



How the finished Wolverhampton Interchange will look

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## Work to begin on major cycle facility at new Wolverhampton station

Work to construct a major cycling facility with more than 100 spaces at the new Wolverhampton station will get under way later this year, it has been confirmed.

West Midlands Railway and City of Wolverhampton Council have secured grant funding for the £525,000 hub, which will provide 92 covered and 18 uncovered spaces with 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. It forms part of the city's award-winning £150 million Interchange development delivering improvements to bus, tram, train and cycle connectivity.

Funding for the hub consists of a £472,500 award from UK walking and cycling charity Sustrans, as part of the Department for Transport's programme, Cycle Rail, with the remaining amount mostly coming from the Government's £1 million Towns Fund Accelerator Grant for the city.

Final design work on the hub will now begin and prefabrication will be carried out off-site, before on-site works start in June with completion expected in autumn.

Councillor Stephen Simkins, from City of Wolverhampton Council, said: "The Interchange is a jewel in the crown of our city and part of the multi billion pound regeneration that is taking place across our city.

"The new cycle hub gives 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.

"The completed Interchange will connect train, tram and bus in one place and will ultimately 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.

Brenda Lawrence, head of stations for West Midlands Railway, added: "These superb new cycle facilities will play a key role in the Interchange development which is transforming how passengers travel to and from Wolverhampton.

"We are fully committed to encouraging sustainable modes of transport wherever possible and we're making a significant investment in cycling facilities across the railway network to support this aim.

“With increased numbers expected to start using the railway again later this year this scheme comes at just the right time as we look forward to welcoming customers back on board.”

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