

## **Colne Town Centre Bus Service Improvement Scheme: Progress Report – 14/05/2026**

Colne Bus Station forms part of a wider scheme to improve the highway network in Colne town centre. The scheme is being delivered in two phases:

- Phase 1: Upgrade of Colne Bus Station
- Phase 2: Highway improvements to support the new station and improve connectivity

These improvements will help centralise bus services, improve traffic flow, and create safer and more accessible routes for pedestrians.

### Phase 1 – Bus Station Upgrade

The refurbished Colne Bus Station opened on Saturday 11 April 2026.

The majority of works are now complete, including kerbing, bus shelters, real-time passenger information and totems, all of which are operational. The final outstanding element is the installation of the clock, scheduled for 21 May, which will complete the scheme. It is a new clock, but designed to keep the character of the old bus station.

Following operational testing of the site with a range of buses, a small number of remedial works have been identified to assist bus movements. This may include slight adjustments to the island separating the bus station from Craddock Road, which will be progressed as part of Phase 2 if required.

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will also be required to introduce minor parking restrictions opposite the bus station.

At present, the bus station is serving westbound services (towards Burnley) only. Eastbound services continue to use existing stops on Market Street. All services will transfer into the bus station once Phase 2 highway works are complete.

### Phase 2 – Highway Improvements

Phase 2 focuses on delivering highway changes that support the new bus station layout and improve movement across the town centre.

Key proposals include:

- Converting Craddock Road to two-way traffic, allowing buses to access the station from all directions
- Relocating bus stops from Market Street into the bus station, with the space repurposed for loading and evening parking
- Installing new traffic signals with intelligent bus priority at the junction of Market Street, Skipton Road, Keighley Road, and Craddock Road
- Retaining a clockwise gyratory system at the western end of town (via Church Street, Colne Lane, Craddock Road, and Walton Street) to assist traffic flow
- Introducing a 7.5-tonne weight restriction on Windy Bank (Norfolk Street to Church Street) to discourage unsuitable vehicles, while maintaining access for other traffic
- Installing a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing near the market, particularly to assist blind and partially sighted users

Formal consultation on the main Phase 2 TROs was undertaken between 17 October and 14 November 2025. Further TROs will be required and consulted on as the scheme progresses.

Phase 2 highway works are currently planned to start after the June town centre events, including the Colne Grand Prix cycle race and Colne Gala, to minimise disruption.

Further details and confirmed timelines will be shared as the scheme progresses.

A few photos of the bus station are attached below.





