
Report to: Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee

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Subject: **Information Report**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To update the sub-committee on matters of information relating to the Kirklees District.
- 1.2 Updates on regional and national issues are covered in the papers for Transport Committee, the latest set are available on the following link; [WYCA - Modern Gov](#)
- 1.3 A list of current projects in Kirklees District where there is current activity is provided at Appendix 1.

2. Information

Huddersfield and Dewsbury Bus Stations

- 2.1 The West Yorkshire Combined Authority, in partnership with Kirklees Council, is proposing to upgrade Dewsbury and Huddersfield Bus Station buildings and their surroundings; including improved interiors, better accessibility for all bus station users and upgraded public entrances and exits.
- 2.2 Public consultation on both schemes took place in 2021 and responses have been analysed and are reported on the YourVoice website:
 - www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/dewsbury
 - www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/hdbs
- 2.3 Feedback gathered from the public consultation will be taken into consideration and will inform the development of detailed proposals for both schemes.

Huddersfield Narrow Canal Towpath Upgrade

- 2.4 Work is under way to upgrade a 4.3km section of the towpath between Milnsbridge and Slaithwaite on the Huddersfield narrow canal. The scheme builds upon previous upgrades to neighbouring sections of the canal towpath in recent years, and aims to boost walking and cycling access on the towpath.
- 2.5 The construction period is between 28/02/22 and 19/08/22, during which sections of the towpath will be closed for the safety and wellbeing of the workers when undertaking surface improvements.

Dewsbury-Cleckheaton Sustainable Travel Corridor (A638): Second stage consultation

- 2.6 Kirklees Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority are proposing a series of travel improvements along the A638, between Dewsbury and Cleckheaton, and the Spen Valley Greenway and Spen Ringway.
- 2.7 Public engagement in 2021 sought views on the proposals for the Dewsbury–Cleckheaton Sustainable Travel Corridor scheme, including improvements to Heckmondwike Bus Hub. The feedback received showed support for most of the proposals, but some were not supported. These proposals have either been removed or amended. Views are now being sought on the amended proposals. Further information is available on the YourVoice engagement hub: www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk The consultation is open for contributions until Tuesday 15 March 2022.
- 2.8 The proposed bus station at Heckmondwike, included in the engagement in 2021, is being developed as a separate project, and views will be sought on this later in 2022.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the information report be noted.

4. Background Documents

None.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Kirklees Current Project Activity