



Artist's impression of the new Longbridge station exterior

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£1.7 million station refurbishment begins at Longbridge

Rail passengers at Longbridge are being advised to allow more time and plan ahead, as work begins on the £1.7 million refurbishment programme at the station.

Passengers will benefit from upgraded facilities, which are being delivered by Network Rail and funded by Birmingham City Council.

The funding is part of the £70 million National Stations Improvement

Programme (NSIP) to transform stations across the country.

The project is due to be completed in Spring 2019. Network Rail will refurbish the appearance of the station; by enhancing the front of the station, replacing the glass throughout the building, replacing the roof covering and installing a new over sailing canopy.

Facilities for passengers will also be improved by demolishing the existing station rooms to create a larger concourse area, complete with new flooring, new façade, automatic doors, ventilation system and a new accessible toilet and ticket counter.

Mitzi Latham, station manager for Longbridge station said, “There’s been significant development around Longbridge town centre in recent years and we look forward to the investment now being made in the station.

“Longbridge will remain open throughout the works, but we would advise customers to plan ahead and allow more time for their journey over the next few months.

“When complete, the newly refurbished concourse and entrance area will be more welcoming and will improve the overall experience for all our customers.”

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