

Durham Bus Station Demolition video transcript

[Video of Durham City skyline showing the castle in the background]

[Text, Durham Bus Station Reconstruction Project]

[Picture, Durham County Council and, Industrial Strategy, Transforming Cities Fund logos]

[Video, Dave Wafer is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

[Text, Dave Wafer, Head of Transport & Contract Services]

So people will remember the old bus station and of course, the bus station wasn't just a bus station, you can see behind me the remnants of a 1960s office block, some retail units that weren't well used, and actually a quite a small amount that was dedicated to passenger services. Now what we're doing is we're taking all that away, we're actually dedicating an area which would be a gateway to Durham city, and actually give fantastic services for people using public transport in Durham.

[Picture showing an artists impression of inside the new bus station, showing a light open plan area with seating]

[Picture showing an artists impression of inside the new bus station, showing a light open plan area with toilet entrance]

So once finished the new bus station, a vastly increased area for passengers, with a lot more circulation space, more seating, more toilets, more facilities for people who want to use them. So people using public transport in the future will have much more appropriate and meaningful services.

[Picture showing an artists impression of outside the new bus station, showing the living wall]

[Picture showing an artists impression of inside the new bus station, showing the stained glass]

As part of the overall county council strategy, this also be a green building. So we have a living wall in the back of the bus station, be photovoltaics on the roof.

[Video, Dave Wafer is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

And actually, we've also got some power generation from some stained glass, which is quite a new technique, which we'll look forward to, to bring it forward potentially use on other buildings as well.

[Video, Paul Burr is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

[Text, Paul Burr, building & Facilities Maintenance Manager]

We're partway through the demolition. We're about to start the construction in about five to six weeks.

[Video showing the process of the demolition in varying states.]

The site is going really, really we've well had some issues with the weather, but they've not slowed the progress at all. At this stage, we're very happy with where we are working in the city centre comes with a whole raft of challenges. Clearly, we're trying to maintain the North Road as a public thoroughfare, buses, businesses, etc.

Obviously, we need to build a first class transport, which is what we're on with at the moment. During city is a really exciting place to be the bus station will add some benefits to people who are not just using the city on a day to day basis.

[Video of buses going around the roundabout at the top of North Road on the A690]

But for all the visitors that come to see our fantastic city. Once we've completed the above ground demolition,

[Video, Paul Burr is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

We'll then move on to the below ground demolition, which is basically grubbing up the foundations. Once we've done that we've then got a few services to bring in and a few services to divert the main diversion is around the culvert, which is an underground stream, which is contained within a pipe we need to move that in order to carry on with the construction.

[Video, Dave Wafer is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

So it's really it's the first part of North Road. I mean, we've known for a long time, that North Road is in need of regeneration. And this is the first point in the sand really. So we'll get this building up and running. And people will see the new facilities, we'll see what an impact it has on the North Road setting. And we're already talking to the developers around to make sure that the rest of North Road can be brought up to the same standard.

[Picture showing an artists impression of outside the new bus station, showing the front of the building]

So this is this is £10.4 million that we're spending on this building, make sure it's fit for purpose, for generations to come. And thankfully we've got money from the government transforming cities fund in part and the vast majority coming from the county council.

[Video, Dave Wafer is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

So we can appreciate this as this is a big change for people, especially when the works are ongoing.

[Video showing footage of North Road with the demolition in the background and buses and pedestrians moving around]

As I say buses are dispersed that North Road and we thank people for their patience. Hopefully people are used to the new situation now. We've had a few teething issues but hopefully they are resolved.

[Video, Dave Wafer is standing in front of the part demolished building with machines behind him]

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