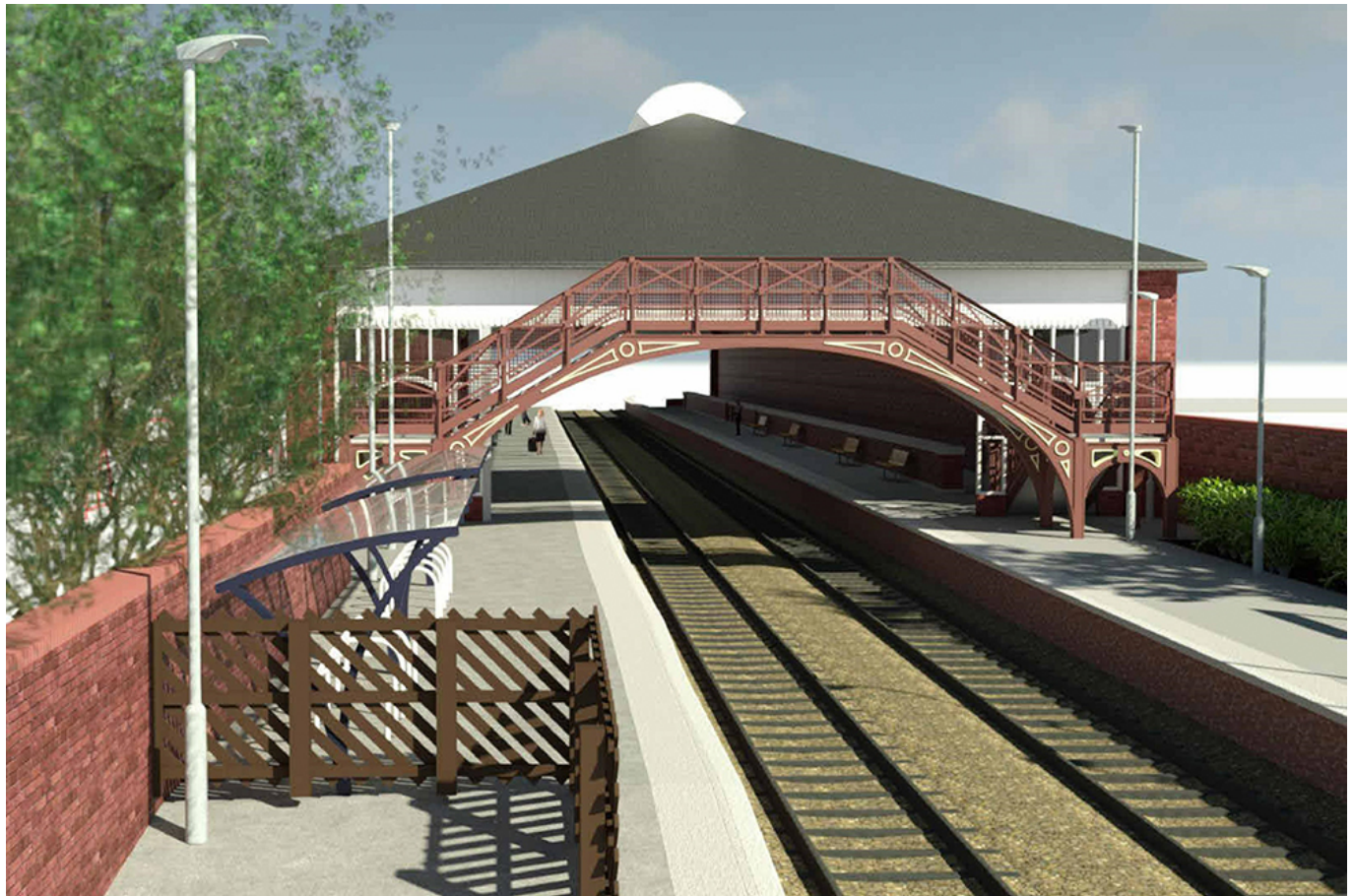


# Network Rail: Refurbishment begins on 130-year-old Beverley footbridge

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Work to fully repair and restore the 130-year-old Grade II-listed footbridge at Beverley station begins next week.

From next Tuesday (30 May), engineers will strengthen the original cast iron structure and install new parapets, along with new surfacing and stair treads. The bridge will be given a fresh lick of paint in keeping with its rich heritage, whilst the wooden canopy will be removed following years of wear and tear. Repairs to the train shed and platforms will also be made, giving the station a new lease of life.

The bridge has been closed on safety grounds since September 2022 to remove the risk of pieces of the weakened canopy falling onto the tracks below. As a Grade II-listed structure, the plans have been given the green light by Historic England and the essential work is due to be completed in November, with the bridge reopening to passengers.

Matt Rice, North and East Route Director for Network Rail, said: "I'm pleased that work is getting underway to fully restore this historic footbridge at Beverley station. It is an important piece of history that dates back to the 1880s, so it's vital that we refurbish it sympathetically whilst ensuring it remains safe for

passengers.

“I’d like to thank passengers for their patience whilst we push ahead with this project, and I look forward to the bridge opening later in the year.”

Tony Baxter, Regional Director at Northern, said: “I’d like to thank our customers for their patience as this essential work is carried out and advise them to allow extra time when changing platforms at Beverley station.”

Access between the station’s two platforms is maintained via the level crossing on Armstrong Way. Passengers are advised to speak to station staff if they need assistance and allow extra time for switching platforms. It is important that passengers do not cross the railway unless they are using the level crossing whilst the footbridge is closed.

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