

New facilities for Market Harborough station

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Completely new facilities are being brought to commuters using Market Harborough station.

Soon, people will be able to access a new toilet block with baby changing area and a new waiting room.

Network Rail said that there had been some early challenges, but things were now set for a May 2022 completion date.

It is the latest upgrade for the station, which recently got new tracks letting trains pass through at a higher speed, a new footbridge and 200 extra car parking spaces.

For safety reasons, the area will be fenced off while work goes ahead.

Gary Walsh, route director for Network Rail's East Midlands route, said: "I'm so pleased to see this project underway. The new facility is just one element of a whole range of changes we've made at Market Harborough to provide a better station for passengers.

"Delays to this project have been frustrating and I hope station users will join me in welcoming this new progress. We'll continue to work closely with East Midlands Railway to make real improvements that meet



the needs of all station users."

Neil O'Brien OBE, Member of Parliament for Harborough, Oadby and Wigston, said: "This is great news, that I know will be welcomed by many constituents. We've seen a lot of investment into the station and a number of improvements, and this is another important part of enhancing the passenger experience in Market Harborough.

"I had a very useful meeting at the station recently with Network Rail and East Midlands Railway to discuss this and a number of other areas, that I look forward to working with them on to further improve our station."

Lisa Angus, transition and projects director for East Midlands Railway, said: "We have been working alongside Network Rail to deliver a vastly improved Market Harborough station over the last few years and we're happy work has begun on the new toilets and waiting room.

"Our passengers have been very patient waiting for the work to start on the new facilities and we would like to thank them for their continued support whilst the improvement works are taking place."