

Property Review Group Decision

BI-OB-4-2, Bicester Town, Goods Yard

Dear Consultee,

The SRA consulted on the release of this site and the responses have been reviewed by Property Review Group who thank you for your comments.

Consultees proposed a number of transport uses for the site including the improvement of pedestrian access to Bicester Shopping Village, platform provision for a future East West Link, additional station car parking capacity and the possibility of re opening the site as a freight terminal.

The then SRA freight team advised that the site was no longer connected to the network and was too small for freight use. Road access was poor. In respect of possible passenger use discussions were held with rail undertakings, Oxford County Council and the owners of Bicester Shopping Village.

After consideration the Property Review Group agreed to release the site for disposal subject to the following conditions:

A high quality pedestrian access will be created between Bicester Town Station and Bicester Shopping Village;

Space will be safeguarded for the possible extension of the current platform to accommodate longer trains;

Provision will be made for station parking within a car park planned to be constructed by the owners of Bicester Shopping Village on the BRBR site. This will provide for 220 weekday parking spaces.

Provision will also be made for a bus route directly linking Bicester Town Station, Bicester North Station and Bicester Shopping Village.

The provision of the additional station car parking and other facilities is subject to obtaining planning consent or other authorities. In reaching its decision Property Review Group has taken into account potential passenger growth, including as a result of the possible reopening of the railway between Oxford and Bletchley for passenger services.

Kind regards