

STIRLING COUNCIL
WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Issues relating to accessing Stirling Rail Station

- The Station sits on the edge of Stirling City Centre adjacent to Stirling bus station. To the east of the station is the main development area in Stirling City, Forthside. The National Cycle Network (NCN76 and NCN765) passes nearby, and the station is also served by the Springkerse park and Ride service.
- The Council are working with Network Rail, Abelio Scotrail and Sustrans to improve access between the City Centre and the Station. This includes making the forecourt area more people friendly and improving the pedestrian and cycle linkages between the Station and the city centre, as well as improving the linkages between the station and the National Cycle Network. This work is part of a bigger project to reinvigorate that part of the town and 'bring' the station into the City Centre. We hope to submit bids to both the Scottish Stations Fund and Sustrans Community Links Fund to maximise the opportunities that this project offers to improve access to the station.
- The Council have embarked on a masterplanning excise (a City Development Framework) which places the Station at the hub of the City, tying together the older City Centre to the west with the expansion of the City at Forthside to the east of the station
- Transport Scotland and Forth Environment Link, with assistance from First Scotrail, have undertaken considerable work in bringing forward the Stirling Cycle Hub project, which now also includes Next Bike cycle hire at the station. The Cycle Hub is located in the station and undertakes cycling promotional activity. It is hope that the work at the Hub will be built on with Abelio Scotrail to help promote both walking and cycling to the station
- We are aware of the current access issues in the Station Forecourt area which are a concern to the Stirling Area Access Panel (lack of dropped kerbs), and also the issues of access to/from platforms 9 and 10 for people with mobility difficulties.
- Traffic modelling suggests that unless there is significant modal shift and road capacity improvements, then Stirling City could experience frequent and severe congestion in the medium term (eg from approx 2024). This may affect the attractiveness of access to the station for those that currently drive from the wider Stirling and Clackmannanshire areas.

We're happy to provide further information on any of the above issues, or any other questions in relation to Stirling Station.

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