

Slough train station improvement work to begin

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The number of accessible parking spaces is set to increase as improvements are about to begin on the northern forecourt of Slough train station.

There are currently just two accessible spaces beyond the northern entrance to the town centre station which will be increased to 21 with another 27 larger bays for motorists who need more room to get out of their vehicles.

The length of Railway Terrace will be subject to improvements as part of a £2.5 million project.

The road will also be improved for train passengers on foot and who arrive at the station by bicycle or taxi.

The funding was secured by the council's major infrastructure projects team and has been granted by Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The particulars of the work has been agreed with partners Network Rail and GWR.

Starting this week, the work is set to take place until the New Year.

The changes include a number of on street parking spaces and two drop off zones and one for accessible vehicles.

Councillor Rob Anderson, cabinet member for sustainable transport and the environment, said: "The improvements to Slough station's northern forecourt are part of our plans to improve the experience for people using sustainable transport and will also be good for those needing accessible spaces.

“There is access straight to the ticket area and the London bound platform.

“Immediately next to the station will be a shared space area aimed at making it a more pleasant area for pedestrians and cyclists.

“The work will include planting and landscaping, street lighting, a new retaining wall along Railway Terrace, and revisions to the existing surface water drainage network.

“This will bring the Station approach on the northern side up to a standard comparable to the southern side and help spread the load to hopefully encourage even more people to use the train.”

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