

# Planning consent received for Inverness Airport railway station

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The Highland Council's planning committee has unanimously approved proposals which will see a new railway station built at Inverness Airport.

The plans for this station will see the construction of a two-platform station on the Aberdeen-Inverness line, with step-free access via a footbridge with lifts, adjacent to Inverness Airport.

The station will have parking for 64 cars with 10 electric charging facilities, four disabled spaces and cycle parking.

The development also comes with the advantage of closing the level crossing at Petty which will improve the safety of the line and the operation of the new station.

The planning application was submitted back in December 2020 following extensive engagement with the community - which was carried out online due to COVID-19 restrictions.

New stations can act as a catalyst to further investment, regeneration and economic development for local

areas. The construction of the new Inverness Airport station will help enhance the area by giving travellers another route to the airport and will open-up transport links and improve connectivity.

Graeme Dey, Minister for Transport, said: “The Scottish Government has committed around £14 million towards this key new station and this is another significant step towards delivery of this important project.

“By providing this kind of sustainable travel interchange, we can bring real benefits to the region by making Inverness Airport more accessible for passengers and staff alike.

“It will also deliver sustainable travel links to the growing Inverness Airport Business Park and the new town of Tornagrain at a time when we continue to pursue a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Graeme Stewart, Network Rail’s sponsor for Inverness Airport station project, said: “We are pleased Highland Council has advised that this project can move forward. It is an exciting development that has the potential to transform travel options to the airport and the local community it will serve.

“The new Inverness Airport station will allow easier access and improved connectivity for passengers and this a significant milestone in the progression of the project. Now that we have clarity on the planning decision, we can move to get on-site as quickly as possible and work with our partners to deliver this new station for our customers and the wider community.”

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