

**MIDLANDS
ENGINE**

Midlands Engine Partnership

England's Leading Pan-Regional Partnership

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Who we are

A non constituted pan-regional partnership: Local and Combined Authorities, LEPs, Universities, Business membership organisations

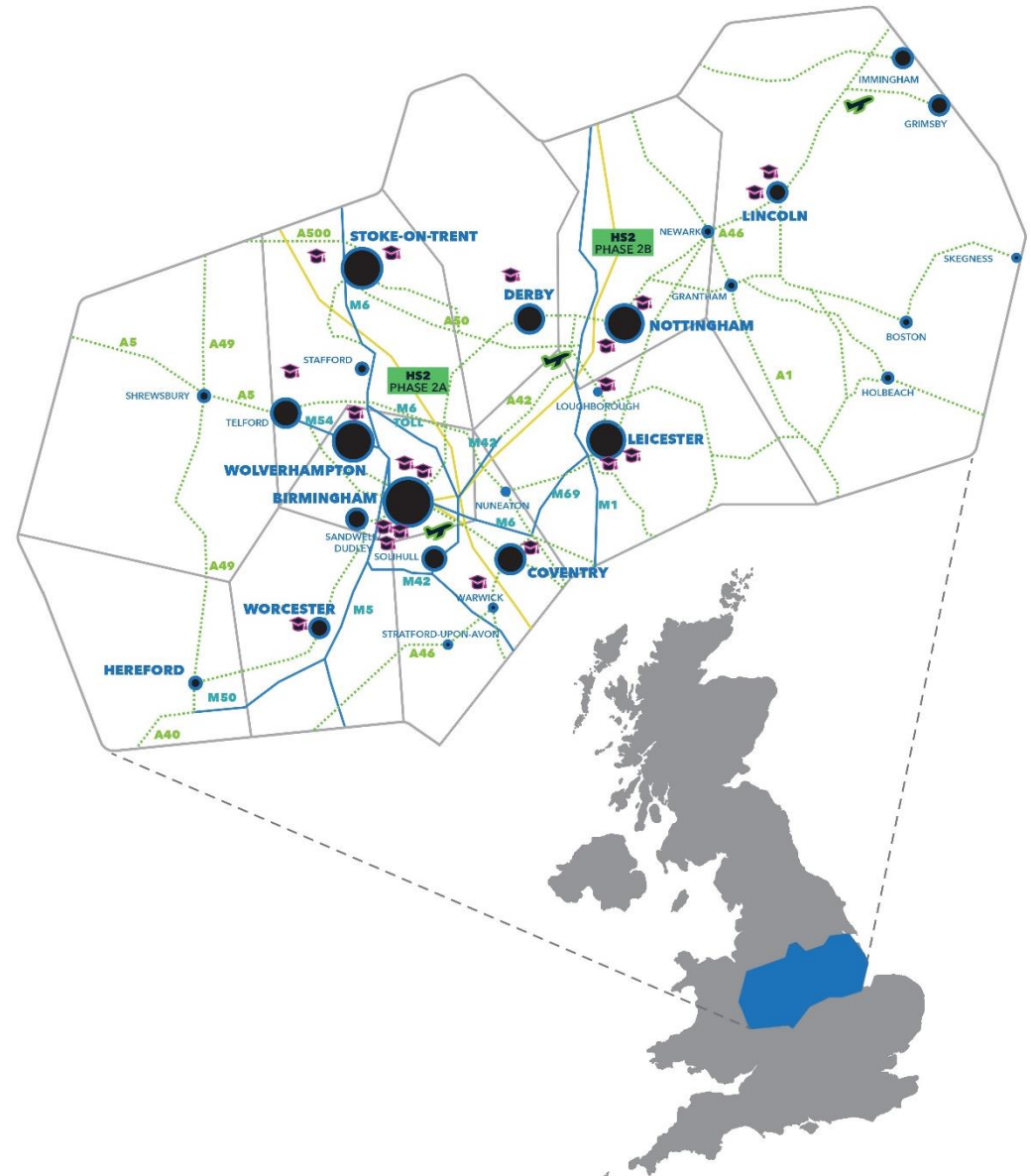
Simple governance:
Executive Board – political stakeholders lead policy and oversight

Operating Board – CHX/ senior regional leaders lead financial and technical delivery



Midlands Engine – Our Geography

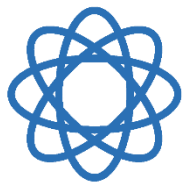
- Home to almost 11 million people – more than the combined population of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland!
- 4.4 million dwellings
- 800,000+ businesses
- UK's second city – Birmingham
- Within 4 hours of 90% of the UK population



Midlands Engine – Our Economy

**MIDLANDS
ENGINE
HAS AN
ECONOMY
THE SIZE OF
DENMARK**

Largest regional economy outside
London - £239 billion



**KEY STRATEGIC
INDUSTRIES**
AGRI-TECH - MED-TECH
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Sector strengths – med-tech and health
sciences, clean energy, advanced
manufacturing, agri-tech

**MIDLANDS
ENGINE**
ACCOUNTS FOR **22%**
OF ENGLAND'S
EXPORTS - **MORE
THAN ANY OTHER
REGION**

Midlands Engine accounts for 22% of
England's exports – most of any region

Midlands Engine – Challenges

- Research (KPMG) shows our region is hardest hit of all UK regions by impacts of pandemic
- GVA gap – compared to England average - £76 billion
- Low productivity across sectors (compared to average)
- Specialised manufacturing base – historic strength – heavily impacted by pandemic
- Impact of leaving the EU will be felt significantly in our region – because of manufacturing and exporting strengths

Q4 ESTIMATED
JOB LOSSES
DUE TO
COVID-19
517,000

**MIDLANDS
ENGINE**
NEEDS TARGETED
INVESTMENT TO
LEVEL UP, AIMING
TO CLOSE THE
REGIONAL GVA GAP,
WORTH £76 BN

Q4 EST 10.4%
REDUCTION IN
EMPLOYMENT

MANUFACTURING
FIRMS - FURLOUGHED
UPTO 50% STAFF

Midlands Engine Partnership - Origin

2015.....2017

2015

Chancellor George Osborne
– on a visit to Derby said

“The Midlands should be Britain’s engine for growth....For too long the Midlands was overlooked by successive governments in London, and I’m here to tell you not any more”

Regional partners already assembled to plot a course of collective action

2016

Government publishes a Midlands Engine Strategy

Regional partners consider it insufficiently ambitious

Work starts to agree the parameters of the partnership and its own priorities for action

2017

Midlands Engine partnership is joined by Sir John Peace, Chairman of the Executive Board

Initial governance established including partner contributions

“Vision for Growth” is published – the partnerships response to the Government’s Midlands Engine Strategy – **raising the bar**

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2018.....2020

2018

Modest initial tranche of core funding – must be match 1:1 with partner contribution

Secured in principle commitment to funding for the Midlands Engine Development Corporation

Mechanism for partnership contributions rolled out

2019

Joint (MEP/Government) Midlands Engine Strategy refresh proposed but does not crystallise

Regional partners lead full review of partnership priorities and areas of focus, core funding (Govt) /partner contributions invested again

Funding secured for Midlands Engine
Observatory which proves to be central over time

2020

1st detailed Business Plan published from shared regional priorities for pan-regional action

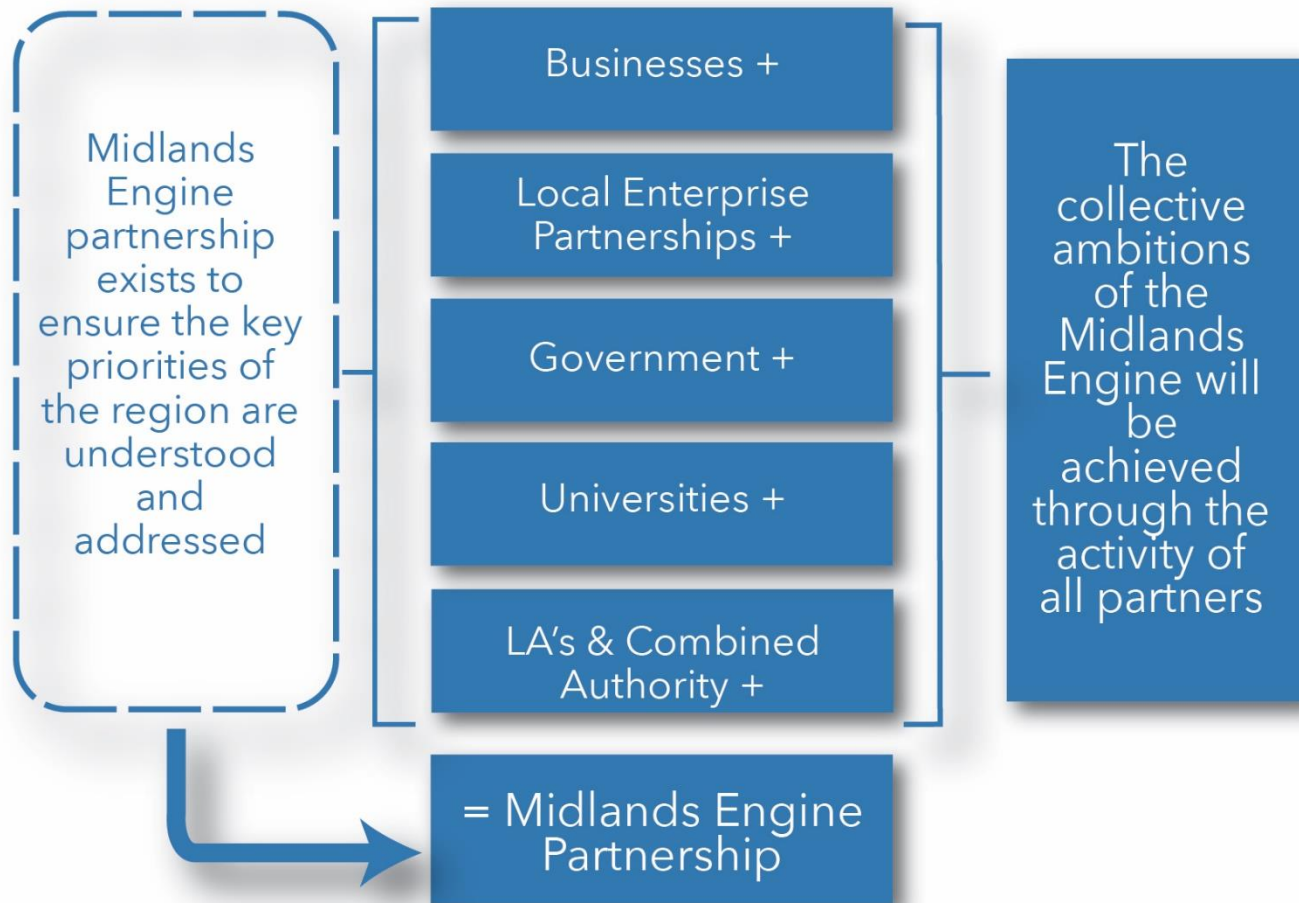
Government “Mission Statement” developed (iterative) and agreed

Delivery of portfolio of pan-regional, partner-led programmes underway

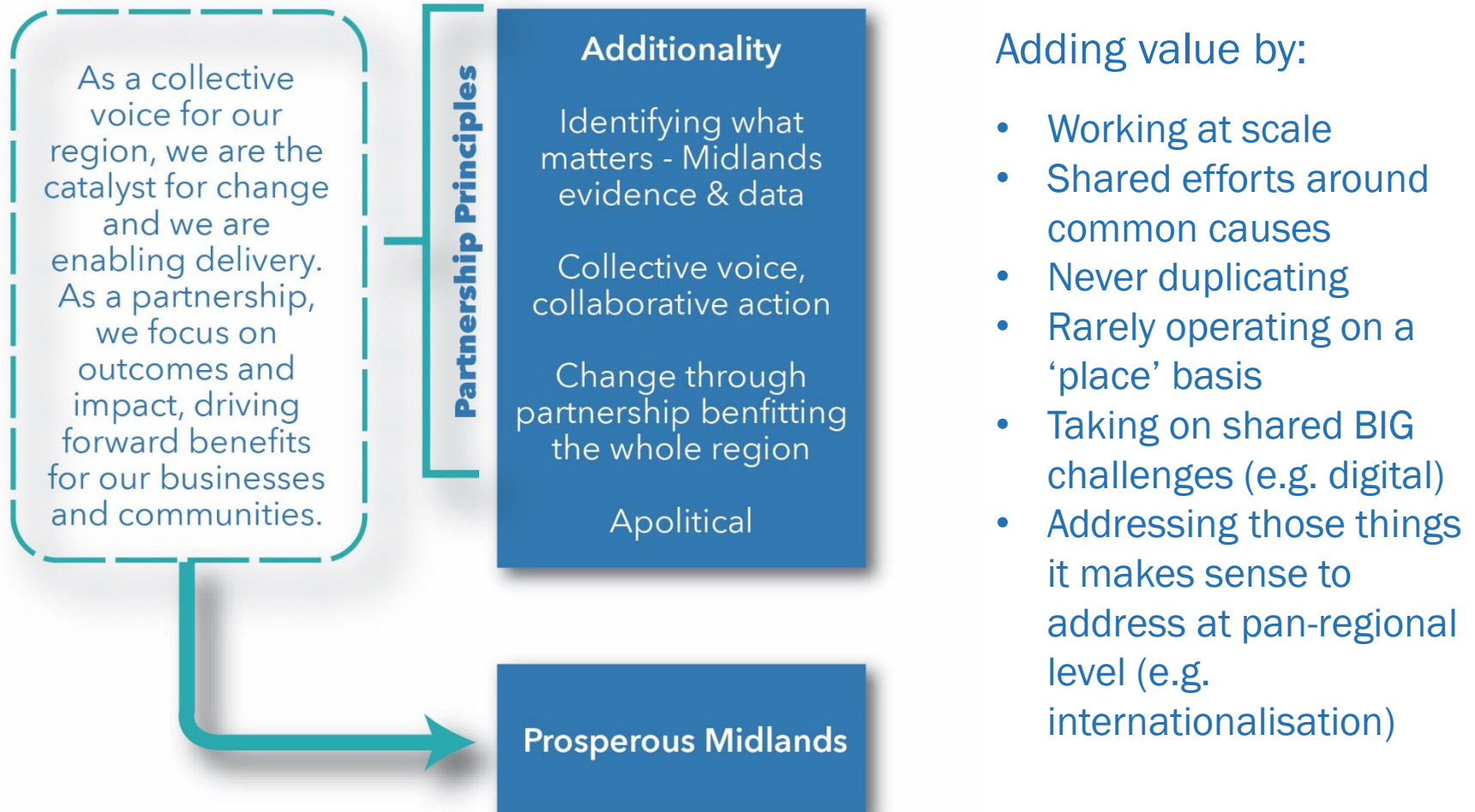
Devo White Paper will affirm partnership functions in policy

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How we work



Midlands Engine Partnership Principles



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Similarities and Differences...

We are **similar** to the Northern Powerhouse

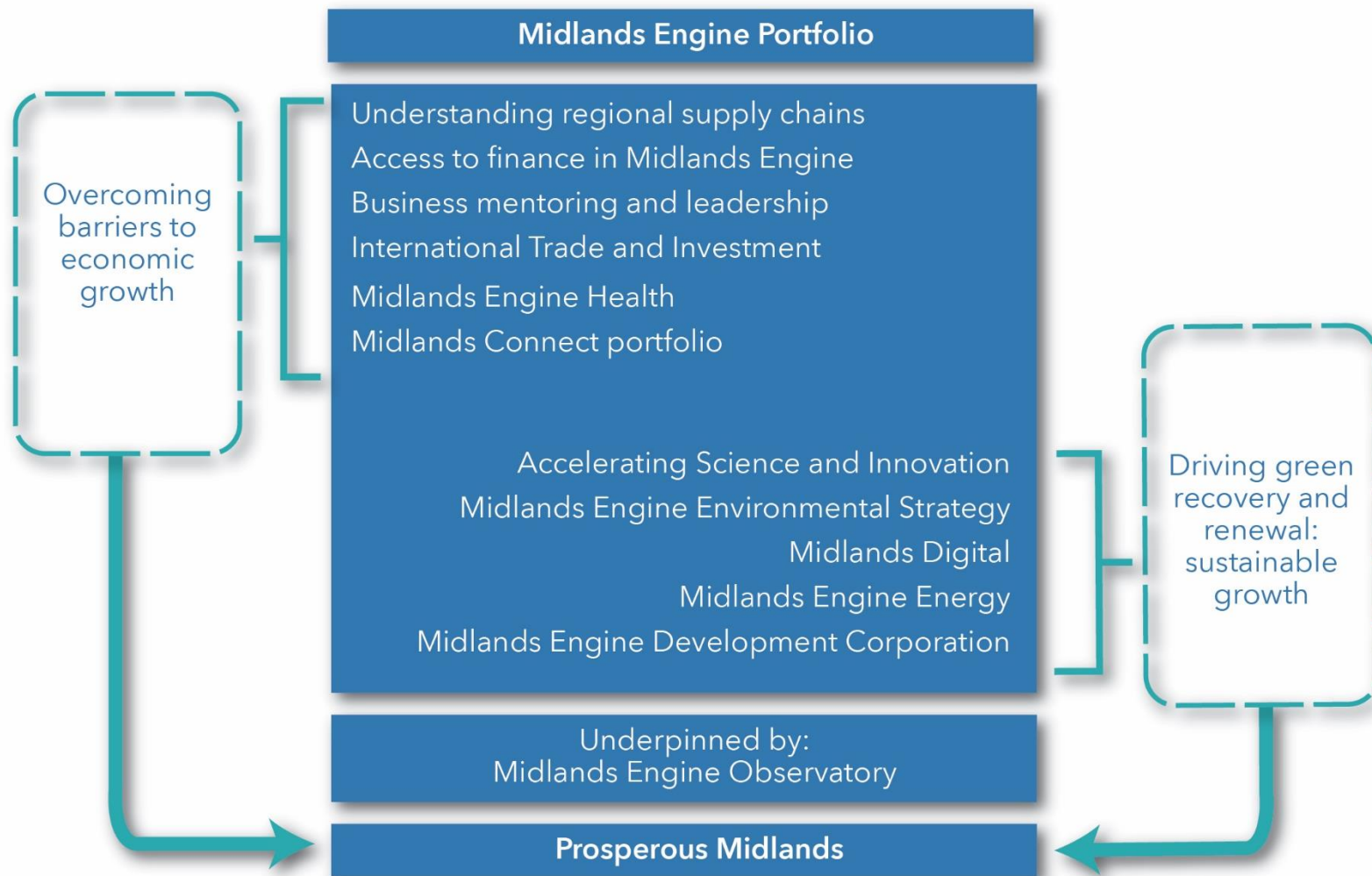
- Geography initially identified and 'labelled' by Government
- Starting out as a Government 'thing'
- Pan-regional identity and action anticipated

We are **different** to the Northern Powerhouse

- Midlands Engine Partnership is independently chaired by Sir John Peace
- Partners co-invest and lead our work from EVERY part of our region
- A co-funded Executive Team (partners and Government) supports autonomous partnership decision making and action
- Limited delivery by Government (e.g. we run our own comms – NPH's delivered by Govt team)
- More than just a brand – substance in our shared endeavour and shared impact

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In-year priorities:





Midlands Engine APPG – 15 September

Midlands Connect – our priorities

We turn evidence into investment for long-term projects that will deliver real economic, social and environmental benefits for the Midlands and the UK

We are pan-regional and work cross-border.

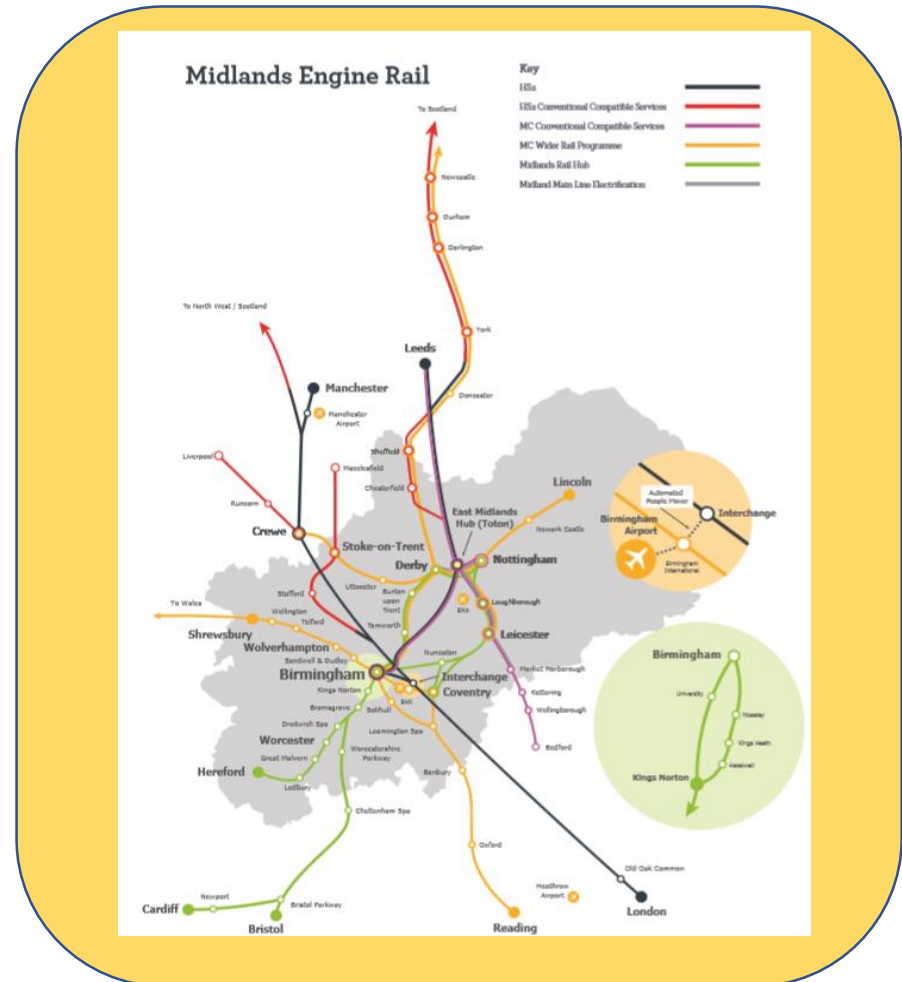
We have a key and active role to play in levelling up infrastructure spending which is essential to improving our economic output, productivity and social mobility.

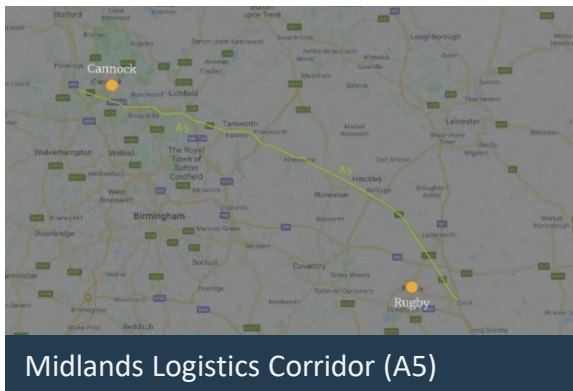


Our programme – key projects

ACCELERATING THE DELIVERY OF MIDLANDS ENGINE RAIL

Our £3.5 billion plan to revolutionise the Midlands rail network and supercharge the region's economy, creating space for more than 700 extra passenger trains each day, improving services for more than 60 locations across the region.





DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC ECONOMIC/ PRODUCTIVITY CORRIDORS



Midlands MP engagement



"The proposals put forward in this prospectus, if given the right support by the Treasury, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Department for Transport, present us with a unique opportunity to unlock huge benefits, not only in the Midlands, but UK-wide. Early interventions could reap long-term gains for both rail and road users, whether through additional capacity on our local network, reduced journey times for commuters, or the cut in emissions as freight cargo transfers from road to track. Given the positive economic impacts of enhanced infrastructure on this vital trade corridor, I would very much like to see this plan progress."

Trans-Midlands Trade Corridor champion, Nigel Huddleston MP (Mid-Worcestershire)



Preet Kaur Gill MP @PreetKGillMP · Feb 15, 2019
Great to meet with @MidsConnect Chief Exec Maria and head of Comms David, Re: **Midlands Rail Hub** project, which could open up 24 more train paths an hour to Birmingham New Street, open up 36 freight paths a day and reduce journey times to Nottingham and Hereford by 20 minutes.



Birmingham Live and 5 others



Kate Griffiths MP · Follow
23 July

Kate questions Secretary of State for Business on NMMC

Kate Griffiths MP asked to become champion for North Midlands Manufacturing Corridor... See more



and that Midlands Engine Rail will be woven into the scheme as well?



Rachel Maclean MP #StayAlert @redditchrachel · Jun 27, 2019

Welcoming more investment into **rail** infrastructure in our area via the **Midlands Rail Hub**. Good news for us! Comes on the back of my debate last week on **Reddit** transport infrastructure. I will keep pushing for investment to **#unlock Reddit**.

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Midlands Engine APPG

- To inform - we will bring to the group, thanks to our Midlands Engine Observatory, regional-level data and analysis to support your campaigns for increased investment in our region
- To support – at various points, we will ask for your support on some of the co-ordinated asks of Government. This might include:
 - Budget asks
 - The Devolution White Paper
 - Comprehensive Spending Review
- Our CSR asks will be agreed by our partnership and then shared with Government. These involve key projects, and detailed core funding asks to support the process of levelling up the Midlands. We look forward to working together to promote these spending asks with you



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