

COUNTY COUNCIL

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PUBLIC QUESTION FROM ALDERMAN PHIL STODDART

Question

As a very proud Alderman of Durham City, I have come here today to ask a question on behalf of the people in the surrounding villages who elect most of you here today. It is now nearly two years since this Council brought forward proposals for the regeneration of North Road, which included fantastic plans for a much needed new Bus Station. As you all know, the present one is an absolute disgrace to our historic city. We may have the best Council in England, but we have the worst bus station. Why has your fantastic plans for a new bus station been put to bed and when will they be woken up and give the people in the villages, the bus station they surely deserve.

Response

I would like to thank Alderman Stoddart for his question.

We recognise the important role that buses play in helping to improve accessibility for residents of our towns and villages and helping to reduce congestion and air quality issues in our historic city. I am pleased that the Alderman supports our ambitious plans to regenerate North Road and provide a new bus station facility that we can all be proud of.

Following the initial public consultation we have been working with landowners, bus companies and partners to develop the proposal into a viable scheme. This work inevitably takes some time but we are hopeful of reaching a positive outcome later this year.

The Council hopes that by bringing land and partners together we can deliver a state of the art bus station, together with new shops and businesses and an improved environment for residents and visitors, at this important gateway to the City.