

## **Didcot Station Multi-Story Car Park**



Didcot Station is the second busiest station in Oxfordshire, in the years pre-pandemic it dealt with over 3,000,000 passengers every year and has seen an annual average increase in passenger numbers of 7.4% in those pre-pandemic years. The station is a major hub for trains in the area, with connections to Oxford, Banbury, Reading and London and the car park is the latest stage in its redevelopment. The new car park has a capacity of approximately 1,800 spaces arranged over ground level and upper floors and of the multi-story car park and the adjacent external car parking area.

Didcot station is a key gateway to the Science Vale hi-tech cluster and the Enterprise Zone including Milton Park, Harwell Campus, and Culham Science Park. Given the stations proximity to major employment sites this multi-story car park will unlock a number of local economic opportunities. In addition, the rail links to major towns and cities provides a much wider benefit. This new car park will enhance the prospect of Didcot becoming a garden town which affords Didcot numerous material, cultural, economic, and political opportunities. Overall, the prospect is for Didcot to grow into a place that people near and far want to come to, built on its unique assets that is about community as much as architecture and urban design. It offers Didcot the chance to become a uniquely attractive place to live, work and learn for residents and visitors alike, now and into the future. The garden town status and approach will galvanise Didcot's social, cultural, economic, political, and environmental assets as one whole ecosystem, creating an inclusive and holistically planned town of high-quality and affordable housing and cultural amenities; that is aesthetically beautiful; with healthy, sociable, and civic-minded communities.



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  - GWR and DfT - £10,950,000
  - Network Rail - £3,300,000

This new multi-story car park, along with the connecting covered footbridge to the station, has improved the experience for all that use the Didcot Parkway station and in keeping with the Funding Agreement (dated February 2017) the project has delivered the following outputs:

- Provision of an additional 910 car park spaces for use by the general public. This takes the total car park spaces to 1805 on the site.
- Covered footbridge leading to the station.



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