

### CHRISTINE WRIGHT

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University Station is midway between the campuses of Birmingham University and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The clock towers of the University's 'Old Joe' and the QE Heritage building are both visible from the station. It appears to be a very small, quiet, building, and then suddenly a big crowd of people emerges from below ground as another Cross City train delivers its passengers. I would imagine that it is very busy at rush hour when you consider the number of staff and students working at Birmingham University and the University Hospital complex. I believe that many staff in these big institutions chose where to live based on proximity to the Cross City railway service – from Lichfield and Sutton Coldfield in the North, to Bromsgrove and Redditch in the South.

There is ample evidence of the different methods people use to get to and from the station – a cycle lane and cycle racks, electric scooters parked in a rack and a bus stop right next to the station. There are many paths to take the walkers in all directions to their places of work and study, or their hospital appointments. A busy node indeed!

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