

## Transcript: Durham Bus Station Reconstruction Project

[video diggers and dumpers moving on the site at Durham Bus Station.]

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[Video: Dave Wafer standing in visitors car park behind the bus station construction site]

[Text: Dave Wafer Head of Transport and Contract Services]

[Dave Wafer] As people of Durham will know completed the demolition of Durham Bus station last year, and at that time there was quite a lot of ground remediation work to do. There was an existing stream, we had to divert a lot of other groundwork to be undertake and we'd always appreciate the building next to it, a listed building, needed some remediation work, and we'd done quite a lot of exploratory work to make sure that we knew what the structure contained.

[Video: showing engineers inspecting the side of the listed building and a digger moving]

However, once the old station was down, we could then fully appreciate the extent of the work we need to do.

[Video: showing engineers working next to the listed building]

Being a listed building there was obviously the national consents to go through.

[Video: digger moving in the background with a van and a pile of rubble in the foreground]

There was a party wall agreement to go through with the building owner and that has taken time and it's regrettable, but that's a necessary step's we have to go through.

[Video: a dump truck moving soil and rubble with a digger working in the background]

We've now made some improvements to the building itself and we are clearing the rest of the site in preparation for pilling.

[Video: showing the area cleared where the bus station used to be]

We will be pilling the main bus station building. We'll also be putting some underpinning next to the existing Manse, and then people would actually see the structure start to arise during March and April.

[Video: Cllr Elizabeth Scott, standing in the visitors car park at the site of Durham Bus Station]

[Text: Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Portfolio Holder for Economy and Partnerships]

We are delivering here a really state of the art bus station that's going to have lots of facilities that we didn't have in the old bus station. It'll be a lot more attractive for visitors and for residents, people working in the city.

[Picture of the artists impression of the new bus station from the outside]

It'll be a real hub for the county, so people will be able to travel much more easily from one part of the county to the other; as well as being able to access the city more quickly and easily.

[Picture: of the artists impression of the new bus station from the inside ]

[Picture: of the artists impression of the new bus station from an aerial perspective]

[Video: Cllr Elizabeth Scott, standing in the visitors car park at the site of Durham Bus Station]

We're very committed at Durham County Council to sustainable transport, and this type of infrastructure really supports that agenda and helps us to reduce the carbon footprint here in the city.

[Video: view looking down North Road towards the castle, buses are moving]

[Video: view looking across the roundabout on the A690, buses are moving]

[Video: buses travelling along Millburngate]

Undoubtedly, it's a difficult time whilst construction is going on for the businesses here on North Road, but the disruption that's caused now, I think will see huge benefits to those businesses next year.

We're really excited at the prospect that this this new bus station can help the regeneration of this part of Durham.

[Video: a security guard walking through the old bus station]

North Road has experienced some anti-social behaviour in the past. We're very well aware of that, but the new bus station is designed to address those kinds of issues and make the whole environment a lot safer, a lot more secure.

[Picture: showing the plans of the new bus station]

[Pictures: artists impression showing the inside of the new bus station from different angles]

It's going to be a bright and light environment, very family friendly. I think people will notice the increased feeling of safety and security and just altogether a much more fit for purpose building.

[Video: Cllr Elizabeth Scott, standing in the visitors car park at the site of Durham Bus Station]

We have an ongoing dialogue with businesses on North Road and we're constantly trying to improve things for their benefit.

[Video: Dave Wafer standing in visitors car park behind the bus station construction site]

[Dave Wafer] So we appreciate this has been a disruption for people in Durham. We know the people of this place, the bus service, Durham North Road, and we thank you for that. Patients are doing so. We will make sure that the works are progressed as quickly as possible and the current plan is that all works will be completed in the spring next year and we make sure that people are updated along the way. And as always, more information on our website.

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