

Cabinet Member Decision

28 January 2015

RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE WORCESTERSHIRE PARKWAY SCHEME HAVING REGARD TO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE

Relevant Cabinet Member	Mr S E Geraghty
Relevant Officer	Director of Business, Environment and Community
Local Member	Mr R C Adams
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure is recommended to approve the recommendations in relation to the Worcestershire Parkway Scheme as set out in paragraph 5 below.
Background Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. At its meeting on 18 December 2014, Cabinet delegated final amendments to the detail of the Worcestershire Parkway scheme arising from a public engagement exercise to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Director of Business, Environment and Community.3. The public engagement exercise ran from 1 October to 30 November 2014 and sought to provide evidence in support of any future funding applications, identify current travelling patterns and how these might change should the parkway station be built, and to measure the importance of different features of the station. This report makes recommendations regarding if and how the detail of the scheme should be amended in the light of responses regarding these features.4. 547 responses were received in response to the engagement exercise which included presentations, exhibitions, meetings, letters, emails, posters and website coverage. The responses, which are included in the report on the findings of the engagement exercise and which is available online (www.worcestershire.gov.uk/parkway), form the basis of the recommendations in this report. In summary, 91% of respondents either supported or strongly supported the proposal, 91% felt that the opening of the station would be beneficial or significantly beneficial to Worcestershire residents and 91% felt that it would be beneficial or significantly beneficial to Worcestershire's

Recommendations

economy.

5. The recommendations (sequenced in accordance with the Public Engagement Report), are as follows:

- (a) Provide appropriate mechanical and electrical infrastructure to facilitate the installation of Travel Information Screens
- (b) Provide passenger toilets
- (c) Provide passenger shelters on platforms
- (d) Provide adequate on-site parking
- (e) Provide passenger seating on platforms
- (f) Provide a passenger drop-off area
- (g) Provide a sheltered waiting area for bus passengers
- (h) Provide appropriate mechanical and electrical infrastructure to facilitate the installation of closed circuit television cameras
- (i) Provide a ticket office (nb: staffing levels would be the responsibility of the station operator which is likely to be one of the Train Operating Companies)
- (j) Provide parking close to the station building for passengers with disabilities
- (k) Provide appropriate mechanical and electrical infrastructure to facilitate the installation of rail ticket machines
- (l) Ensure that any impact on the site's flora and fauna is kept to a minimum and that species are translocated and habitat loss mitigated where appropriate
- (m) Provide covered cycle storage facilities
- (n) Landscape the site as appropriate
- (o) Ensure that buildings are as sustainable as practicable
- (p) Consider the provision of a small retail facility e.g. for serving light refreshments
- (q) Consider the provision of electric car charging points
- (r) Provide a public art installation following further specific stakeholder engagement
- (s) Ensure good accessibility for passengers with disabilities e.g. lifts to different levels
- (t) Promote vehicular access to the station via major routes through the provision of appropriate signage to minimise traffic in residential areas
- (u) Improve cycle access to the station
- (v) Provide a footbridge to carry the existing public right of way over the Bristol-Birmingham line.

6. Although some of these measures were considered less important than others by respondents, it is recommended that they are all implemented.

Legal, Financial, HR and Equality Implications

7. There are no HR or negative equality implications associated with the recommendations and no legal or financial implications associated that had not already been allowed for.

Supporting Information

- Worcestershire Parkway Regional Interchange Public Engagement Exercise Report – available on the County Council's website:
http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/5121/parkway_consultation_report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Business, Environment and Community Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:-

Agenda and background papers for the Cabinet meeting held on 18 December 2014