

CHARFIELD STATION PROJECT



BACKGROUND

The station will provide much-needed access to public transport for approximately 14,500 residents within a 5km radius, reducing car dependency in Charfield, Wotton-under-Edge and surrounding settlements.

The new station will lie at the heart of the village and will be within a ten-minute walk for all Charfield residents. It is anticipated the station would be served by a minimum of one train per hour in each direction.

STATION FACILITIES

The station scheme includes:

- North and southbound platforms, with seating and shelters
- A connecting pedestrian footbridge, with stairs and lifts
- Ticket machines and real-time passenger information
- A bus stop
- Covered cycle parking
- Local highway improvements.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WOTTON ROAD

- A new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing of Wotton Road near to the junction with Station Road.

STATION ROAD

- Sections of carriageway and footway to be widened.
- The existing subway under the railway, linking Station Road and Charfield Green, will be closed to traffic but pedestrian and cycling access will be maintained.



LITTLE BRISTOL LANE

- Carriageway realignment to provide space for the station platforms and footbridge. The road will remain at least two metres from property boundaries.
- New zebra crossing
- New mini roundabout for Little Bristol Lane at its junction with Manor Lane and Charfield Green to allow vehicles to turn.

CAR PARKING

The scheme includes 23 parking spaces, including accessible bays and electric vehicle charging points in the forecourt area adjacent to the station, accessed from Station Road.

70 spaces will also be available to the south of the station. Additional on-street parking is being created on Station Road.

Provision for a taxi/minicab rank and dedicated drop-off bays will be provided in the forecourt area.

CONSTRUCTION

South Gloucestershire Council's Streetcare division is undertaking the highway works, i.e. the southern car park, forecourt and highway improvements.

Network Rail's contractor, Octavius Infrastructure Ltd, is undertaking the railway works, i.e. platforms, footbridge and track works.

StreetCare and Octavius are working closely together to coordinate their construction activities to minimise disruption and timescales as far as possible.



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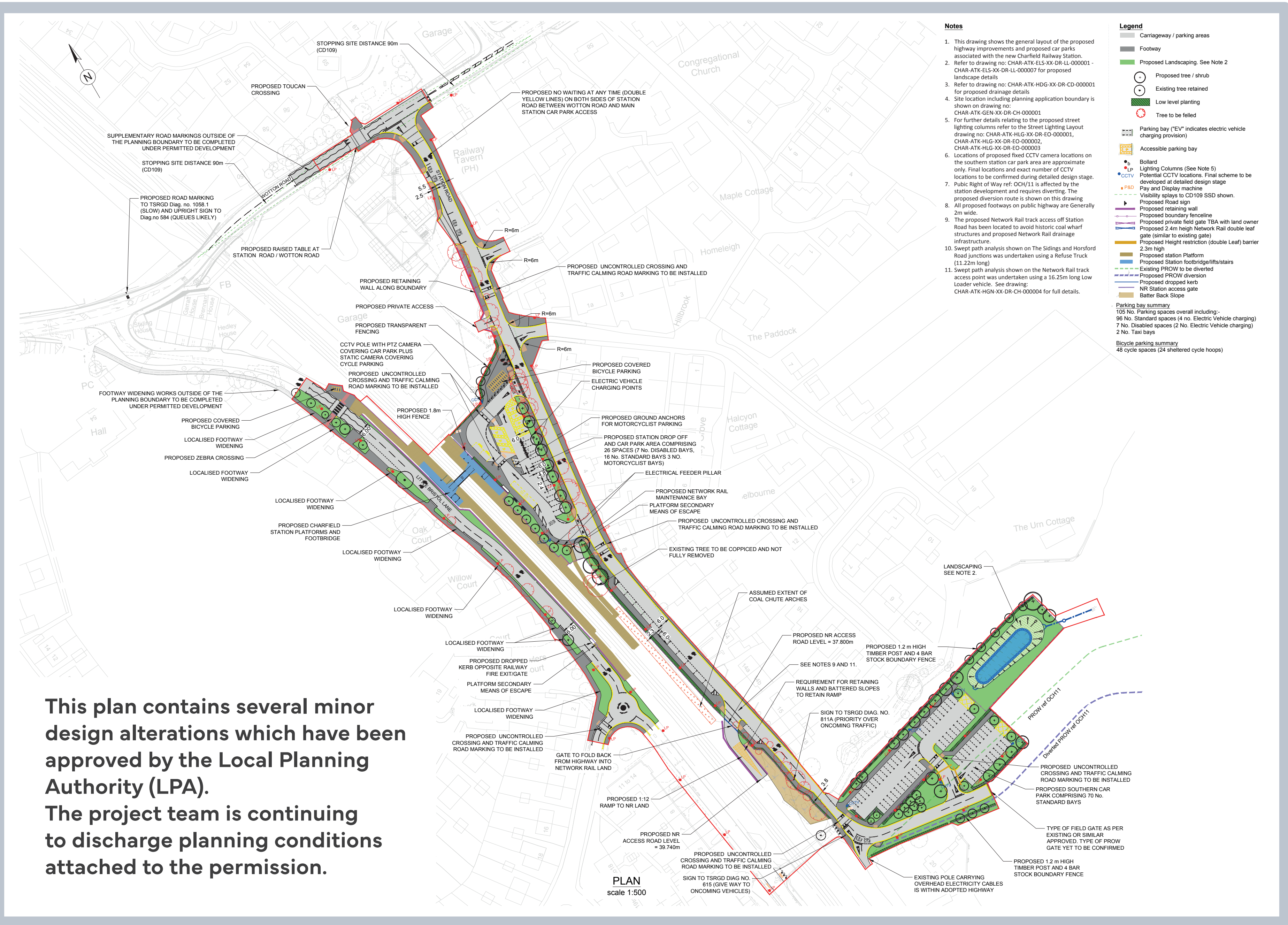


Scheme funding

The works for the new station are being funded by the West of England Combined Authority using funding from the Government’s City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS). Funding for the main construction phase to take us to station opening was secured in July 2025.

Planning permission

The latest plan for the station scheme (with planning permission) is below:



This plan contains several minor design alterations which have been approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The project team is continuing to discharge planning conditions attached to the permission.

Footbridge

An application for permission to change the design of the station’s footbridge was submitted to the LPA in July by Network Rail.

The new footbridge design uses red brick and terracotta cladding to complement the style of the listed former station buildings, as opposed to the more modern footbridge design that was previously approved. The new design is similar in size, with stairs and lifts for accessibility, and it offers better value for money for the station, both in terms of installation costs and long-term maintenance. No changes are proposed to the location of the footbridge. The LPA’s decision on the new design is anticipated in late August.



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Construction programme

Enabling works took place between February and July 2025. This was the first phase of construction and included:

- track drainage and cable realignment adjacent to the railway
- station forecourt clearing and levelling
- realignment of Little Bristol Lane
- construction compound set-up adjacent to the southern car park
- protective scaffolding around the former station booking hall
- vegetation clearance

The table opposite provides a high-level view of the remaining project activities. All dates are subject to change.

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 resurfacing). 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.

Period	Activity	Lead contractor/organisation
Summer 2025 to Spring 2026	Southern Car Park construction	SGC StreetCare
Summer to Winter 2025	Works to the existing rail access point at the southern end of Station Road	Octavius
Summer 2025 to Autumn 2026	Railway and station works, including footbridge and platforms	Octavius
Autumn/ winter 2025	National Grid electrical works on Station Road, Horsford Road and Little Bristol Lane	National Grid
Winter 2025/26 to Winter 2026/27	Station Road works, including widening of the carriageway and pavements	SGC StreetCare
Summer 2026	Wotton Road crossing works (dependent on consultation outcome)	SGC StreetCare
Autumn 2026 to Winter 2026/27	Station forecourt construction	SGC StreetCare
Winter 2026/27	Southern car park compound and haul road removal	SGC StreetCare
Winter 2026/27	Little Bristol Lane final works, including kerbing, zebra crossing and surfacing	SGC StreetCare
Autumn 2026 to Spring 2027	Station testing and driver training	Network Rail/GWR/Octavius
Winter 2026/27	Station Road/Charfield Green underpass closure to vehicles	SGC StreetCare
Spring 2027	Target date for station opening	Network Rail / GWR

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Traffic Management

Traffic management will be required to ensure the safety of the public and the workforce, and to provide the space necessary to undertake the construction. This may include temporary road and pavement closures, traffic marshals, temporary traffic lights and stop/go boards. We will publicise information regularly to keep local residents and businesses up to date on what is happening next.

Little Bristol Lane

Octavius will use part of Little Bristol Lane for their compound area and working space to facilitate the construction of the station's northbound platform and footbridge. As a result, a one-way system is currently scheduled to be in operation on Little Bristol Lane from 19 August 2025 until early 2027. The southbound traffic lane (heading away from Wotton Road) will be closed to vehicles; the northbound traffic lane (heading towards Wotton Road) will be open to vehicles. Vehicles heading north towards Wotton Road will be able to travel along Little Bristol Lane as normal, but vehicles wishing to travel south will need to follow a diversion via Manor Lane.



Pedestrians will be able to use the existing pavement. Cyclists will be able to cycle as usual when travelling north towards Wotton Road, but will need to dismount and walk on the pavement if travelling south, or use the 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. A signed overnight diversion in both directions around Manor Lane will be in place during this time. The one-way closure and the overnight full closure will be in place north of the Manor Lane junction where the full closure earlier in the year was in place.

BUSES

We recognise that the one-way closure 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.

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 Station Road 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.

Wotton Road

A signalised crossing is proposed on Wotton Road in order to improve access to the station. We recently went out to consultation on this and are currently considering feedback from residents and the Parish Council. It is likely that the works to install the crossing will take place in summer 2026 which will require temporary traffic management on Wotton Road, including some overnight closures. We will publicise information regularly to keep local residents and businesses up to date on details and timescales.

National Grid works

National Grid need to install new electrical power supplies for the station, and they also need to underground a number of existing overhead supplies. This will involve National Grid digging trenches on Station Road and Horsford Road. Excavations will need to be undertaken across the front of some residents' driveways which may temporarily limit vehicular access. Affected properties will be notified in advance. Works to electrical cables are also required on Little Bristol Lane. Dates for these works are to be confirmed but are likely to take place during Autumn and Winter 2025. We will publicise information regularly to keep local residents and businesses up to date on details and timescales.

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