

# Buxton Station NSIP

## Heritage Statement

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## **1.00 – Introduction**

The following heritage statement has been produced to accompany our application for Listed Building Consents with respects to the following works to be carried out at Buxton Railway Station:-

- Installation of Customer Information System throughout station.
- Installation of 2 nr Customer Help Points.
- Installation of accessible ticket window within booking hall.
- Provision of new accessible toilet facility within the existing toilet facility, including access ramp.
- Male and female toilet refurbishment.

The information contained herein and included with the listed buildings consent application dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 are intended to provide detail of the scheme requirements and to explain what we are trying to achieve as part of the station improvement.

## **2.00 – The History of the Building and its Evolution**

Built in 1862 and altered in 1969 Buxton Railway Station is a 149 year old architectural feature of Derbyshire's heritage. The station itself was built for the London and North Western Railway to service the local community transporting passengers to and from Buxton for leisure and coal and limestone for industry. At the height of the Railway era Buxton had three platforms making one platform an island platform. The third platform was closed in the 1960's once the railways gave way to motor transport which had an impact on usage of the station.

As a terminus station on the Peak Valley Line, the station serves a picturesque route throughout Derbyshire ending at Buxton Station. The station is sited at on Station Road A53. The South elevation faces station road with the North elevation facing the platforms.

The station has had significant recent regeneration to the external facade and roof structure. The proposed works will compliment any recent improvements.

## **3.00 – Why Changes are Necessary**

In accordance with the Approved Building Regulations Part M and the Department for Transport Train and Station Standards for Disabled People: A Code of Practice July 2008 as Train Operator at the Railway Station Northern Rail is responsible for catering for the access needs for different users at the station.

In developing the proposals we have considered the various access points to and from the station and the various facilities available for use at the station. We have considered that access for all should be available at the station and that this should not be limited to the platform areas, entrances and exits only.

As part of this proposal we are providing new Customer Information Screens and Help Points throughout the station. The proposal is to install screens to the station frontage, the platforms and within the booking hall. This will provide live train time information and assist passengers when identifying the platform required for their journey. The Help Points will be attached to the gallows post supporting the CIS screens. The Help Points will ensure passengers have assistance when the ticket office is closed and provide added security and comfort.

The proposed installation of an accessible counter will assist any disabled passengers when purchasing tickets. There is also a proposed new accessible toilet to be installed within the existing male toilet facility. Both the existing male and female toilets will be fully refurbished. In order to gain access to the proposed new DDA toilet, an access ramp will be installed at the entrance of the toilet facility.

#### **4.00 – The Impact of the Proposals**

The layout and scale of the development is indicated within the proposals presented as part of the Listed Buildings Consent application.

The CIS (arrivals and departures) displays have been positioned to ensure the architectural detail of the building is not concealed and where possible we have attempted to maintain the character of the building by not concealing any specific structural detail.

There will be no need to alter or remove any of the key features of the station buildings and there will be no major loss or changes to any historic fabric such as walls, windows, doors, timber framing etc that would affect the structure and form of the building.

The CIS (arrivals and departures) display to the station frontage has been located adjacent to the existing lighting column and car parking ticket machine to prevent any concealment of the station building and retain the architectural integrity of the building.

The access ramp which is required to enable level access to the proposed DDA toilet has been designed to minimise the impact on the station building. The ramp has been designed to allow for its removal leaving no permanent damage to the existing external facade. Handrails will not connect into the station building and the concrete base of the ramp will abut the existing step and new floor tile with a cover strip installed to prevent a tripping hazard.

The accessible counter has been designed to minimise the impact of the improvement but ensuring all required legislation is complied with. The counter is being installed within the same frame as the existing so there are no structural alterations to the ticket office.

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## **5.00 – Changes to the Shape of Rooms, Spaces, Layout and Plan of the Building**

The existing shape, space, layout and plan of the station are not affected by the proposals presented with our Listed Building Application.

The design of the CIS will attempt to fit in with other existing facilities at the station and will complement the station environment.

## **6.00 – The Impact of any Extension**

The works identified within our application for listed buildings consent do not propose any extension or material alteration to the existing station building plan.

There is one new CIS within the booking hall. Two new CIS screens are to be installed on the platforms via steel gallows, one on each platform. There is one screen to the station frontage at the evening entrance to the platforms, positioned on a steel support. Colours of the supports are to be agreed. There are two help points to be installed which will be fixed to the gallow support for each of the CIS screens located on each platform.

The accessible toilet will be installed within an existing disused part of the male toilet facility. The male toilet facility will be fully refurbished with the existing roof lights retained for daylight. The female toilets will be fully refurbished.

The installation of an accessible counter will be constructed in an Oak veneered MDF counter top and Corian faced MDF panels below counter.

None of the proposed work affects the shape or size of the building with all works either being completed inside the station building or attached to bespoke steel support structure.

## **7.00 – Building Regulations**

The works have been proposed to take account of the Approved Building Regulations and the Department for Transport Train and Station Standards for Disabled People: A Code of Practice July 2008 which are the standards that govern accessibility improvements to Railway Stations.