

Preparatory work underway on East Linton station development

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Ground work has started on the development of the new East Linton station – which will see trains call at the village for the first time for more than half a century.

The team have started work to set up access roads and the site compound that will support the development over the next twelve months before marking out, clearing and levelling the area that will be the site of the new station.

Work on the station-proper at East Linton will begin early in 2022 and will see the construction of a two-platform station on the East Coast mainline, with 126 car parking spaces. The station itself will be fully accessible with lifts and a footbridge connecting both platforms with access for pedestrians and cyclists.

The new station will support economic growth by providing a connection into Edinburgh Waverley, offering an excellent new link to public transport and enabling residents from the area to access an expanded range of employment, education and leisure opportunities.

A station opened in the village of East Linton in 1846 but the last passenger services stopped in 1964.

PJ Trainor, Network Rail's project manager for the East Linton station development said: "The start of preparatory work ahead of the construction of the new station in East Linton

"Getting on site and literally clearing the ground for the new development is a significant step-forward for the project and one which brings us closer to the construction activity and ultimately the re-opening of the station itself and all the opportunities it will bring to the village.

"And while it is exciting to look forward to delivering the station, the construction itself represents a challenge for the project team and one which we are fully aware will cause disruption and inconvenience for the community in the short-term.

"Our commitment is to do what we can to minimise disruption throughout the work and fully engage with the local community to let them know what is happening, when and what it will involve in terms of potential inconvenience."

Anyone with any questions about the project can email EastLintonstation@networkrail.co.uk or call the community helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

The plans for the new station at East Linton includes:

- Two new 164m long, 4m wide station platforms and associated furniture (waiting shelters, seating and ticket machines).
- A new footbridge will cross the railway, incorporating lift shafts and stairs on either side.
- Lighting columns throughout the site and associated infrastructure/ equipment including CCTV
- Car park, bus stop with shelter and a drop-off space.

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