Bedford station

Eastern entrance

An illustrative example of proposals for the eastern entrance at Bedford station



Bedford station

Western entrance

An illustrative example of proposals for the western entrance at Bedford station



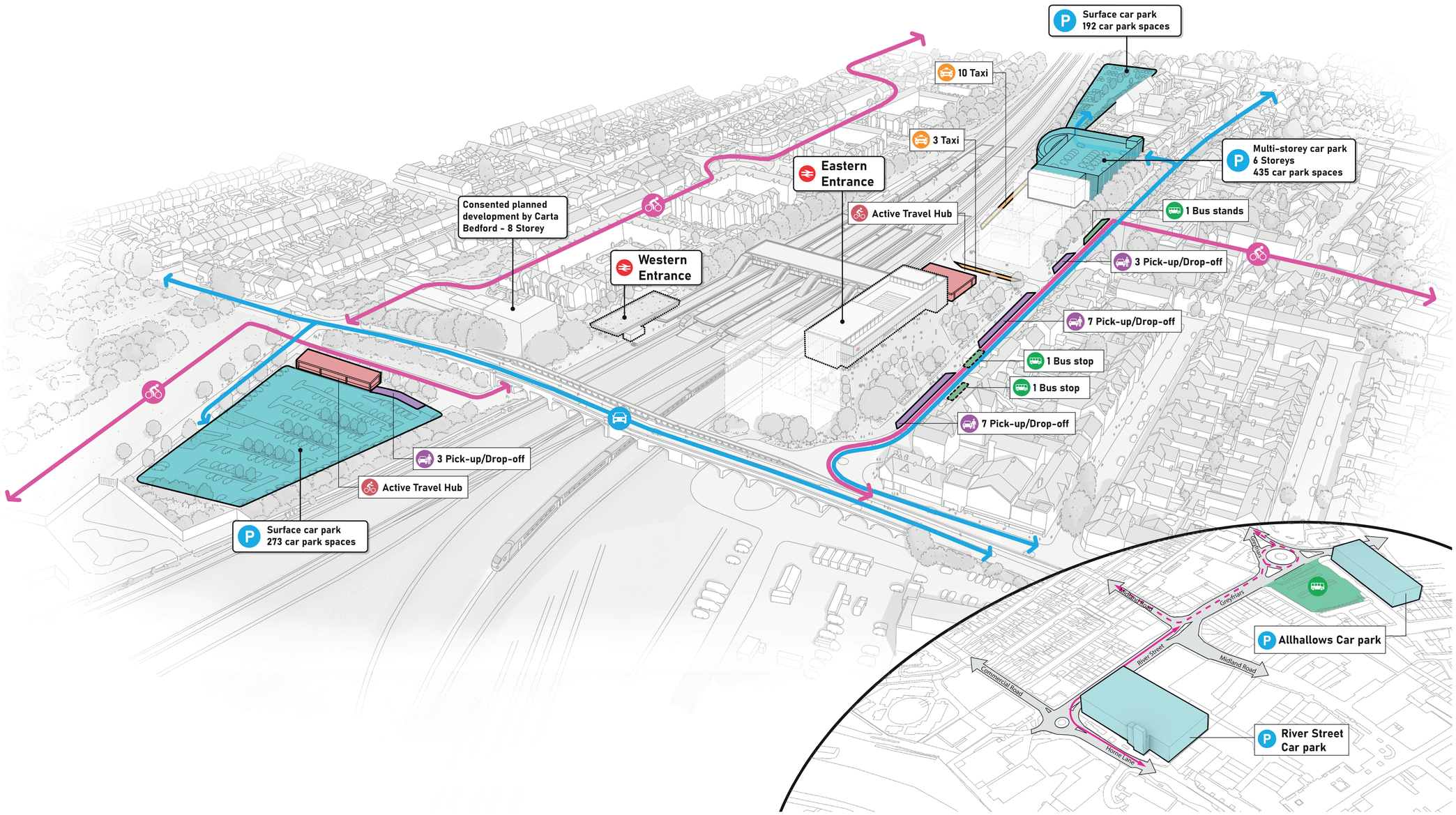
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An aerial view of proposals for Bedford station and the surrounding area



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Car parks, car routes and active travel routes



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Kempster Close

View of western entrance from Kempster Close



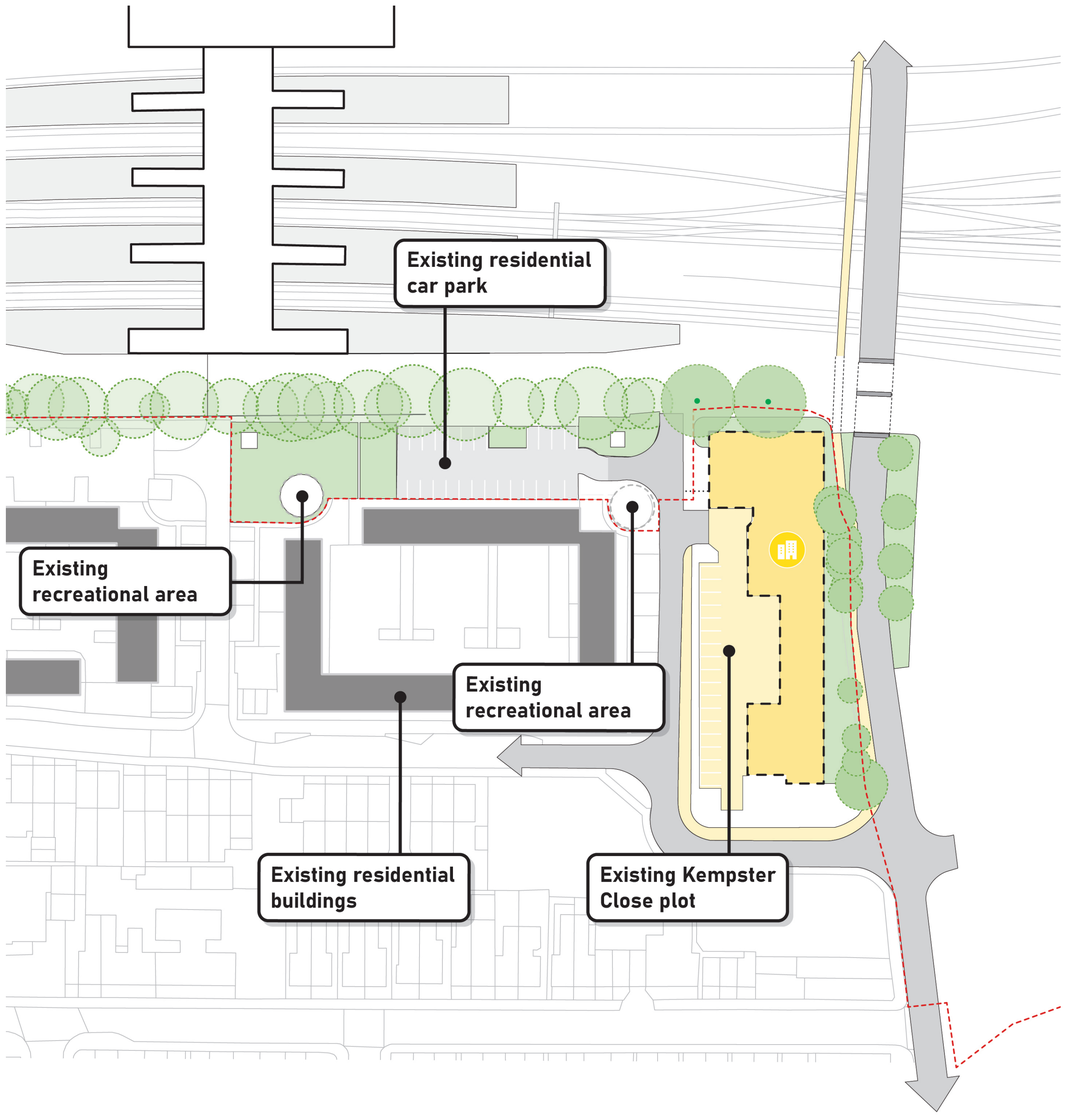
To minimise impact on existing conditions and residential areas, primary station access has been provided from the south of the Ford End Road bridge.

Minor upgrades to Kempster Close proposed, including a relocated car park entrance and a re-provided turning head.

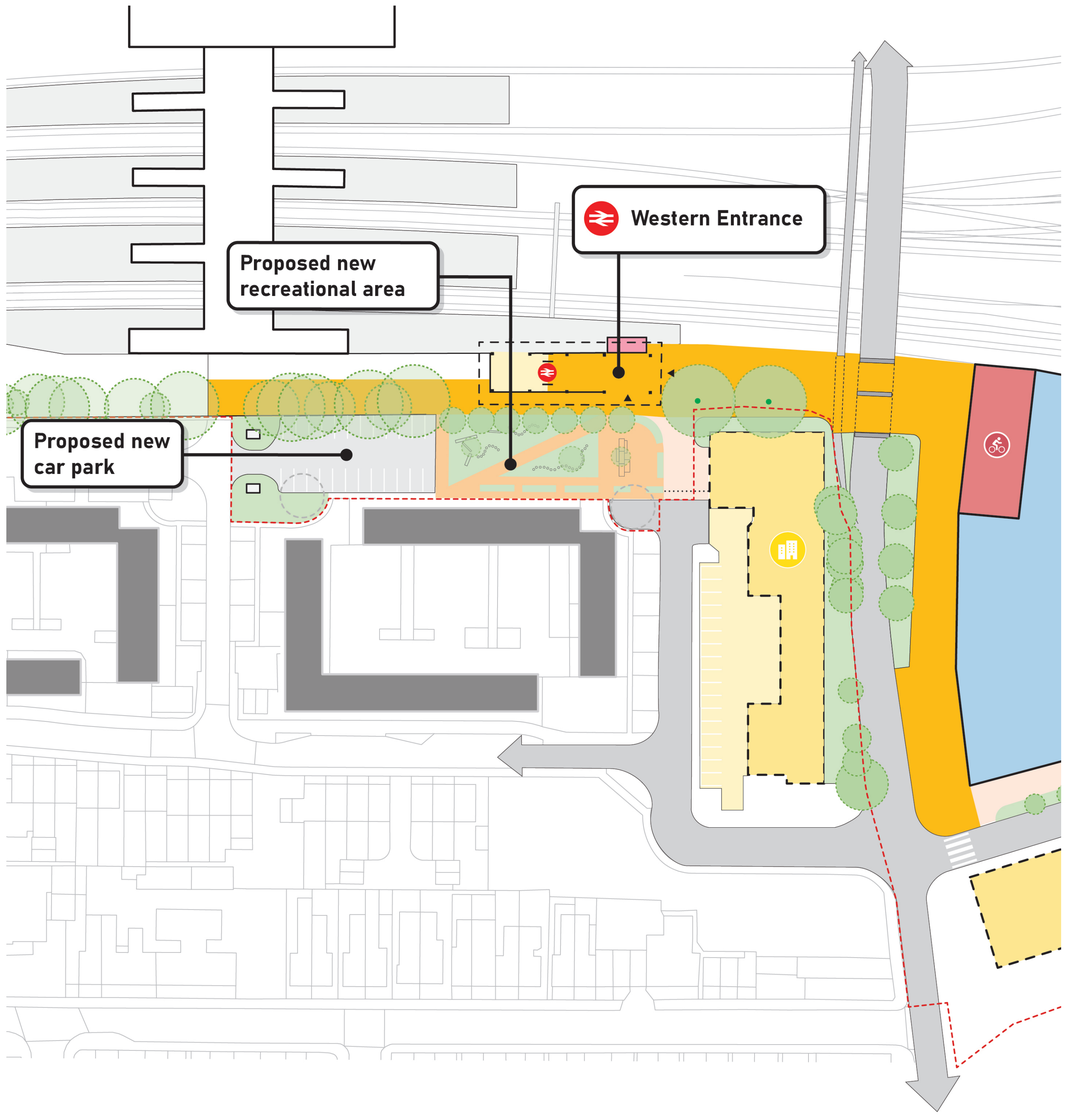
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Western entrance plan

Existing layout

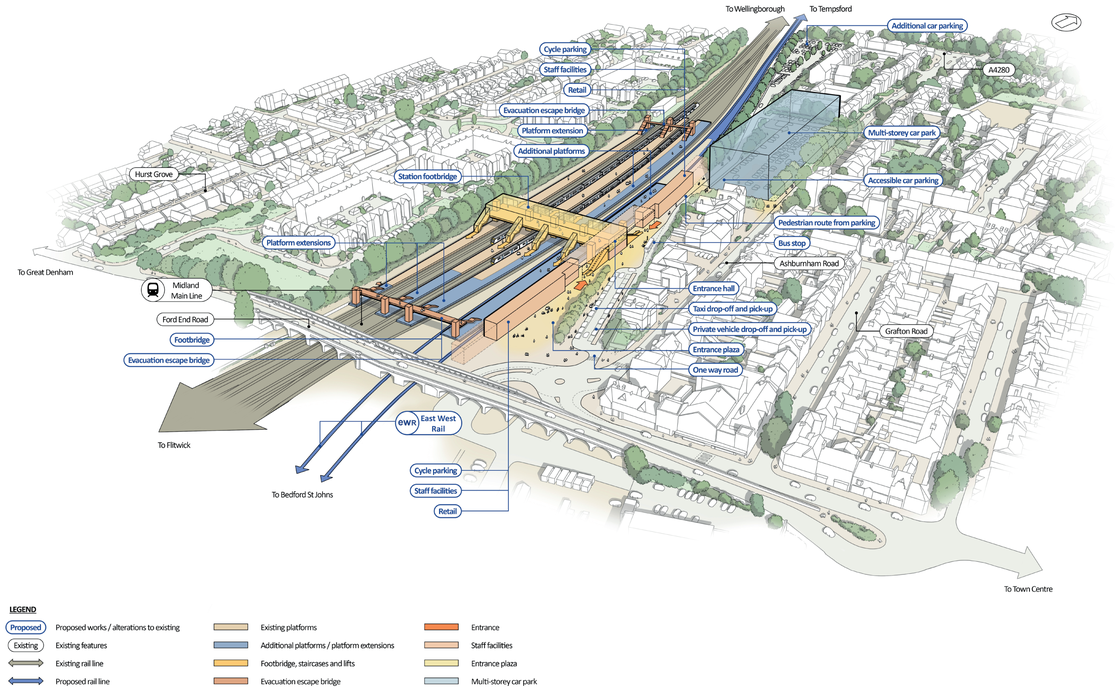


Proposed layout



Evolution of the multi-storey car park location

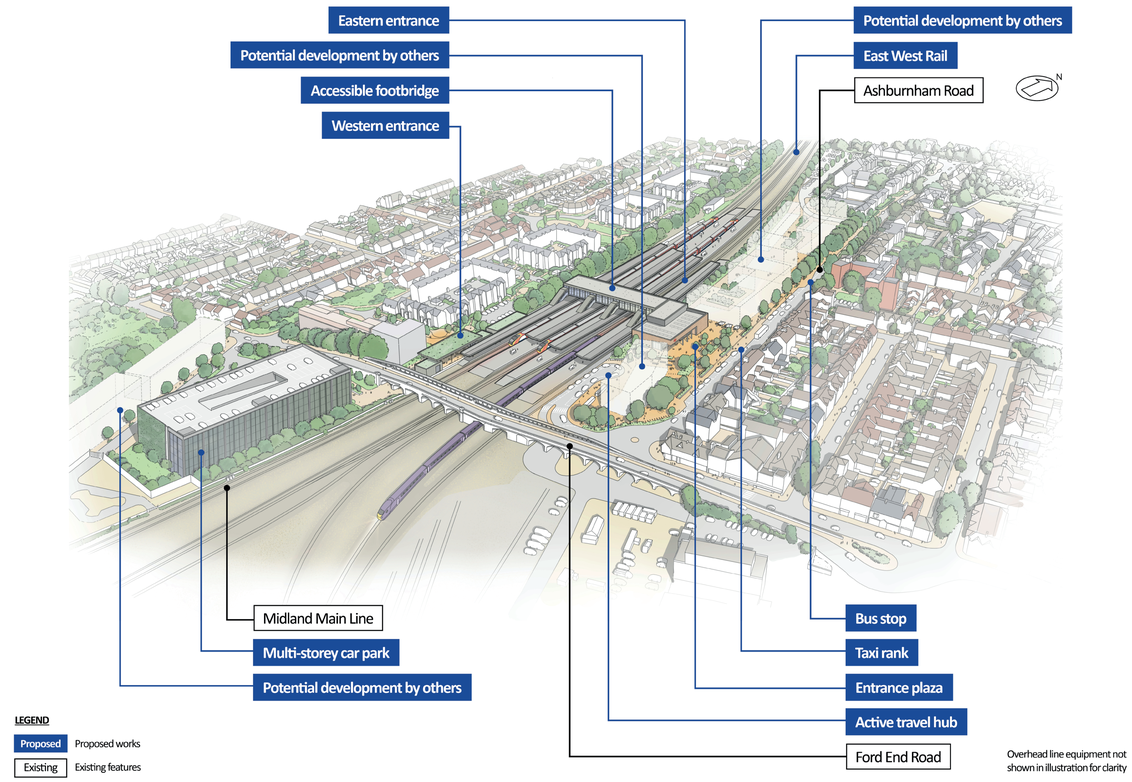
Aerial view of proposals for Bedford station



2024-25 Non-statutory consultation

At the 24-25 non-statutory consultation, we proposed a multi-storey car park (approx 8 storeys) at Ashburnham Road, intended to consolidate parking provision close to the station.

Aerial view of proposals for Bedford station



2026 Non-statutory consultation

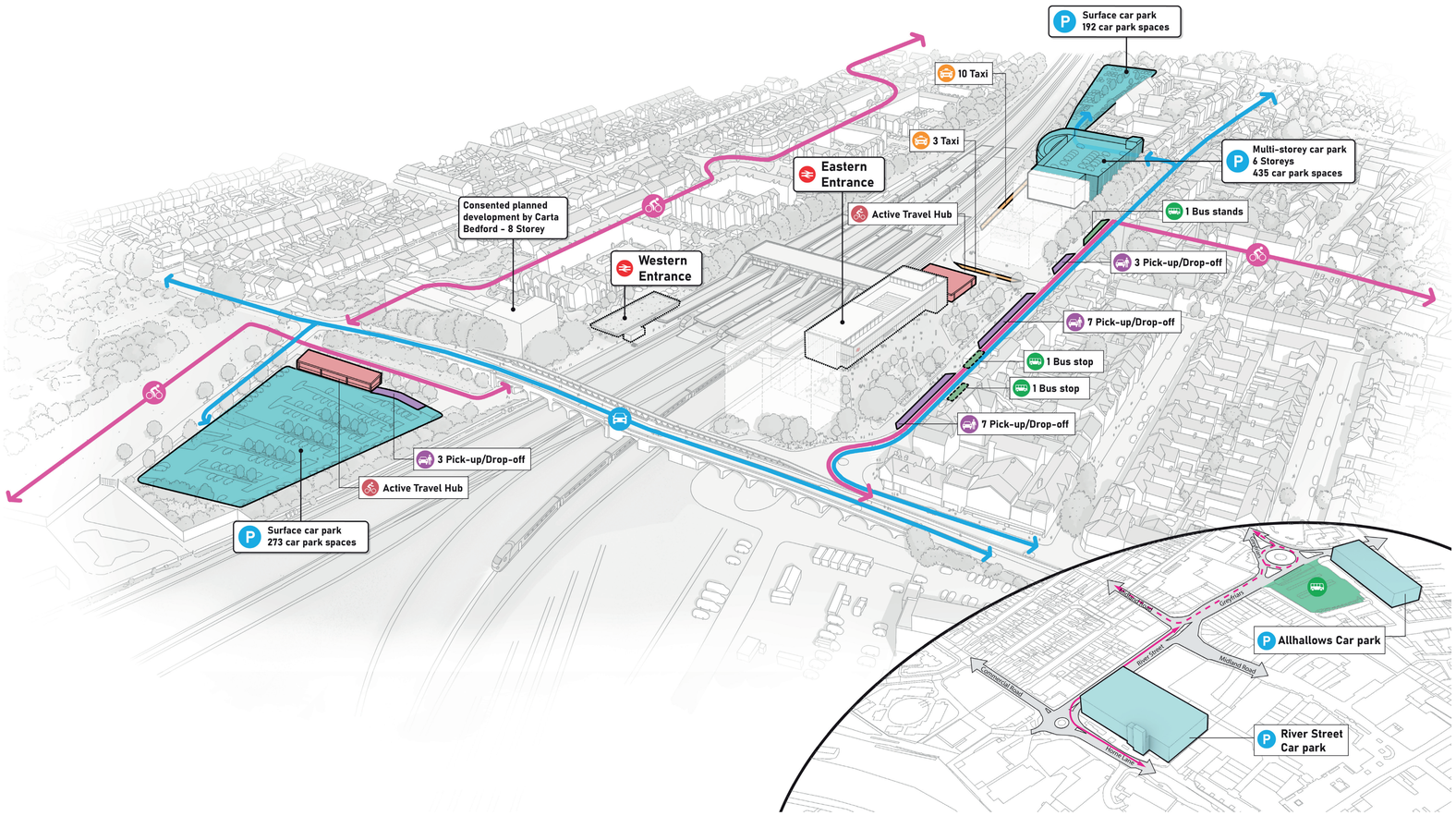
Following feedback taken during the 2024-2025 non-statutory consultation, we updated the plans for the 2026 non-statutory consultation to show a 6 storey multi-storey car park located on Ford End Road.

Evolution of the multi-storey car park location

September 2026 – updated position

Following the spring 2026 non-statutory consultation, we made a public commitment to review the Parking Strategy across Bedford station.

The updated plan aims to establish Bedford station as a key gateway to the town and support increased passenger numbers while helping unlock investment, new development and stronger connections between the town centre, local communities and the wider region.



Illustrative example of the view of multi-story car park on Ashburnham Road from the north



Illustrative example of the view of multi-story car park on Ashburnham Road from the south



Poets Area: road layout surveys

Over the past few years, we have consulted on the design of the railway and station improvements in Bedford. The project will create a modern transport hub, improve regional connectivity, and support future opportunities for jobs, homes and investment across the area.

To accommodate two additional railway tracks north of Bedford station, changes to the local road network within the Poets Area will be required. We recognise that these proposals are important to local residents and are committed to ensuring any changes are carefully considered, safe and appropriate.

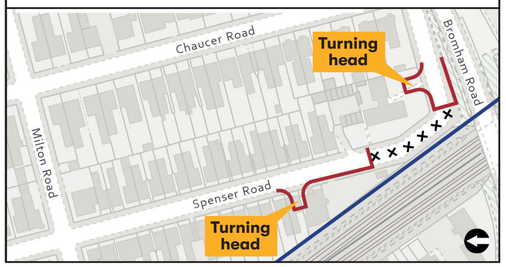
Previous design options included the use of cul-de-sacs to manage vehicle movements. Through consultation, some residents told us that this approach could create a sense of severance and isolation within the community.

To better understand local preferences, we undertook a survey seeking views on a range of alternative road layouts. The results showed that Option B, the shortest one-way road layout, received the strongest level of support from respondents.

Option B has therefore been identified as the community's preferred solution and is being taken forward as the preferred road layout option, balancing local connectivity and accessibility while supporting the requirements of the railway project.

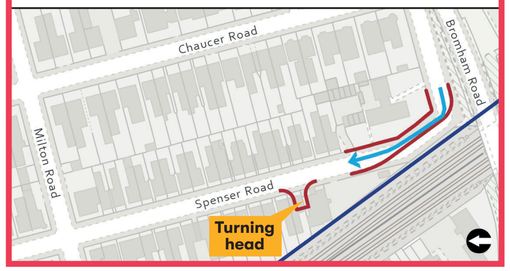
Chaucer Road / Spenser Road

Option A
Connection between Chaucer Road and Spenser Road closed to vehicular traffic but maintained for pedestrians and cyclists. 2-way traffic maintained elsewhere.

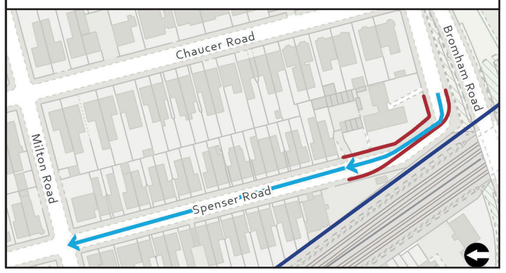


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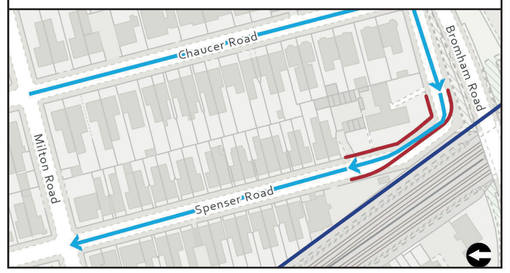
Option B
Chaucer Road and Spenser Road to remain 2-way except at location shown.



Option C
Chaucer Road to remain 2-way and Spenser Road to be 1-way as shown.

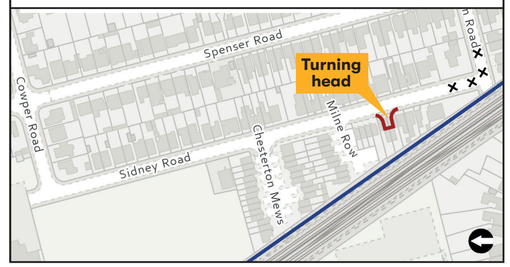


Option D
Chaucer Road and Spenser Road to be 1-way as shown.



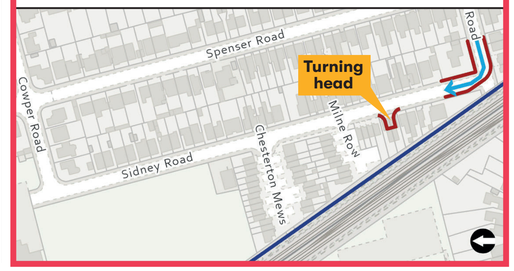
Milton Road / Sidney Road

Option A
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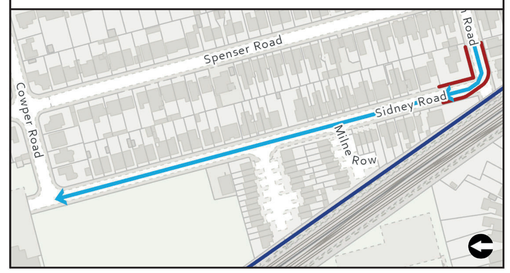


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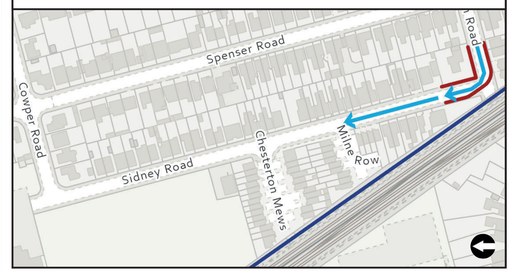
Option B
Milton Road and Sidney Road to remain 2-way except at location shown.



Option C
Milton Road and Sidney Road to be 1-way as shown.



Option D
Milton Road and Sidney Road to be 1-way as shown (south of Milne Row).



Road closed to vehicular traffic
Alteration to road layout
1-way traffic
EWR route
Existing railway

0 20 40 60 80 m

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Road closed to vehicular traffic
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