

Station Surveys – June 2016

STATION	ALBERTON	
CRITERIA	SCORE (1 to 10)	COMMENTS
Appearance and Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paintwork condition • Graffiti • Rubbish disposal • Cleanliness • Smells • Signage • Other 	2	Footpath to platform uneven and potentially unsafe. Adequately clean. No smells. Painting recently done, but surfaces are rough (too many coats of paint without scraping off the old ones). (Photo 2) Some graffiti cleaned out, but some are well visible on the old station, including the chimney. One old rubbish bin on West platform. Station sign. No timetable display signs; announcement button
Security, Safety and Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency call phone or button • Security cameras • Hidden areas • Oversight by neighbours • Underpass • Pedestrian gates • Lighting – Approaches • Lighting – Platform 	2	Hidden areas behind station and along paths. Platforms hidden from neighbours by back or side fences. (Photo 7) No emergency call phone or button. No visible security cameras. No pedestrian gates; old overpass above track. Street lights at approaches; not possible to evaluate how adequate. Lighting on platforms.
Car and Bike Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of Spaces per Mode • Asphalt or gravel? • Bike chain-up secure? 	4	Street parking on both sides (asphalt). No bike lockers or secure chain-up.
Disability Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Approaches • Ramps to platform • On platform 	4	Long path to platform on West side that acts as ramp. (Photo 9) Plenty of ramps on approaches to the platforms. No wheelchair ramp on the platforms: is platform level high enough?
Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Seats • Food • Shade and Rain Shelter • Loudspeakers • Ticket sale point 	3	No toilets. Do the nearby shops have toilets and allow their use? Seats on West platform for 4 people. On East platform 1 seat accommodates 8 people under shelter. Adequate shelter for rain and shade. Loudspeakers are not loud enough. There is a ticket sale point, If the sign on the street side of the old station is accurate.
Averaged Score	2.6	
Other Comments: Station building is very old but historical . It should be preserved or incorporated in any renovation. Attempts to liven it up with murals not quite successful. All paint should be stripped back and ancient brick and stone work exposed. Shops on West side of station. Footpath to platform uneven and potentially unsafe.		

Photo 1. Grand approach with the the old station building. The current tenant is a barber shop



Photo 2.

The platform side of the station building. An attempt to pretty it up but the artwork is basic at best. All the surfaces are rough and uneven. The paintwork is slapdash and no one has bothered to strip away any of the many old layers of paint before applying a new layer. There is a distinct gap & height level difference between the asphalt on the platform and the building itself.



Photo 3. All the neglected former shops to the South West of the station building. Some of these may be currently used as homes.



Photo 4. South East of the station building, former shops converted to homes.



Photo 5. Long walk to the ends of the platforms in either direction if you want to avoid using the footbridge.



Photo 6. Sturdy and safe footbridge but the paintwork is slapdash. Minimal effort at maintenance.



Photo 7.

Long, narrow footpath between back fences and the station platform. Poorly lit, if at all.



Photo 8.

Someone put in some effort towards providing graffiti matched by an unimpressive effort towards removing it.



Photo 9.

Behind Southern platform



Photo 10. Southern platform access blocked, need to go around to the other side of the building.

