

Ledbury Neighbourhood Development Plan

Consultation Template

Date 14 August 2021	Name of organisation: Ledbury Station Adoption Group
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Key items to comment on	Section 3 proposals to provide ground level access to the eastbound platform and new parking spaces. Have you had discussions with West Midlands Rail or Network Rail about these issues? We are also consulting with them but would be very interested in your views. Any other issues you feel are relevant.
Summary of comments We have put a modest suggestion to the West Midland Railway that much better quality fencing be installed, that to the Birmingham side platform being set further back to include the grass. No positive response as yet.	
Is it OK to publish report with all information or does it need to be anonymised? (the Inspector who will examine the NDP will need to see key evidence like this) We are content to be associated with the view expressed above	
Conclusions and recommendations We're in complete agreement that proper access to the Birmingham side platform for the disabled is high priority and that much more car parking is needed. Access for the disabled would be best provided by lifts on each platform to the footbridge. Access via a ramp from the Bromyard Road would be an interim solution and useful anyway. There is no possibility of expanding the existing car park, so more space can only be provided on the Bromyard side of the bridge. However, the field and orchard on the north side of the road forms a pleasant prospect from the station, so the best siting of car parking is not easy to determine. We see all these possibilities as steps towards a vision of the station as a pleasant place to catch a train. The Railway is not a bus service, being of a different order and scale, so the present bus shelters ought to be replaced with proper railway buildings, of an original design, clearly railway but not retro.	