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## **New-look Kidderminster Station opens to West Midlands Railway passengers this week**

The revamped Kidderminster Station building will open to the public on Sunday 7 June, it has been confirmed.

The brand new glass-fronted station building is double the size of the old building and features a number of improvements to the forecourt to make it safer for pedestrians to access the station.

The project, led by Worcestershire County Council, has also

created improvements to the drop-off, taxi and disabled parking arrangements at the station.

Councillor Ken Pollock, lead for economy and infrastructure, said: “The new station building is a huge asset to the area and it is great news that it will be open and ready for when the current restrictions begin to ease.

“The customer experience at the station will be vastly improved and the changes to the forecourt layout will make it much easier for pedestrians to access the building safely. I look forward to being part of a more official opening in the not too distant future.”

The improvement works have been mainly funded by Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership and Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership via the Local Growth Fund with contributions from Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council.

Brenda Lawrence, head of stations for West Midlands Railway, said: “The new bigger and brighter Kidderminster station is a fantastic addition to the town and will offer our customers a much-improved travelling experience.

“At the moment, with government advice on social distancing still in place and limited capacity on board our services, we are asking our customers to only use the train for essential journeys where they have no other means of transport.”

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