

Item 10 - Appendix D

HERTFORDSHIRE HIGHWAYS WATFORD JOINT MEMBER PANEL Thursday 12th July 2011

UPDATE ON WATFORD JUNCTION NATIONAL STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NSIP)

Progress Update provided by Andy Gipson, consultant to HCC Passenger Transport Unit

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

In view of the importance of this scheme regular updates will now be provided to Members at Panel meetings. Since the last Panel meeting on 24th March, 2011 the current status of NSIP at Watford Junction is as follows:-

2. STATUS OF NSIP

2.1 Drop Off Facility

London Midland will provide a number of marked bays in the long-stay car park near to the entrance to platforms 9 and 10. This will be used by season ticket holders and disabled passengers. Signage indicating this facility will be included in the schedule of new signs to be provided for the short-stay car park in Woodford Road (See 2.2 below).

This work which falls outside the remit of NSIP includes the use of the ramp by private cars exiting onto St. Albans Road. This is now subject to a full design review by Hertfordshire Highways, which subject to the cost and agreement with LM and Network Rail, could be implemented by the summer of 2012.

The installation of automatic gates and a ticket vending machine at the entrance to platforms 9 and 10 with CCTV controls are subject to review by LM and will be dependent on funding being sought from the Department of Transport's Minor Access Programme during 2012.

2.2 Woodford Road

Network Rail made the Planning Application for the short-stay car park in Woodford Road on 7th March and approval was made by Watford Borough Council on 10th May, 2011.

The lease agreement between Hertfordshire County Council and Network Rail has been agreed.

LM will install a ticket machine for the enforcement of the 20 minute time to park; no charges will be made.

LM will install a real time train arrivals/departures display for car park users. The proposal to review the bus stand and provide limited waiting in Woodford Road for approximately 8 vehicles has been approved in principle by Watford B.C., Hertfordshire Police and the bus operator, Arriva.

Watford Borough are proposing for the sake of consistency, within the inner parking zone of Watford, to pay for and install a pay and display machine and to charge 30p for 12 minutes with the maximum stay period being 1-hour. The charges will apply only between 8am and 6.30pm (Mon-Sat). Hertfordshire County Council have agreed to promote the Traffic Regulation Order in conjunction with the other TROs associated with the NSIP project and as agreed at the meeting WBC will pay for the infrastructure.

2.3 Public Information

LM plan to post information at the station and on their website londonmidland.com during July 2011.

2.4 Bus Drivers Mess Room

LM have agreed to provide this facility for bus drivers. Currently a parked bus is used by Arriva staff. A licence agreement to agree the level and maintenance of the facility is required with LM.

2.5 Platform 11 (Abbey Line)

LM to install the heated waiting room for Platform 11 by August 2011.

2.6 Station pedestrian area—gateway design

Agreement has reached with British Transport Police to proceed with a design that complies with anti-terrorists requirements. No soft landscaping will now be included.

2.7 Programme

November 2011---Start works.

March 2012----Finish works.

The timings are subject to Network Rail decisions and weather conditions.

The first area to be worked upon would be the widening of the station car park road to facilitate the new taxi rank area followed by the creation of the pedestrian area in front of the station.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

If further information becomes available from London Midland this will be reported orally at the meeting.