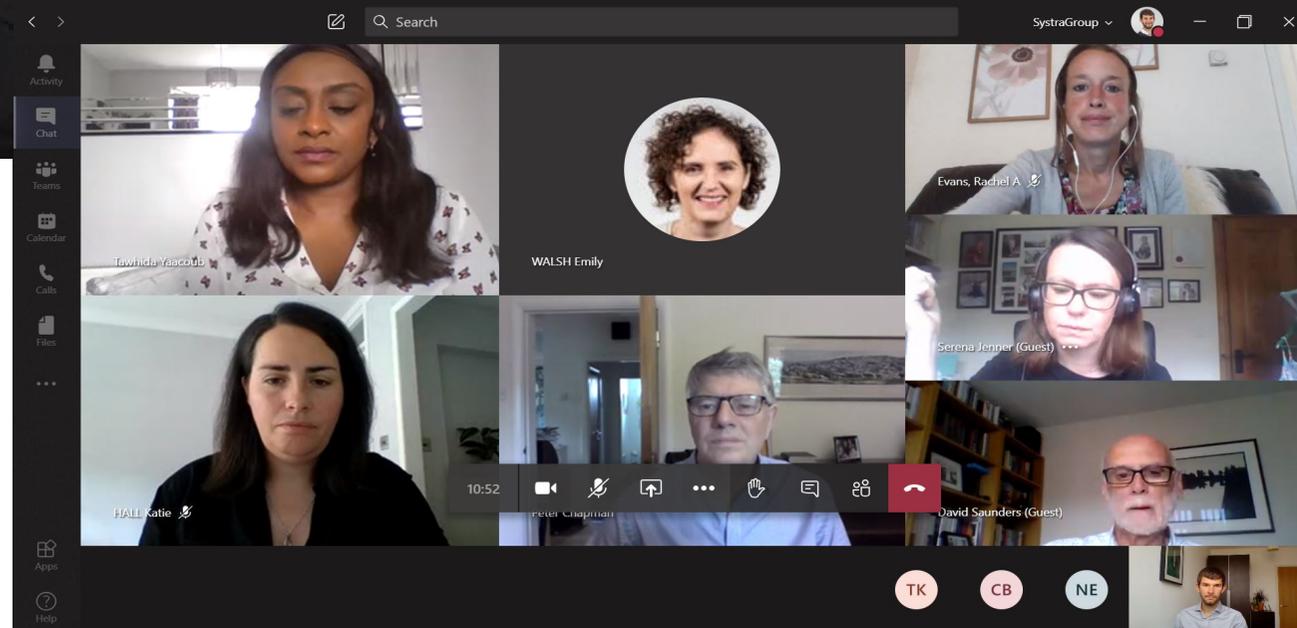
Stakeholders:

- Known development taking place in the station vicinity
- Surveys/data/plans that already exist which might help with a prospectus
- Practical ideas/aspirations/insights and opinions
- Station neighbours and community engagement

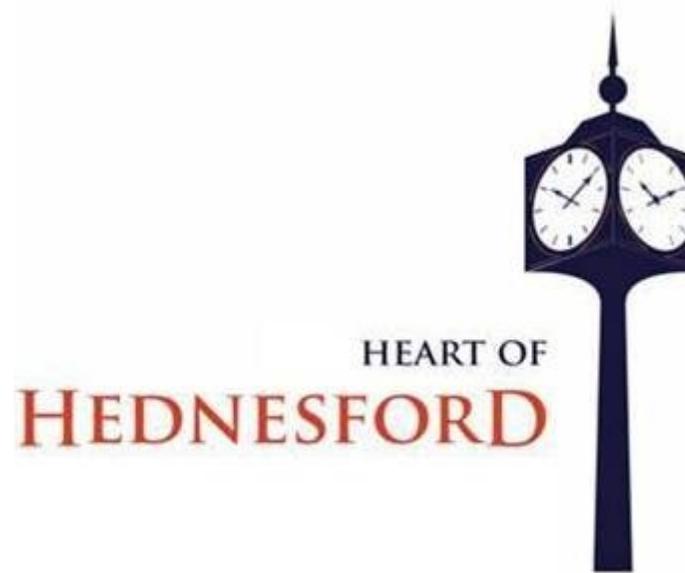
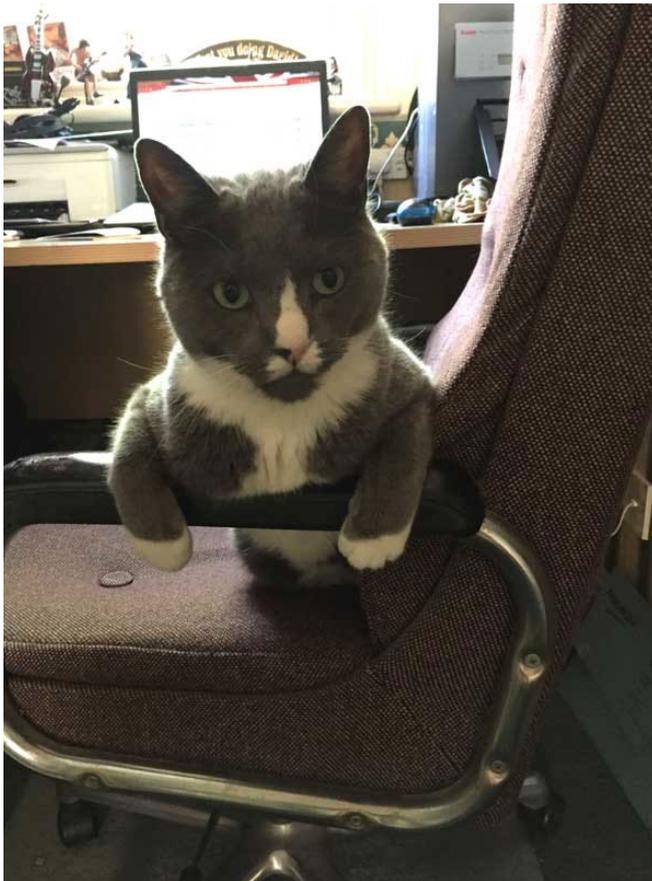
Data:

- Station travel survey
- Audit of station/surrounding area
- 'Last mile/ first' mile walking & cycling audits
- Rail industry and Local Authority datasets

Community Led approach



Community Led approach



Completed Prospectuses - 26

Snow Hill Line

Stourbridge Stations

Hagley

Stratford-upon-avon

Stratford-upon-avon Parkway

Leamington Spa

Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton Line

Shifnal

Albrighton

Birmingham to Hereford Line

Worcester SH

Worcester FS

Droitwich Spa

Bromsgrove

Ledbury

Chase Line

Cannock

Wolverhampton to Birmingham Line

Sandwell and Dudley

Smethwick Stations

Cross City North Line

Lichfield City

Lichfield TV

Sutton Coldfield

Cross City South Line

University

Selly Oak

Kings Norton

Longbridge

Birmingham to Leicester/ Derby Line

Coleshill Parkway

Nuneaton

Water Orton

Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury Line

Oakengates

SaP Status Update

Nearing completion - 4

Chase Line

Hednesford

Birmingham to Walsall Line

Bescot Stadium

Tame Bridge Parkway

Wolverhampton Interchange

In Progress - 9

- Telford Central
- Wellington
- Rowley Regis
- Coventry
- Birmingham International
- Tamworth
- Wilnecote
- Kidderminster
- Birmingham Snow Hill

Station Spotlight – Cannock

- **Collaborative working** to deliver improvements quickly!
- Joining up of funding pots
- Quick(ish) wins for customers – car park improvements, platform artwork, new cycle parking, wayfinding totems to new retail outlet
- Community station adoption



Getting involved

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**Any
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Cycle schemes update



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Cycling initiatives

- Over 700 cycle spaces installed already
 - Currently reassessing our list of stations before committing to any further schemes
- Annual cycle schemes plan and associated budget
- Third party funding opportunities



Cycle schemes plan

- The Cycle Schemes programme is designed to support creative and innovative solutions on the cycling network
- The Cycle Schemes Plan covers
 - Marketing and promotion opportunities
 - Ways we can encourage behaviour change
 - Opportunities for customer portals

We want encourage more people to make cycling a natural choice for short journeys, or as part of a longer journey!

Cycle schemes budget

Funding can be made available for:

- Delivery of and/or the proactive promotion of bike hire schemes
- Enhancing the public profile of cycling
- Adding value to developers' work to better connect housing and commercial schemes to stations;
- Partnering with SMEs and independent bike shops etc to provide localised hire and maintenance solutions;
- Investment in technology to enable customers to hire more easily

Love your Bike

Love Your Bike is back!



Stack rack bicycles - Worcester



For more information go to
<https://www.stackrackbicycles.com/rail2ride>

Opportunities for third party funding

- We have an obligation to pursue third party funding opportunities to enhance our cycle parking provision.
- Some usual funding streams not available this year
- An information leaflet will soon be available which outlines our cycling initiative and third party funding opportunities to share with partners

Third party funding examples

Cannock – circa £16K contribution from McArthur Glen West Midlands Designer Outlet (via Cannock Chase DC) for new cycle parking

Worcester Foregate Street – Network Rail funded cycle hub as part of the Railway Arches scheme

Oakengates - new cycle parking – application has been submitted via Telford and Wrekin council for DfT Emergency Active Travel Fund monies

Minor Works opportunities

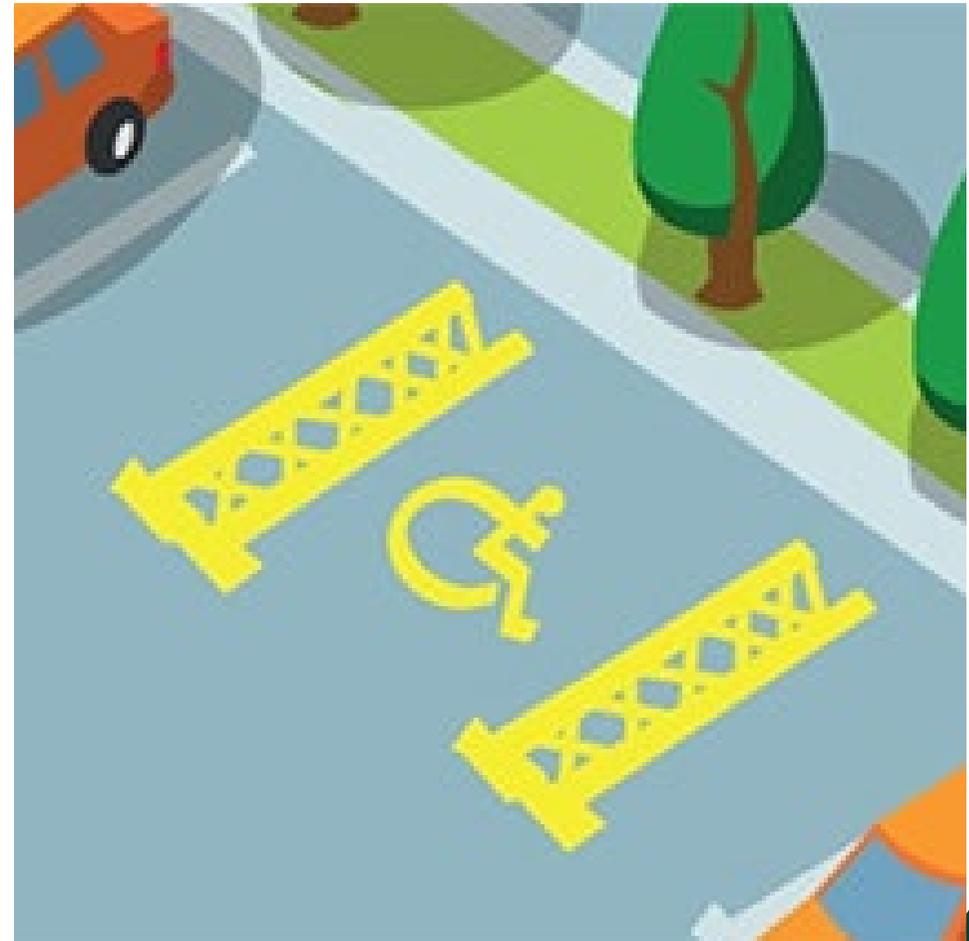
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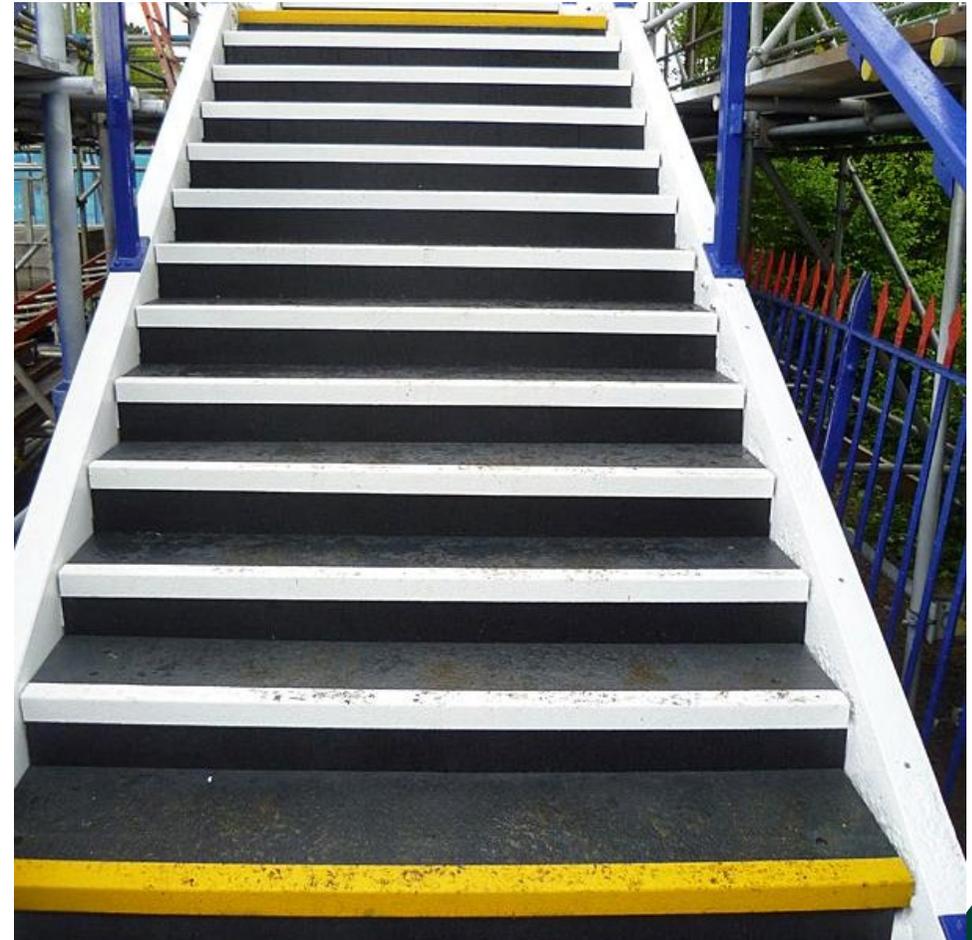
What is the “minor works” scheme?

- Must spend £329,000 a year
- Station accessibility only
- Small scale alterations
- Strict list of what it can be spent on
- Welcome your suggestions!



Examples of 'minor works'

- Accessible WC fittings
- Signage
- Handrails
- Step nosing
- Step tactiles
- Induction loops
- Dropped kerbs
- Blue badge markings



What are NOT minor works

- Not replacement
- Not repair (eg worn contrast nosing)
- Not tactile platform edge
- Major works (eg accessible WC plumbing or making bigger)



Do you have any nominations?

- Please email Accessibility@wmtrains.co.uk
- As soon as possible for this programme
- All year round, every year



Partnerships

More info - Tim Bullock – Sales and Partnership manager

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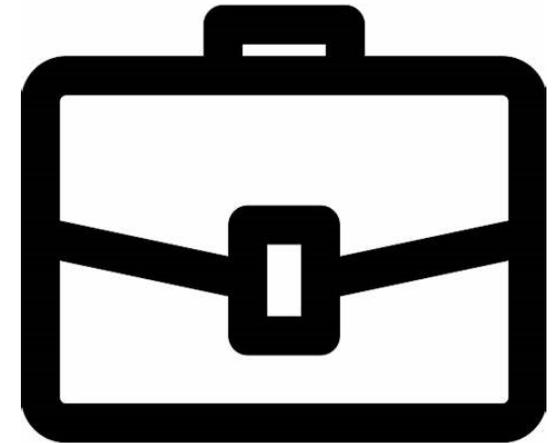
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Just Business

Our new Business Travel product - due to go live imminently.

The product allows partner businesses to save money on their rail travel, as well as reducing the hassle involved in booking and managing travel.

Contact tim.bullock@wmtrains.co.uk for more info.



Students

- We have sold more Student Season Tickets for this recent Autumn term than we did pre-COVID
- We are in regular contact with schools and colleges to monitor capacity impact of students returning

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Questions?**



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Next meetings

- TIF Midlands and North
 - Wednesday 13 January
 - 1300 - 1430

- TIF LNR South
 - Thursday 14 January
 - 1300 - 1430

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Minor works submissions

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