

Horden Railway – Transcript

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Upbeat music plays

[Text: Horden Railway Station]

[Text: Chris Heaton-Harris MP. Minister of State, Department for Transport]

Chris Heaton-Harris: Hi there. I'm delighted that Horden Station is opening today, congratulations to everyone involved in delivering this exciting project that I have no doubt will bring fantastic benefits to the people of Horden and the wider region too.

People of Horden have been waiting almost sixty years to access rail services since the nearest station was closed under the beaching cuts. But now this vital community will at last be able to benefit from access to rail services that this new station brings.

As you all know rail connectivity brings with it new opportunities, boosts the local economy and gives people greater access to jobs and education and I'm extremely proud that Horden Station is the seventh to be built using funding from the governments new stations fund, part of our wider restoring your railway fund. We're committed to reversing some of the damaging beaching cuts of the past and want to use the power of transport to level up regions like the north east and unlock their economic potential so that everyone in our country can thrive.

So, congratulations again to all that have worked so hard to make the opening of this station possible. I'm sorry I'm trapped here in my Westminster office and cannot visit the station today in person, but I look forward to being able to do so in the future. You've done a fantastic job, many many congratulations.

[Text: Councillor Carl Marshall. Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration at Durham County Council]

Cllr Carl Marshall: The opening of the new railway station in Horden is a landmark occasion for the community of East Durham, for Durham County Council and for transport across the north. I'd like to welcome the opening of the new railway station and with it just highlight some of the benefits the new station will bring, the opportunity to market East Durham to the rest of the country and beyond for inward investment to try and create more and better jobs for local people and also providing better connectivity for people to jobs a bit further afield as well.

It's a shame that due to the current global pandemic we can't celebrate this in person but I'm really looking forward to meeting some of the local people who've worked with the county council and transport providers to make this possible and I look forward to boarding one of the trains from the station in due course.

[Text: Councillor Simon Henig. Leader of Durham County Council]

Cllr Simon Henig: My name is Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council. It has been a long-standing ambition of the council for residents in East Durham to have a new station in order to connect communities in Horden and Peterlee and the wider area with a rail network. And we're delighted to see the station open.

The station will provide the local community with direct trains to Sunderland, Newcastle, Hartlepool and Teesside, giving people access to employment opportunities across the region. A 100 vehicle

capacity car park has been developed to support the park and ride for those using the trains and the local community will also benefit from sustainable travel improvements put in place as part of the project, including the introduction of cycle paths and improvements to the roads and infrastructure in the area.

[Text: Helen Golightly. Chief Executive Office, North East LEP]

Helen Golightly: Its great news that the railway station at Horden in East Durham is now complete. The North East Local Enterprise Partnership invested £3.3million of local growth funding into the development as we feel strongly that improved travel connections open up employment, business, education and leisure opportunities for residents. And therefore, the new railway station should prove to be a valuable asset for the nearby communities.

[Text: Delivered in partnership with]

[Images of logos of Northern Powerhouse, North East Local Enterprise Partnership, Department for Transport, Northern, Durham County Council, Story and Network Rail]

[A map of the UK is on screen. A circle appears around the North East and zooms in]

[A map of the location of the new train station and car park is shown]

[Aerial view of the site before development]

[Text: Some of this footage was filmed prior to Covid-19 & social distancing guidance]

[Various footage and images of the site during development]

[Artists impressions video of the railway station and carpark]

Male voice over: The project has involved 6 months of design and 4 months of construction to create the new station. This has involved constructing two new 100metre platforms, installing a footbridge, ramps and stair unit which were lifted into place with a 500-tonne crane and a new power and communications infrastructure including the platform lighting.

[Time-lapse video of the construction work, largely undertaken under the hours of darkness]

[Text: Installation of 187no precast units]

[Text: 2,500ft of aggregate infill installed]

[Aerial footage of the crane lifting steelwork in]

[Text: 85no footbridge and ramp sections installed using 500t crane]

[Images and footage of the continued construction work]

Male voice over: This work has been delivered safely and on programme despite the unprecedented challenges faced during covid-19. The team were able to adapt and quickly implement numerous additional health and safety control measures to continue work on this essential site.

[Time-lapse video of the resurfacing works]

[Text: 1000m2 of new surfacing installed]

[Text: New, comfortable & modern space]

Male voice over: The new station here at Horden will provide a comfortable, modern space to serve the community.

[Text: Step free access]

Male voice over: The step free access from the adjacent car park to both platforms and whole life efficiency in terms of cost and maintenance.

[Footage from the completed station platform]

[Text: Over 70,000 journeys could be made every year]

[Footage from around the construction site]

[Text: The new station will enable the connection of a number of local communities]

[Aerial footage of a train passing through the completed station]

[Text: Horden test train footage]

[Text: Viewers are reminded about government guidance to consider all other forms of transport before using public transport]

[Footage of people disembarking the test train onto the new station platform]

[Images of the train pulled up in the station]

[Text: From 15 June 2020, passengers must wear a face covering (unless exempt) on public transport in England.]

[Various shots and footage from around the station]

[Text: Tony Baxter. Regional Director North East: Northern]

Tony Baxter: Hello I'm Tony Baxter, Regional Director for Northern Trains in the north east and I'm absolutely delighted to see the opening of Horden station this month. Station opening gives some great opportunity for the County Durham economy but also the broader north east region, for our customers it opens up new commuting and leisure destinations. We love to celebrate as we would normally do at any station opening but due to government guidance at the moment surrounding essential travel only and also social distancing we cant do that at this point but we do look forward to welcoming you at the station in the very near future.

[Text: Kieran Dunkin. Principal Programme Sponsor: Network Rail]

Kieran Dunkin: I'm absolutely delighted that this project to build a new railway station in Horden is now complete. This has been a great example of partnership working and I want to express my sincere thanks to all of our industry and local authority colleagues for their support.

The station is vital to help the communities and economies which our railway serves, to improve travel connections to open up leisure, employment and business opportunities across the Durham coast and beyond. We look forward to the passengers reaping the benefits for years to come.

[Text: Jason Butterworth. CEO Story Contracting]

Jason Butterworth: Hi I'm Jason Butterworth, CEO at Story Contracting. I feel extremely proud watching this project video on the works that the team have collectively delivered at Horden to bring the new station to life. Despite the challenges faced from Covid-19 in the final months of the project

the team were able to adapt quickly and implement additional health and safety measure to continue the work whilst keeping everybody safe.

The new station looks fantastic. It comes as a result of working in partnership with everybody involved to provide improved connections where there were no direct rail links before.

Story Contracting are delighted to have played our part in delivering this scheme that opens up future opportunities to the local community. Thank you.

[Aerial footage of the completed station with a train running through]