

Penistone Station Improvement Scheme – FAQs

1. What is being proposed at Penistone Railway Station?

The scheme includes a new Park and Ride facility and a new fully accessible footbridge. Current proposals would increase parking from around 15 spaces to around 100 spaces, with accessible bays, cycle storage, motorcycle parking, pedestrian routes, landscaping and station access improvements.

2. Why is the scheme needed?

The project aims to improve access, safety and accessibility at the station. Existing parking is limited and the current platform crossing arrangement is not fully accessible. The scheme is intended to make rail travel easier and more attractive for local residents.

3. How is the footbridge linked to the Park and Ride scheme?

The two projects form part of a wider package of station improvements. The Park and Ride would be subject to planning permission, while the footbridge would be delivered separately under permitted development rights. Both are being developed together so the station works as one connected and accessible site.

4. Why has this site been chosen?

The land next to the station is considered the most practical location because it allows direct access to the platforms and works efficiently as a Park and Ride site. Alternative locations further away were less suitable because they would reduce convenience and integration with the station.

5. How many parking spaces are proposed and what facilities will be included?

Current proposals increase parking to around 100 spaces in total. This would include standard bays, accessible bays, enlarged bays, pick-up and drop-off provision, cycle storage and motorcycle parking. The final layout may still change as the design develops.

6. Will the scheme improve accessibility?

Yes. A key aim of the project is to create a safer and more accessible station. The proposals include accessible parking, improved pedestrian routes and a step-free footbridge with lifts, making it easier for people with mobility needs, pushchairs, luggage and cycles to use the station.

7. Will the scheme increase traffic?

The development is expected to create some additional local traffic, mainly linked to station use. However, the wider aim is to encourage more people to travel by rail instead of by car for longer journeys. A Transport Statement is being prepared to assess the effects on Lairds Way, Sheffield Road and the surrounding network.

8. Will parking remain free and who will use the car park?

It is currently anticipated that the car park would be owned by Network Rail and

operated as part of the station by Northern. The expectation is that it would remain free to use as a station Park and Ride facility, primarily for rail users, although final operating arrangements are still being developed.

9. Has a planning application already been submitted?

No. A formal planning application has not yet been submitted for the Park and Ride scheme. Feedback is currently being gathered and will help shape the proposals before submission.

11. What is the current project programme?

The current programme indicates submission of the planning application in Autumn 2026, final funding approval in Winter 2027, and construction between Spring 2027 and Spring 2028. These dates are indicative and may change as the project develops.

12. How can local residents provide feedback?

Residents and stakeholders can comment through the public consultation events, the online survey on the project webpage, or by emailing transportation@barnsley.gov.uk. Feedback received during consultation will be reviewed and used to inform the next stage of the scheme.