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Charfield Station Construction FAQs – Updated July 2025

Introduction

Where will the station and construction works be?

The new station will be built immediately south of the old station site, with a car park off Station Road.

Works also need to take place on Little Bristol Lane, Station Road and Wotton Road.

How long will construction take?

Construction began in February 2025. We expect to open the new station to the public in spring 2027.

Does the scheme have planning permission?

Yes - the station scheme was given planning permission in March 2023. Since then, the project team has been working on discharging planning conditions and we have been granted a subsequent permission by the Local Planning Authority to make some minor amendments to the scheme that arose through the detailed design process.

In July 2025 Network Rail applied for approval to amend the previously consented design of the station's footbridge; the Local Planning Authority's decision is expected in late August 2025.

Construction works and timings

What works have been completed?

A package of enabling works began in February 2025 and was completed in July 2025.

The enabling works were the first phase of construction. Work during this phase included: the realignment of the Little Bristol Lane carriageway; setting up of construction compounds on the future southern car park and forecourt areas; erection of protective scaffolding around the former station booking hall (rail side); track drainage and cabling works; and vegetation clearance.

These enabling works were undertaken to enable the subsequent progression of the main works.

When are the main works happening?

The main works (platforms, footbridge, forecourt, southern car park and Station Road works) will commence in stages from August 2025. Further information about the works is available at www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation

We will provide updates to the local community throughout the project. [You can also sign up for email updates by subscribing to our project e-newsletter at www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation.](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/charfieldstation)

How is the station scheme being funded?

The station is being funded by the UK government through its City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, secured by the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority. The funding can only be used as capital funding for the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure. The funding cannot be used for day-to-day (revenue) funding for say bus services or any wider uses such as social care, education or health.

How much is the station scheme costing?

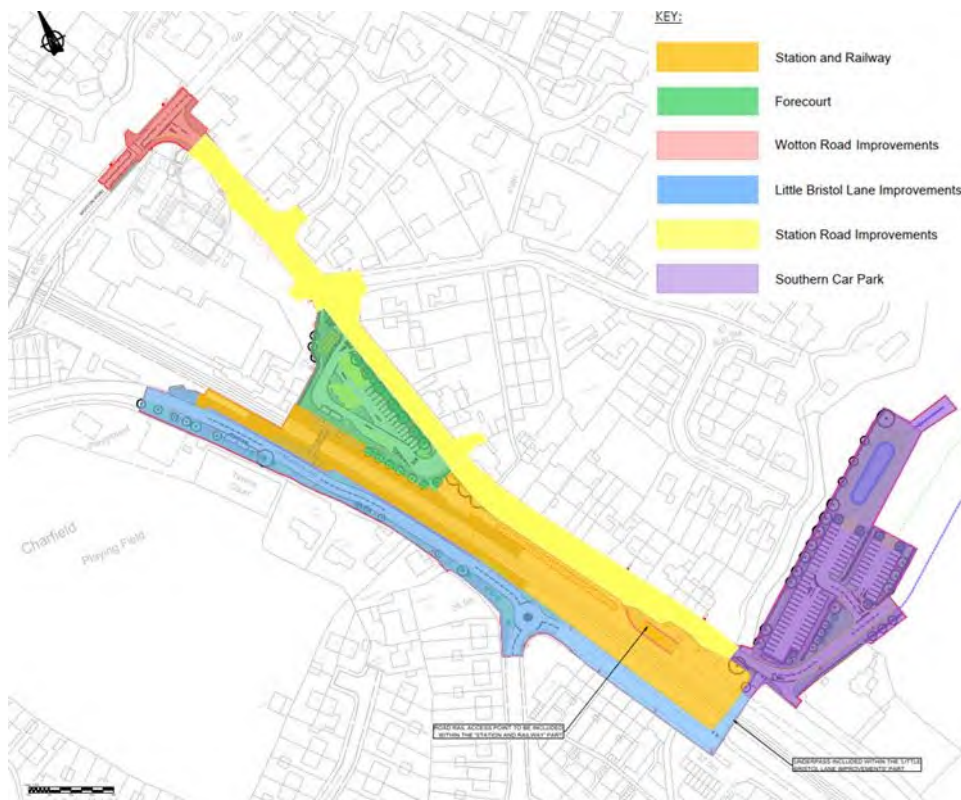
The funding awarded for the scheme is £39.5m. The estimated scheme cost at the Outline Business Case stage in September 2021 was £22.4m. The cost has increased for a number of reasons, including global events resulting in inflation, materials and labour cost increases, which have been amplified by the project's prolongation. In addition, through the progression of detailed design development, the project team has arrived at better cost certainty in readiness for delivery.

Who are undertaking the construction works?

South Gloucestershire Council's StreetCare division is undertaking highway works, i.e. the highway works, forecourt and southern car park. These areas are shown as the green, pink, blue, yellow and purple parts in the diagram below.

Network Rail's main contractor, Octavius Infrastructure Ltd, is undertaking the railway works, i.e. platforms, footbridge and track works, located in the orange part in the diagram below.

StreetCare and Octavius are working closely together to coordinate their construction programmes to minimise disruption and timescales, and they will continue to do so throughout the construction period.



Traffic management

How will traffic be managed during the works?

There will need to be traffic management measures in place while works are undertaken on and near the highway. These could include temporary road closures, traffic lights or stop/go boards.

The type of traffic management will depend on the phase of work being undertaken. We will keep the local community up to date with details and timescales.

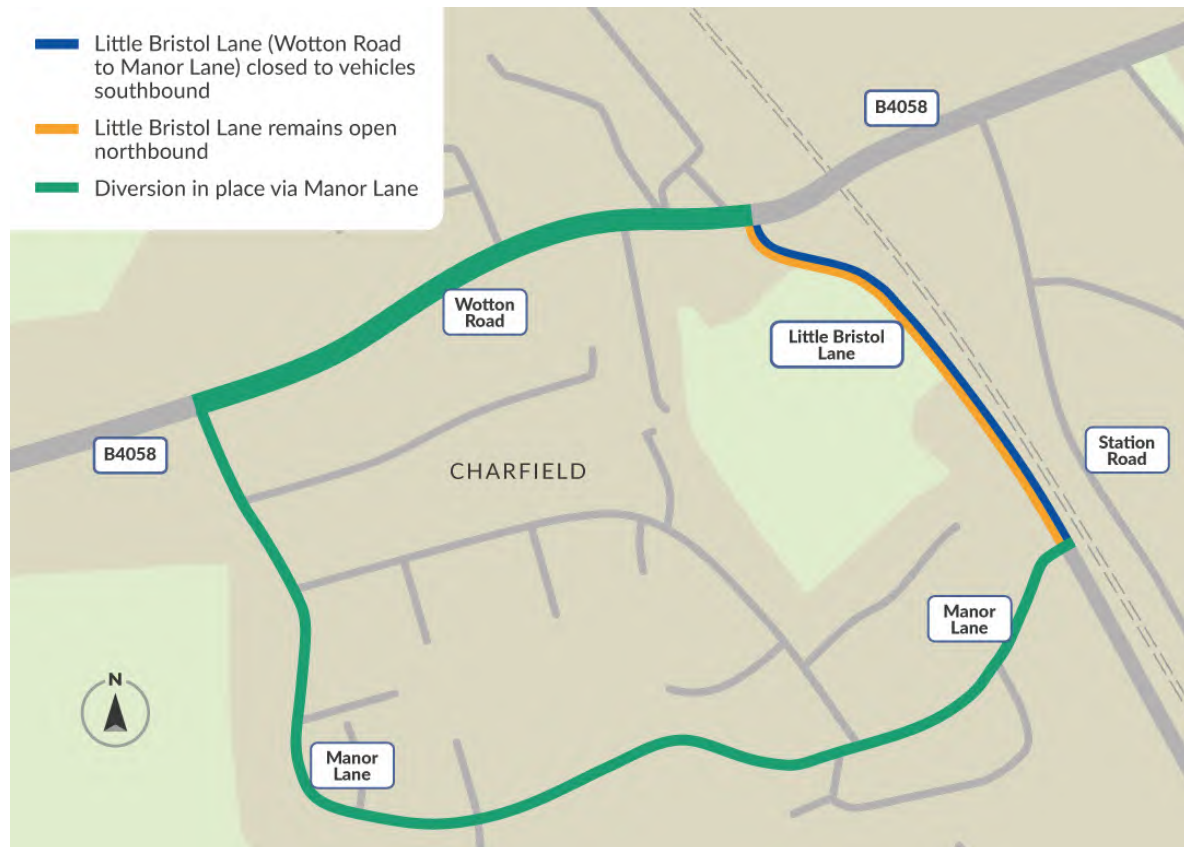
What type of traffic management will be in place for the main works?

Little Bristol Lane

SGC realigned Little Bristol Lane earlier in 2025 to accommodate the future station footbridge and northbound platform.

The main works include Octavius building the platforms and footbridge for the station. So that Octavius can work safely, a temporary one-way closure on Little Bristol Lane will be implemented north of the Manor Lane junction where the previous full closure was in place.

From 19 August 2025 Little Bristol Lane will only be open to vehicles travelling north towards Wotton Road. Vehicles travelling in the southbound direction will need to follow a diversion around Manor Lane, shown in the diagram below. We anticipate this temporary one-way closure of Little Bristol Lane to be in place until early 2027.



Pedestrians will be unaffected by the closure. However, cyclists will need to dismount and walk their bike along a stretch of pavement if travelling south on Little Bristol Lane.

The tunnel under the railway between Little Bristol Lane and Station Road will remain open during this period. We encourage all drivers to follow the signed diversion route.

To set up the one-way system, we will close Little Bristol Lane in both directions for one night, **from 11pm on Monday 18 August until 6am on Tuesday 19 August 2025**. A signed overnight diversion in both directions around Manor Lane will be in place during this time.

Following station construction, SGC StreetCare will return to undertake final works on Little Bristol Lane, including kerbing in front of the new platform, installation of a zebra crossing and resurfacing ahead of station opening.

Station Road

Station Road needs to be widened to provide more room for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. New retaining walls also need to be constructed on the boundary with MJ Fews, and at the existing rail access point further down Station Road.

There will be significant disruption during construction which we apologise for. A number of different traffic management types will be needed and these will vary as different stages of the works progress along the road. This will include the need for occasional temporary closures of Station Road to facilitate the installation of new underground drainage and final surfacing. The project team is currently considering the most appropriate timing of these closures to minimise disruption.

We will publicise information regularly to keep local residents and businesses up to date on details and timescales.

Will there be any impact on buses?

The temporary one-way closure of Little Bristol Lane impacts on the Y8, 914 and 917 bus services. The Y8 will divert via Manor Lane and Underhill Road during the one-way closure, as it did during the previous full closure of Little Bristol Lane. The Y8 will not serve the bus stop on Manor Lane near to Little Bristol Lane during this time; a notice will be placed on that stop to let Y8 users know to use the Berkeley Close/Underhill Road stop instead.

Eurocoaches will continue to collect from all bus stops on the 914 and 917 routes but please note that timings may fluctuate slightly while works take place as they navigate the road closure and diversion.

Will there still be access to local businesses, homes and services?

Access to properties on Station Road and Little Bristol Lane will be maintained, as far as reasonably practicable. However, there may be limited occasions when this is not possible. In these instances we will engage with affected owners in advance.

There may also be occasions when we temporarily need to halt traffic for a short duration, for example when deliveries are accessing the site.

We do not anticipate access to services and community facilities, e.g. the school and village hall, beyond Little Bristol Lane and Station Road being affected.

We will keep the local community up to date with details and timescales.

What happens if I can't park outside my own home during construction and I have disabled access requirements?

If you have a blue badge then please contact us directly and we can work together on how your requirements can be met. Contact details are further down this document.

Will pedestrians be impacted during construction?

Pavements will be kept clear as far as possible. However, there will be times when pedestrians may need to be diverted away from construction works. Any pedestrian diversions will be kept as short and convenient as possible, with safety being the priority. The Public Right of Way near the southern car park's location has been diverted and fenced to keep the route safe and separated from the works.

Working hours

What are the typical site hours?

Most of the construction work will be undertaken during normal working hours for building sites: 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Will there be night working?

In addition to standard daytime hours, essential night working will also take place. This is because some railway works can only be undertaken safely at night when there are no or fewer trains running. It also means that more work can be done in less time, which minimises the overall construction programme.

Railway works will take place on multiple Saturday nights and weeknights throughout the construction of the station.

There will also be occasions where there will be continuous 24-hour working for two days or more on the railway. This is currently scheduled to take place during September (one weekend), October (one weekend) and December (one weekend) 2025, and April (two weekends) and October (one weekend) 2026.

It will also be necessary to occasionally do some of the highway works at night (e.g. for final surfacing). This is to minimise disruption to residents and road users.

We will write to nearby residents and businesses to provide advanced notification of night works taking place. We will minimise noise as much as possible, however due to the nature of the construction some noise is unavoidable.

We recognise that overnight working brings a risk of disturbance for residents, and for this we sincerely apologise.

Will you tell local residents when there is night working coming up?

Yes, we will write to people living and working nearby in advance. We will also include this information on the project webpage and in our e-newsletter ([subscribe here](#)).

We will tell you what works will be undertaken, when the work will take place, and how long it is likely to take.

We recognise that night working can be disruptive and inconvenient for people who live near the construction areas, and we apologise for any disturbance. We will minimise night working and keep noise to minimum as far as is practicable. Furthermore, the project team is engaging with SGC's Environmental Protection Team to agree how best to continue to minimise noise levels.

Construction traffic

Will there be temporary compound areas?

Yes, the main compound for the railway works is located on the area that will become the station forecourt. The main compound for the highway works is next to where the southern car park will be constructed. There will also be smaller compounds within the working areas, including on Little Bristol Lane.

The compounds will contain areas for staff welfare, portacabins, parking, materials and equipment. Most construction traffic will be heading to and from these compounds, and the Road Rail Access Point on Station Road.

The plan is to double stack portacabins at the Station Road compound in order to ensure that there is enough space for parking, materials storage, etc.

Octavius will initially use generators to provide a temporary power supply for site cabins and works. Octavius will then transition the site to mains power as soon as possible. Where generators are required, Octavius will use super-silenced units and will install acoustic barriers to minimise any potential disruption to local residents on Station Road.

Generators are also being used by Streetcare at the southern car park compound. These have been fitted with acoustic screening and are being used as little as possible to minimise disturbance to local residents.

The locations of the main compounds are shown in the diagram below.



Will construction traffic block roads in/around Charfield?

Site and compound access points will be marshalled to minimise any queuing of construction traffic. On-site workers will be encouraged to lift share and will park within the site compounds or the live works areas.

When will deliveries and collections take place?

Deliveries/collections will be planned to take place between 7.30am and 6pm (Monday to Fridays) and 8am and 1pm on Saturdays. There may be occasions when deliveries or collections need to take place outside of these times - for example, to facilitate night working.

Deliveries and collections will be unloaded/loaded within the site compounds or the live works areas, unless there is a specific reason why this cannot be done.

Where practical, every effort will be made to avoid peak times and to stagger deliveries across the day. Suppliers will be contacted in advance regarding delivery times.

Managing the impact of construction

How will noise be minimised?

The following are examples of how we will minimise noise:

- Plant and equipment which emits noise strongly in one direction shall be orientated away from homes and businesses as far as reasonably practicable
- Plant and machinery will not be over revved
- Operatives will be considerate to neighbours, i.e. no shouting, slamming doors, playing radios, loads lowered and not dropped, use of hammers minimised and copper faced mallets used where possible
- Construction vehicles will adhere to local speed limits and 15mph within the site itself. Works and movements will be limited to daytime hours as far as possible.
- Acoustic screening will be used where practicable.

The project team is liaising with SGC's Environmental Protection Team to agree how best to minimise noise levels.

Furthermore, our contractors undertaking works on site will be briefed to be considerate to nearby residents by always keeping noise levels to a minimum.

Will there be mud on local roads?

The compound areas and temporary haul routes are being surfaced so that construction vehicles will not normally need to travel across bare ground. This will minimise mud on vehicles. Vehicles will be checked before leaving site and where required cleaning or mechanical road sweeping shall take place.

Transport haulers leaving the site will be appropriately covered, as far as is practical.

How will you monitor dust and air quality?

We have measures in place to minimise dust as far as possible, including:

- Vehicle routes will be kept clear of site materials and dampened down in dry weather, if needed
- Speed limits for construction vehicles on site will be reduced in dry weather to reduce dust generation
- Powder materials will be stored in containers
- Long term stockpiling of materials will be avoided

Site staff will undertake regular inspections. The frequency of inspections will be increased to daily checks when activities with a high potential to produce dust are

being carried out, and during prolonged dry or windy conditions. Corrective on-site measures, such as damping down, will be implemented if found to be necessary.

Are you considering ecology?

Yes. The project team has agreed a Construction Ecological Management Plan with the Local Planning Authority which sets out how impacts on local wildlife will be minimised during construction. There is also an Ecological Clerk of Works overseeing construction to ensure that the Plan is adhered to.

The finished scheme will include new tree and hedge planting and habitat creation. The first planting is likely to commence from winter 2025/26.

Will there be piling?

Piling will be used to install the foundations of the station footbridge. The piling method used will not be percussive (banging). Instead the foundations will be augured, which is akin to drilling, which minimises noise and vibration.

Some sheet piling will also be needed at the Road Rail Access Point (RRAP) on Station Road. This will be vibrated into the ground and there may need to be a limited amount of banging if rock is hit.

All piling work is planned to be undertaken during daytime hours.

How will you control vibration from the work and heavy vehicles?

Works will be undertaken in line with the British Standard 5228 Code of Practice for noise and vibration control on construction sites.

In addition, construction traffic speed limits will be adhered to, and we are using piling methods that limit vibration as far as possible.

Are local properties being surveyed before work starts?

SGC undertook photographic condition surveys of properties near the site along Station Road and Little Bristol Lane before the works started. These recorded the external condition of buildings and structures prior to works commencing.

We are also undertaking photographic condition surveys of the internal condition of some properties on Station Road where they are very close to the works.

What should I do if I think the work is damaging my house?

If works are taking place which you believe are damaging your property, then you should contact the project team. Contact details are shown below.

Who should I contact with concerns about construction work?

For the railway works, which includes the new station, platforms and footbridge, call the Network Rail 24-hour helpline number on: **03457 11 41 41**.

For the highways works, contact South Glos Council StreetCare on: **01454 868000**.

Alternatively, you can email the project team at: charfieldstation@southglos.gov.uk
This mailbox will be regularly checked during normal office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays.

I run a business near the site, will you pay compensation for any loss of earnings during the work?

The general rule is that there is no automatic or statutory provision for compensation to be payable by the highway authority if a business is affected by roadworks. However, there is potential relief from business rates available if business premises are affected by severe local disruption.

The Government's website contains information regarding claiming for a business rates reduction in the form of hardship relief: www.gov.uk/apply-for-business-rate-relief/hardship-relief

The council's website also contains information on how to apply for hardship relief: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/hardship-relief/>

Will there be compensation for those residents or businesses adversely affected by the construction work?

There is no legal requirement for the council to provide compensation for disturbance and there is no council policy in place to do so.

What is happening to the listed former station buildings?

The listed buildings are in private ownership. We recognise the value of the listed buildings and there is no intention to damage or demolish the buildings as part of the station scheme. We have ensured, through liaison with the Local Planning Authority, that the station design does not negatively impact on the listed buildings.

Renovation of the buildings does not form part of the station scheme, however protective scaffolding has been put up around the listed building that is closest to the railway for the duration of the nearby works. This is to help protect the building and the railway.

Further information

How do I get in touch with the project team?

If you have a question, please contact the project team by emailing us at:

CharfieldStation@southglos.gov.uk

Where can I find out more information?

Please visit the project webpage: www.southglos.gov.uk/CharfieldStation

You can also [sign up to receive our project e-newsletter](#).

Will you keep the community updated?

We will provide updates to the community throughout the project. We would encourage people who are interested to sign up to our project e-newsletter. This can be done by visiting the project website: www.southglos.gov.uk/CharfieldStation.

We will also issue updates via the webpage, the council's social media accounts (Facebook - South Glos Council's StreetCare) and via the local press.