

Gloucestershire Parkway (ITEC)



The Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan contains a 'Major Scheme' for a new Gloucestershire Parkway Station and transport interchange at Elmbridge Court, situated on the Birmingham – Bristol – London intercity rail network. The project is known as ITEC (Integrated Transport at Elmbridge Court).

The aim of the project is to protect and enhance Gloucester's intercity services and to address a range of county-wide congestion and sustainable transport objectives, integrating rail with Gloucestershire's motorway and main road network.



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- 2 Gloucester Docks
- 3 Canal Corridor
- 4 Gloucester Quays
- 5 Kings Square
- 6 Greyfriars
- 7 Railway Triangle

Site description

Elmbridge Court is primarily farmland in private ownership located between the Gloucester end of the Golden Valley By-pass, the Barnwood By-pass and the Birmingham – Bristol railway line.

The preferred scheme

A new Parkway Station designed for intercity and local services, will combine with a high speed bus based Park and Ride facility that will provide fast access to and from the centres of both Gloucester and Cheltenham.

The Gloucestershire Parkway Station (ITEC) will serve Gloucester, Cheltenham, the Severn Vale and the Forest of Dean, an area containing some 71% of Gloucestershire's population, 75% of its jobs and most of its major business and administrative centres.

Outputs

This scheme will produce a new railway station with substantial car parking facilities and efficient public transport connections. It will provide an impressive new arrival for Gloucester and help make the city, and the county, more competitive.

Planning issues

Gloucestershire Parkway (ITEC) is supported by key policies within the South West Regional Transport Strategy and the County Council's Local Transport Plan 2, both of which focus on improved connectivity between Cheltenham and Gloucester, enhanced access to the rail network and highway improvements designed to support urban regeneration.

Procurement

Gloucestershire Parkway (ITEC) has yet to achieve confirmed 'Programme Entry' status, but significant work has been completed in respect of the outline design for the Park and Ride facility, highways works, and land purchase requirements. A detailed feasibility study of the Parkway Station has been undertaken, following the Strategic Rail Authority's own study in 2004. The new station is also included in the Cross Country Franchise Specification. Negotiations with all rail stakeholders have commenced and a delivery strategy involving private sector funding has been developed.

