

StIP - Station Improvement Plan

Design and Access Statement

Wrexham General Station: Listed Building Consent Application

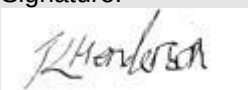
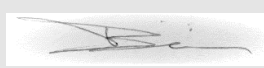
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1 Introduction

1.1 Summary of Proposal

Keolis Amey has been commissioned by Transport for Wales (TfW) to carry out a series of general station improvement upgrades to rail stations across Wales.

1.2 Brief and Vision

Part of the proposed station upgrades at Wexham General station will involve:

- The upgrade of the Platform 2/3 waiting room (see drawing Stip-AMA-ZZ -WRX-DDR-A-AR-00005)
- The installation of a family changing place and disabled access toilet and toilet block improvements on Platform 1 (see drawing Stip-AMA-ZZ-WRX-DDR-A-AR-00004)
- The installation of two new directional signs to be located on the Listed Building with a new totem sign to be erected at the entrance to Platform 4 (see Signage Schedule, Signage Drawings and StIP-AME-ZZ-DDR-A-AR-00007).

1.3 Site Context and Analysis

Wexham General Station is a Grade II Listed Building to the northwest of Wrexham town centre. The building was listed in 1986 as a good example of Great Western Railway station architecture, which, with its fine canopy, survives intact (Cadw I.D. 1855).

2 The Proposal

The proposed works that have potential to impact on the Listed Building are:

- The enlargement of the Platform 2/3 waiting room by removing internal divides and reopening windows
- The upgrade of the Platform 1 changing and toilet provisions including the renovation of the existing toilet block as well as the repurposing of an existing storage room as a family changing place and disabled toilet provisions
- The installation of three new signs two of which are on the listed building with the third being placed at the Mould Street Platform 4 entrance (please see drawing StIP-AME-ZZ-DDR-A-AR-00007).

2.1 Character

The upgrade of the Platform 2/3 waiting room will involve the reopening of previously bricked up windows and the installation of timber windows. Whilst the changes will affect the character of a structure within the curtilage of the Listed main station building, these works will involve returning the building to a more original style (see drawing Stip-AMA-ZZ-WRX-DDR-A-AR-00005).

The toilet facility upgrades will involve the alteration of the existing flat roof and the removal of a modern iron door as well as refitting existing windows in the new family changing place with anti-vandalism windows and decorated in-line with those in the main station building, (see drawing Stip-AMA-ZZfo-WRX-DDR-A-AR-00004).

The new signs on the main building will be located at the external northern end of the main building and the southern extent of Platform 1. Signs will be in non-intrusive locations and will, therefore, have negligible impact on the listed building's character. The new sign at the Platform 4 entrance will be separate from the main building and screened by vegetation and will therefore not affect the character of the Listed Building (see Signage Schedule and Signage Drawings for details).

2.2 Access

No steps will be required to access the Platform 2/3 waiting room.

The provision of disabled facilities in the station will improve the accessibility of Wexham General for disabled users.

Signs will highlight disabled provisions at the station as well as local transport links and infrastructure, improving access across the station and the immediate area.

2.3 Environment and Sustainability

Works will have a limited scope relating to the listed building enquiry, where possible materials should be sourced from recycled sources and materials such as the iron door to be taken away for the changing place will be reused where possible and if deemed to be of no further use will be recycled, the existing seating in the Platform 2/3 waiting room will be reused, thereby reducing the environmental impact of the scheme.

Materials to be used for the scheme are to be taken for the Network Rail Station Toolkit Volume 4 and consider, continuity of style, cost of materials and environmental sustainability of the materials to be used. The upgrading of waiting, toilet and changing facilities will create a more usable station, and therefore will encourage a greater uptake in train travel in the area, reducing private car use and associated carbon emissions.