

Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure

26 April 2022

PETITION: ACCESSIBLE BRIDGE FOR BOOKHAM STATION

Statement:

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to Reconsider your decision not to support Bookham Station's Access for All bid for an accessible bridge with lifts at Bookham station.

Justification:

Bookham Station has no step free access to platform one. Meaning people in wheelchairs cannot access a London bound train at Bookham station. There is a strong case for Bookham to have an accessible bridge, as it is home to the Grange centre for disabilities, two SEND units in the Eastwick Schools and until Surrey County Council decided not to support our bid we also had the support of South Western Railway.

Submitted by: Andrew Matthews

Signatures: 120

Response:

I would like to thank the petitioner for raising this matter.

Access for All bids to Government are coordinated and then submitted by the relevant train operating companies for station in their operating area. In the case of Bookham Station, the train operating company is South Western Railway.

The Council has been working closely with South Western Railway and Network Rail to determine which stations it can support in terms of bids for Control Period 7 investment, the upcoming new rail investment period. I am pleased to state that the Council has indicated formally to South Western Railways that it does support the proposal for Bookham Station to be come fully accessible through an Access for All Bid. However, at this stage the Council has not been able to identify any match funding to support South Western Railway's bid to Government.

The Council awaits the outcome of the Access for all Bidding process with keen interest.

Matt Furniss

Cabinet Member for Transport & Infrastructure

Date of meeting – 26 April 2022

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