

Heritage Impact Statement

1) Introduction.

We are proposing to provide new WiFi access points located in public areas at Holyhead Railway Station. This is part of a roll out of public use WiFi access across Wales by Arriva Trains Wales.

2) Objective.

Arriva Trains Wales aim to provide public WiFi access for customers passing through stations across its region. The WiFi access is designed to make the building more suited to twenty-first-century use by providing better facilities for rail users on the go.

3) Significance of affected fabric

All WiFi equipment visible to the public will be located outside of the building on the station platform. Four WiFi access points will be mounted at high level on the station building canopy to minimise visual impact and supplied via existing cable routes. One column mounted WiFi access point will be located on platform 4 to achieve sufficient coverage throughout the station platform areas. The impact to the station building in general is minimal.

4) Beneficial impact

The WiFi installation funded by the Welsh Government has been proposed to improve and modernise the services at railway stations across Wales. The WiFi will benefit the public using and passing through the railway station on their daily commute. The system has been designed to provide extensive coverage throughout the railway station to allow passengers to stay connected for business or personal use while at the station.

5) Harmful impact

No physical changes will be made to the existing station building. All new WiFi equipment visible to the public will be located on the station platform areas away from the main building.

6) Proposed solution

The upmost care has been taken to minimise the harmful impact while designing the WiFi system. No physical changes will be made to the existing station building. New cabinets on platform have been selected to match existing cabinets. New columns have been selected to match existing columns. All WiFi equipment has been located accordingly to minimise visual impact.

