

Reston Station construction is underway

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Work is now underway to build the new Reston station in the Scottish Borders.

Following successful completion of preparatory work, primarily diverting an existing water main, the team on site have now started work to create the embankments for the new station platforms.

It is the first phase of construction activity which will see a station open in the Borders village of Reston for the first time in more than half a century.

The plans for Reston will see the construction of a two-platform station on the East Coast mainline, with 70 car parking spaces and a new access road to the station. The station itself will be fully accessible with lifts and a footbridge connecting both platforms.

Work from now until the end of June will see the creation of embankments for, and the start of construction work on the new platforms, drainage built on the new access road and pilling to support the installation of new signalling and overhead line equipment.

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity said: "It is fantastic to see work to build the new station at Reston getting underway. It is another step towards creating new

travel opportunities for Reston and the surrounding Borders area.

“The Scottish Government is committed to delivering this scheme, estimated around £20 million, which will have real potential to deliver a number of benefits for the local communities and also help towards our green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Alex Hynes, Managing Director of Scotland’s Railway said: “It is great to see work on Reston station getting underway as we are committed to working alongside the Scottish Government to open up our railway to as many communities as possible across Scotland.

“This station will create new social and economic opportunities for people in Reston and the surrounding communities and we will work hard to deliver the new facility for the area as quickly as possible.

“It is an exciting development that has the potential to transform life for local people and the communities it will serve.”

Councillor Gordon Edgar, Scottish Borders Council’s Executive Member for Infrastructure, Transport and Travel, said: “The Council has provided over £2.3m towards the cost of this project, which will deliver significant benefits to the Berwickshire community, providing easy local access to the east coast mainline services which will in turn make this area more attractive for inward investment and housing growth, which will both support local communities and the economy.

“I look forward to seeing the works progress rapidly.”

Network Rail is encouraging anyone with any questions about the project to email restonstation@networkrail.co.uk or call our **24-hr helpline on 03457 11 41 41**.

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