

## Transition Town Letchworth Suggestion For Letchworth Station Improvement

We understand that Letchworth Station has an allocation of £80,000 for improvements as part of the Passenger Benefit Fund. Transition Town Letchworth are a local charity whose aim is to deliver projects to tackle climate change locally. We would like to see this fund being utilised to encourage and support local people to choose sustainable transport options to reach the station.

Currently the station can only be accessed from South of the train line, and train passengers from the North of the Town either have to cross over Neville's Bridge on Bridge Road or pass under the railway on Norton Way and then reach the station via Station Road. Provision of a North side entrance to the station would reduce the time it takes to reach the station providing a daily benefit to commuters from the North side of the town. This time saving could help encourage people to switch to sustainable transport as they would have a shorter walk / cycle ride to the station.

A flyover for walkers / cyclists from Station Place to Neville's road, which would provide improved access to the town centre and to the station, would be the optimum addition to the town. However, we recognise this would involve a significant spend. There is though, a lower cost option that could be explored. A rear entrance and exit to the station could be provided from the north side platform (trains to Cambridge) by providing a path from the east end of the platform which link with the existing footpath that runs from Bridge Road to Spring Road along the side of the railway. The stairs from Bridge Road could be changed to an accessible ramp. There appears to be sufficient land for provision of ticket gates and possibly some bike parking.

There are steps down here with a path to spring road that could form a link to a north entrance to the station.

