

Transcript: Durham Bus Station Redevelopment

[Picture: Artists impression of the new Durham Bus Station.]

[Text: **Durham Bus Station Redevelopment**]

[Video: Dave Wafer sitting in front of an artistic impression of the new bus station]

[Text: Dave Wafer Interim Head of Transport and Contract Services]

[Dave Wafer] So those people that know Durham City will know that for some time we have been looking to regenerate the north road area and key to that is Durham Bus Station. In order to deliver this project we obviously need resources and today we welcome the fact that the Joint Transport Committee for the North East will be allocating £3.6million as part of the Transforming Cities Project. The remaining of the funding will be coming from the County Council to make up the full £10.4million for the project.

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[Video: Cllr Carl Marshall sitting in front of a picture of Durham Cathedral]

[Text: Cllr Carl Marshall Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration]

[Cllr Carl Marshall] I am absolutely delighted to welcome the news that the North East Combined Authority has awarded Durham County Council £3.6million pounds towards the re-development of the bus station in Durham City.

[Picture: artists impression of the new bus station showing an aerial view of the new bus station with north road in view and pedestrians on the footpath outside the new bus station]

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[Picture: artists impression of the new bus station showing inside the new bus station with people sitting, being served at a kiosk, looking at information boards and walking around]

[Audio: Cllr Carl Marshall]The project should be welcomed, it is going to create a greener, better transport hub in the middle of Durham City and a welcoming environment for visitors and residents landing in the city. It's going to form a major part of our recovery as we look to get through the global pandemic as well.

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[Video: Dave Wafer]

So the announcement today means that actually we can push on with the project so we are looking to close the bus station from mid-February. We will be doing internal surveys and demolition to make sure that we know whats in there.

[Video: Buses are pulling in to Durham bus station with passengers waiting at the bus station]

[Video: showing the current internal view of the bus station with minimal seating and information boards]

[Audio: Dave Wafer] We know that theres asbestos and other in the building itself. The building will be demolished and theres actually a stream that runs under the building that needs to be diverted and then the new bus station constructed. Overall we think this is going to take about 18 months.

[Video: showing people walking through the current bus station with wet floor signs and buckets catching water from a leak in the roof]

[Picture of the current entrance to the bus station. the sign above the entrance says Welcome to Durham bus station. The sign is dirty and has rust on it with a security camera in the middle]

[Audio: Dave Wafer] One of the key points of regenerating the bus station is, it is one of the entry points of the city so a lot of people arriving by train and by bus, this is the first impression of Durham City.

[Video: a bus pulling out from the existing bus station on to north road with a train in the background going over the viaduct roadworks are also visible outside of the bus station]

[Audio Dave Wafer]

It's really important that when visitors come in and when we try to get people to come back after the pandemic to come shopping in our city centre that this is a key entry point.

[Video: Dave Wafer] So not only are they getting a better interchange in terms of transport but visually this is one of the attracting points as they enter the city.

[Picture: artists impression of the new bus station showing north road in view and pedestrians on the footpath outside the new bus station]

[Audio Dave Wafer] So in the new bus station, really what we have tried to do is make sure that it is a welcoming area for passengers.

[Picture: artists impression of the new bus station showing inside the new bus station with people sitting and looking at information boards]

[Audio Dave Wafer] There's more circulation area for passengers there's more seats, there will be toilets for all including accessible toilets and a changing places facility.

[Picture: showing an artists impression of the new bus station with toilets, seating, steps to an entrance on North Road and people walking around inside the new bus station]

[Audio Dave Wafer] We'll have facilities on site to make sure that people get information readily which they may struggle with at the moment.

[Picture: artists impression of the new bus station showing inside the new bus station with people sitting, being served at a kiosk, looking at information boards and walking around]

[Video: Dave Wafer] As always there is further information on our website and we will keep people informed as the project continues.

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