

# ALBRIGHTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

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## Ramp to remain at train station for longer after calls from passengers



The ramp will stay at Albrighton station

A temporary ramp at a Midlands train station which has been hailed as a real improvement for accessibility will remain in place until next year it was announced today.

The ramp at Albrighton Train Station was due to be removed shortly but elderly residents and those with push chairs have campaigned for it to stay.

It had been put in place while major renovations have been carried out at the train station and connects Station Road to platform one.

Now Network Rail has contacted the town's Civic Society to say it will remain in place until the end of January next year.

Rod Smith, secretary of the Civic Society, said: "It is good news, the battle is over but the war is yet to win.

"This is just a stay of execution. We would

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like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped us.

"Everybody's efforts have made this big Goliath take notice."

The campaign has attracted support from Shropshire Councillor Malcolm Pate and MP for the Wrekin, Mark Pritchard.

Mr Pritchard said: "It is good news that the ramp is remaining, however I hope Network Rail will make this a permanent feature."

The station was opened during 1848 and the ramp was installed to replace a listed footbridge which was built during 1883.

But it was then removed for refurbishment during the recent £1 million project at

the railway station. The scheme was launched in January and the platforms have also been refurbished while improvements have also been made to the station's other existing buildings.

Modern paving have been put in on the platforms after levels were raised to reduce the stepping distance to and from trains stopping at the station.

### Sleeping

At a public meeting held earlier this year residents complained about the noise which resulted from the work with some saying they had resorted to sleeping pills.

Network Rail bosses apologised but said there would always be night time working going on.

# ALBRIGHTON STATION

**To support the campaign please contact:**

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