

Dorking Deepdene Station – First Great Western’s proposed phased improvements

The improvements required at Dorking Deepdene station and the linkage with Dorking main station is fairly complex, therefore it is necessary to approach the scheme in incremental phases.

The proposed phased approach, subject to detailed feasibility and funding availability, is as follows:

Phase 1 (subject of this bid) – replacement of waiting shelters, removal of vegetation, and installation of acoustic and privacy screening, lighting improvements, installation of CCTV and improvements to the stairs, new cycle facilities, installation of a new Ticket Vending Machine at the North entrance to the station;

Phase 2 - installation of lifts to each platform and changes to the two access paths and stairs to provide DDA compliant access to the station, exploration of new walking route between the two stations (potentially to be funded by redevelopment of Federated House); and

Phase 3 - delivery of station building with full customer facilities, gatelines and subway to make the station secure. The entrance path to the westbound platform would be closed and all access would be through the new station building on the northern side.

Federated House is an office block lying immediately to the north of Dorking Deepdene Station. Its site is identified as a suitable location for new homes in Mole Valley District Council’s Dorking Town Area Action Plan. The Plan indicates the Council is keen to see the provision of disabled access to the Deepdene railway station and will investigate the scope for the redevelopment of the Federated House site to contribute to the achievement of this objective.

Federated House is currently vacant and the site subject to proposals for residential development. First Great Western will work with MVDC to explore opportunities to improve access to Deepdene Station which may be presented by the redevelopment of this site.

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