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Wolverhampton Interchange cycle hub works start on site

On site works have started on a new cycle hub that will offer more than 100 spaces for cycles at Wolverhampton Interchange.

The hub will provide 92 internal and 18 external canopy covered spaces - and will also feature controlled access, LED lighting and CCTV security.

It will be located next to the railway station multi storey car park, near the pedestrian footbridge to the city centre on Railway Drive – and forms part of the city's award winning £150million Interchange development delivering improvements to bus, tram, train and cycle connectivity.

Once the on site works are completed the prefabricated cycle hub will be lifted into place, and it is expected to open for use this summer.

City of Wolverhampton Council Cabinet Member for City Economy, councillor Stephen Simkins, said: "The Interchange is a jewel in the crown of our city and part of the multi billion pound regeneration that is taking place.

"The new cycle hub will give people more options and encourages this healthy, clean and green form of transport.

"As a city we are committed to improving our infrastructure for more sustainable transport and this scheme complements our ongoing work to improve and grow our cycling network and support our climate change agenda.

"The completed Interchange will connect train, tram, bus and cycles in one place and will provide a gateway to our city that we can all enjoy using - and be proud of."

The addition of the cycle hub to encourage cycling will also help Wolverhampton lower carbon emissions by enabling people to engage in active travel.

City of Wolverhampton Council, West Midlands Railway and West Midlands Rail Executive have secured the majority of the funding for the hub from walking and cycling charity Sustrans, working on behalf of the Department for Transport.

Cycle Rail manager at Sustrans, David Hibbs, said: "Cycles are great over shorter distances – trains (and trams) can take you further.

"This new facility will help people to combine the convenience of their cycle and the speed of rail making journeys easier and healthier."

Mel Bryett, Wolverhampton station manager for West Midlands Railway, added: "Making rail services as accessible as possible is a priority for us and this fantastic new cycle hub will make a real difference for our customers when it is completed.

"More than one million passengers have already used the new look Wolverhampton station since it opened in 2021. We know many people choose the train because they care about making green journeys and I am certain these new facilities will prove very popular with our customers."

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