

THE DARTMOOR LINE

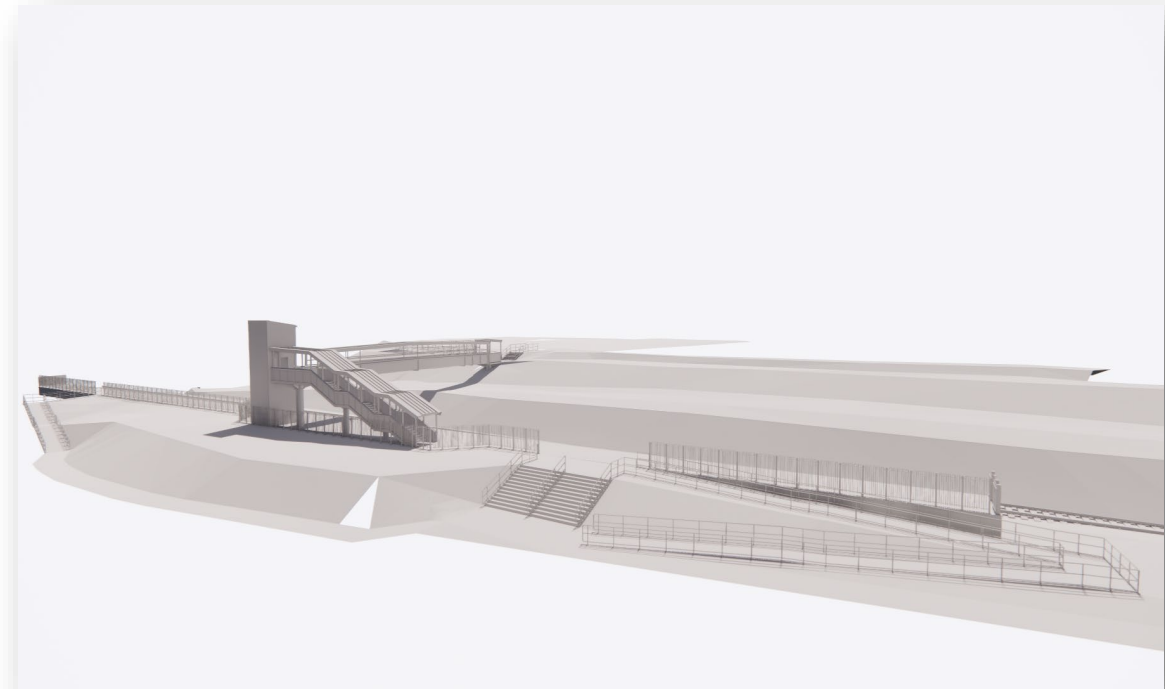
Okehampton Interchange Stakeholder Update

September 2024


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Agenda

- Welcome
- Project introduction – Devon County Council
- Project update – GWR & Network Rail
- upcoming milestones – GWR & Network Rail
- Q&A



Okehampton Interchange – an introduction

- Dartmoor Line Re-opening November 2021
- Application for UK Government Funding for new station at Okehampton Business Park with match funding from DCC and WDBC
- Single biggest public transport investment in West Devon for a generation
- Economic growth to the Town, Borough and region by providing a low carbon and convenient alternative transport link into Exeter and onwards into the national rail network
- Anticipated opening year demand 164,000 passengers
- Serving area of residential growth, employment areas and wider rural catchment
- Proposed cycle and bus links to improve connectivity

GWR & Network Rail Update

- Okehampton Interchange is between Crediton and Okehampton stations
- No change to existing Okehampton station
- Served by existing hourly train service between 07:00 – 22:30
- 2.5-minute dwell time (already in the timetable)
- Unstaffed station
- Customer facilities will include:
 - Ticket Vending Machine and Payment Validators
 - Waiting shelter
 - Bicycle storage
 - Defibrillator
 - Signage
 - Car parking, including blue badge spaces & EV charging
 - Pay & display ticket machine
 - CCTV coverage

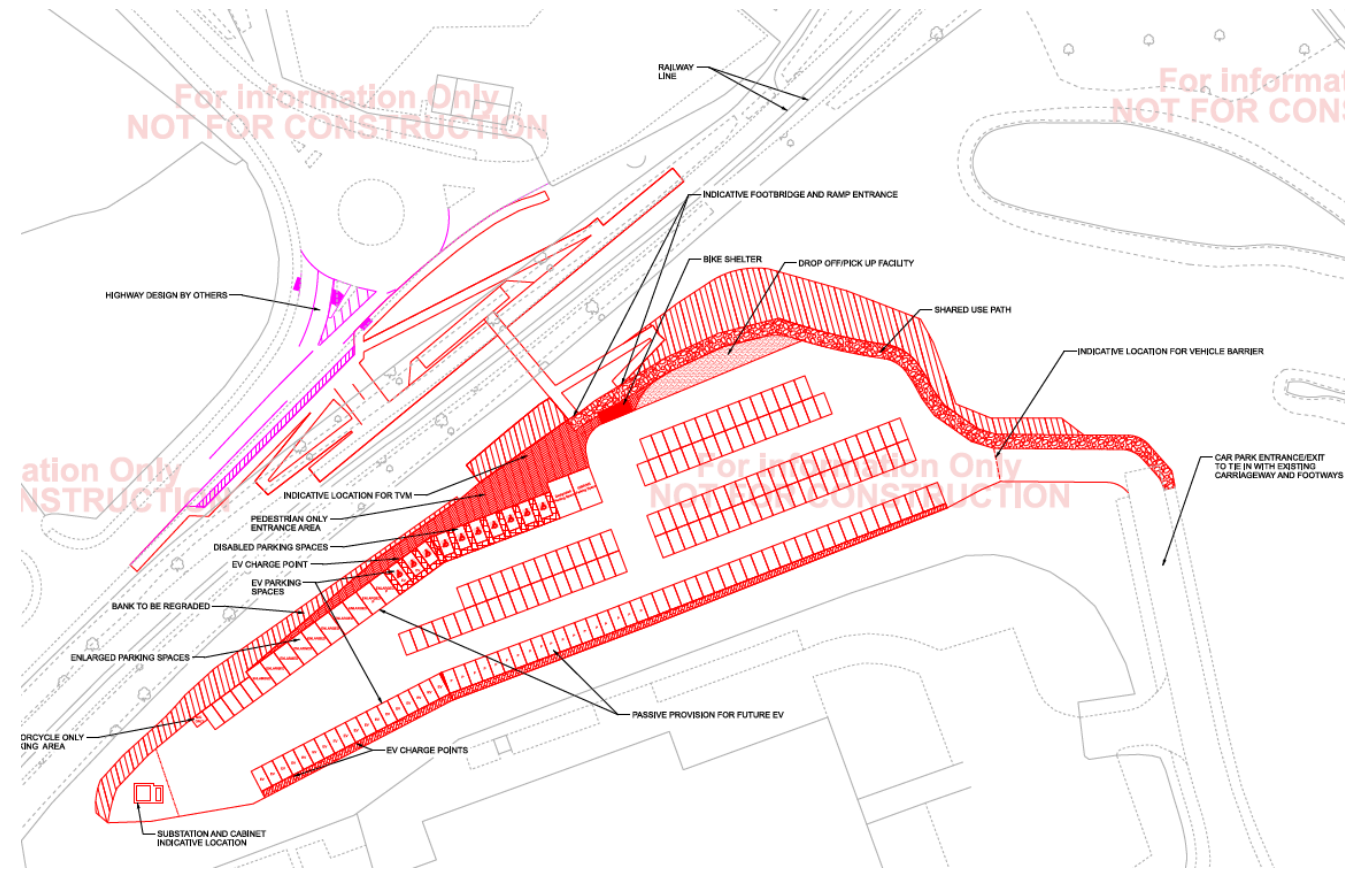


GWR & Network Rail Update

- NR's framework contractor, Octavius, continue with the station design
- Permitted Development planning application is at Prior Application stage (pre-requisite for Ecology Licence)
 - Public consultation ends 11 Sept 2024
 - Target decision date 10 October 2024
- WSP engaged Natural England seeking Ecology (Dormouse) Licence
- Enabling works (vegetation clearance & piling) start autumn 2024

Project milestones

- Initial (outline) designs complete – Autumn/Winter 2024
- De-vegetation works – Autumn/Winter 2024
- Track slew – March 2025 (in existing blockade)
- ‘Approved for Construction’ designs complete – Spring/Summer 2025
- Entry into Service – Spring 2026



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