

Update from Network Rail on Access for All scheme

Hi Jane

I am aware it's a while since we've updated you on our progress with the Access for All scheme at Abergavenny station. Given the history of this project, I thought this would be a great chance to update you on what's been achieved so far and our next steps.

The Access for All Programme provides an obstacle free, accessible route to and between platforms. We manage and deliver the improvements which are funded by the Department for Transport who also select the stations. In Wales, this is match funded by Welsh Government through Transport for Wales.

We were so pleased that Abergavenny was selected by DfT for the programme. I know it's taken some time to get to this point but I'm pleased to tell you that the project is progressing well and we have now finalised our Options Selection report. This report allows us to identify the preferred solution to creating a step free accessible route between platforms at the station. At Abergavenny, this will be the addition of two lifts to the existing footbridge and, importantly, it will be in a way that will not conflict with the existing signalling arrangements.

We've now started the tender process for the next stage, which is 'Single Option Development'. Once we complete this stage we will have outline design drawings for the proposed scheme. We'll be working closely with Transport for Wales Rail Services during this stage, as well as the Conservation Officer to ensure we protect the station's heritage and obtain all the necessary consents for the scheme.

I hope to keep you updated as the scheme progresses, but in the meantime please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Tracey