

Warwickshire County Council - Rugby Parkway Update

26th January 2018

1. This note seeks to provide clarification on the likely timing of Warwickshire County Council's (WCC's) proposal to deliver a new rail facility at Rugby Parkway, which would be located to the south of the A428 Crick Road opposite the Rugby Radio Station site at Houlton (please refer to Figures 1-3).
2. WCC has secured £2M of internal funding and £4M of Growth Deal funding from the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) towards the scheme. We are currently in discussions with the Department for Transport (DfT) to secure the remaining funding required to deliver the proposal.
3. Both DfT and Network Rail are supportive of the scheme and are working with WCC to progress its development. We are looking to secure the final part of the funding by spring 2018, at which point it would become a WCC Capital Scheme.
4. Subject to the successful completion of Network Rail's GRIP (Governance for Railway Investment Projects) stages 3-5 (Option Selection, Single Option Selection, Detailed Design), the planning application to be secured by December 2019; it is anticipated that construction would begin on site in May 2020 with potential completion by March 2021. Please note that these dates are provisional and may be subject to change.
5. The station will initially be served by two trains per hour between Birmingham and London Euston, with potential to increase this following the opening of HS2 in 2026. The station will provide direct services to Coventry, Birmingham International, Northampton and Milton Keynes. It will also provide a four minute journey to Rugby.

Figure 1: Artist sketch of station



Figure 2: Station location in Rugby

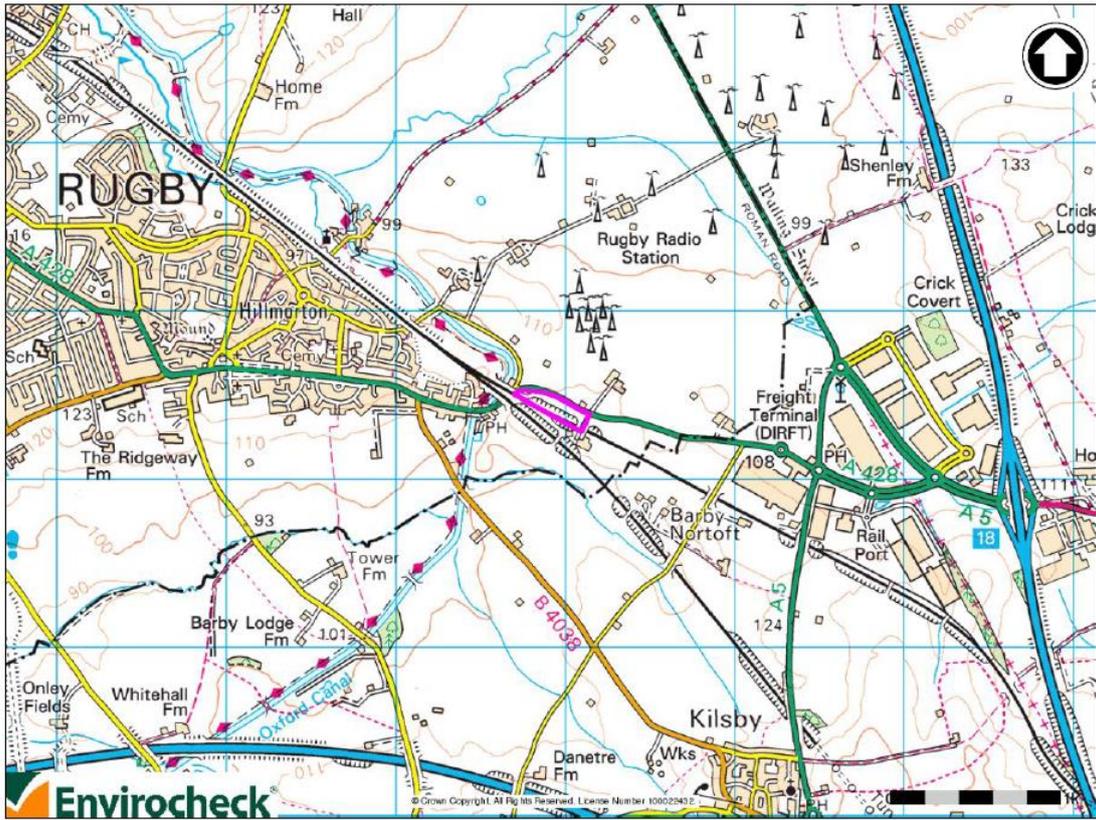


Figure 3: Station location in relation to Houlton

