

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is an independent, statutory advisory body on all matters relating to countryside access, with 13 members representing a wide range of interests including farmers, landowners, walkers, cyclists, equestrians, parish councils, National Trust and those with disabilities.

Great Missenden Train Station: Disabled Access

Dear William,

Thank you for inviting the Local Access Forum to comment on the proposed funding bid to improve disabled access at Great Missenden train station.

The Local Access Forum's next scheduled meeting is not until 13th July 2020, but I have communicated by email and I'm pleased to be able to provide a summary of member's comments, including our member representing the disabled ramblers, who has visited the station. We have also heard from Cllr Peter Martin, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport at Buckinghamshire Council and elected member for the Great Missenden Ward.

In short, both the Local Access Forum and Cllr Martin support your proposed bid as disabled access is very important. The existing stairs at Great Missenden station are steep and parents with push chairs and the elderly have difficulty using them, not least those arriving in wheelchairs or mobility scooters would be prohibited.

Great Missenden in general offers a number of village and countryside walks that are disabled friendly. In addition, planning permission has been granted for a new walking and cycling route linking Wendover and Great Missenden, forming part of the council and Sustrans' 'Misbourne Greenway' ambition, that would offer opportunities for mobility scooters and users with prams to access between train stations.

Members are also conscious that additional access benefits would increase visitor footfall to support local shops, cafes and pubs.

Forum members and councilors would welcome further opportunities to comment if the scheme progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Pushman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Richard Pushman (Chairman)