



Midlands Rail Hub

Update for Midlands Engine APPG

18th October 2022



What is Midlands Rail Hub?

Up to £2bn infrastructure investment in central Birmingham and on a number of rail corridors that connect other Midlands towns & cities with Birmingham

Will allow more trains and faster trains to/from cities including Hereford, Worcester, Bristol, Cardiff and Leicester, improving regional connectivity

Joint project developed and promoted by Midlands Connect, Network Rail and West Midlands Combined Authority / Rail Executive

Why Rail Hub matters

Grand Challenges



- Maximises the benefits of HS2 by connecting more of the region directly to Curzon Street Station
- Provides more people access to employment opportunities in Birmingham from across the region
- Drives productivity and agglomeration across the region
- Improves access to healthcare and education opportunities for more people
- Reduces car dependency across the region driving mode shift to rail

“When our region succeeds, the country succeeds.
Midlands Rail Hub is a game changer for our
region.”

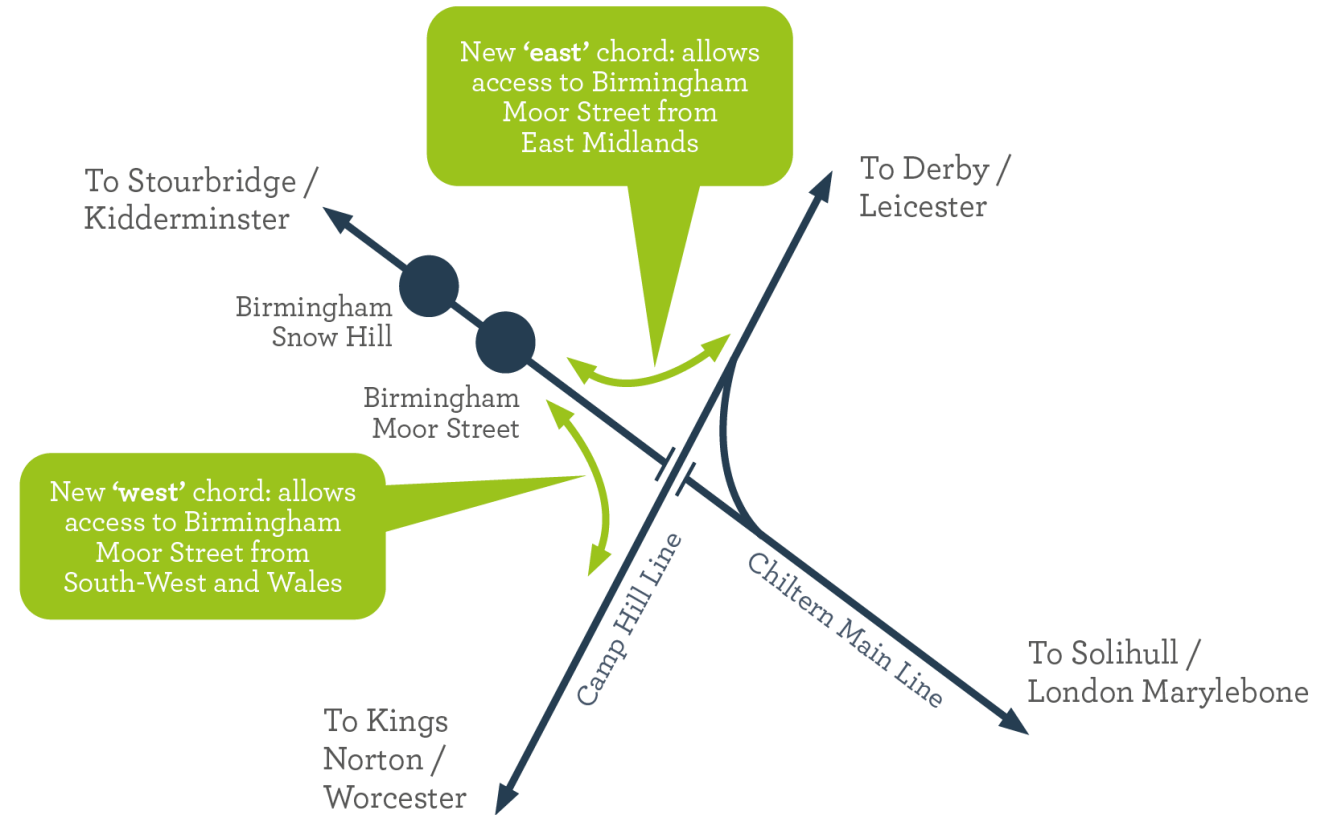
Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands

The Bordesley Chords & Central Birmingham

Bordesley Chords – the largest single component of Midlands Rail Hub:

- West Chord: allows services from South-West (for example, Hereford) to run into Birmingham Moor Street
- East Chord: allows services from the East Midlands (for example, Leicester) to run into Birmingham Moor Street

Additional platform capacity is also planned at Snow Hill and Moor Street Stations

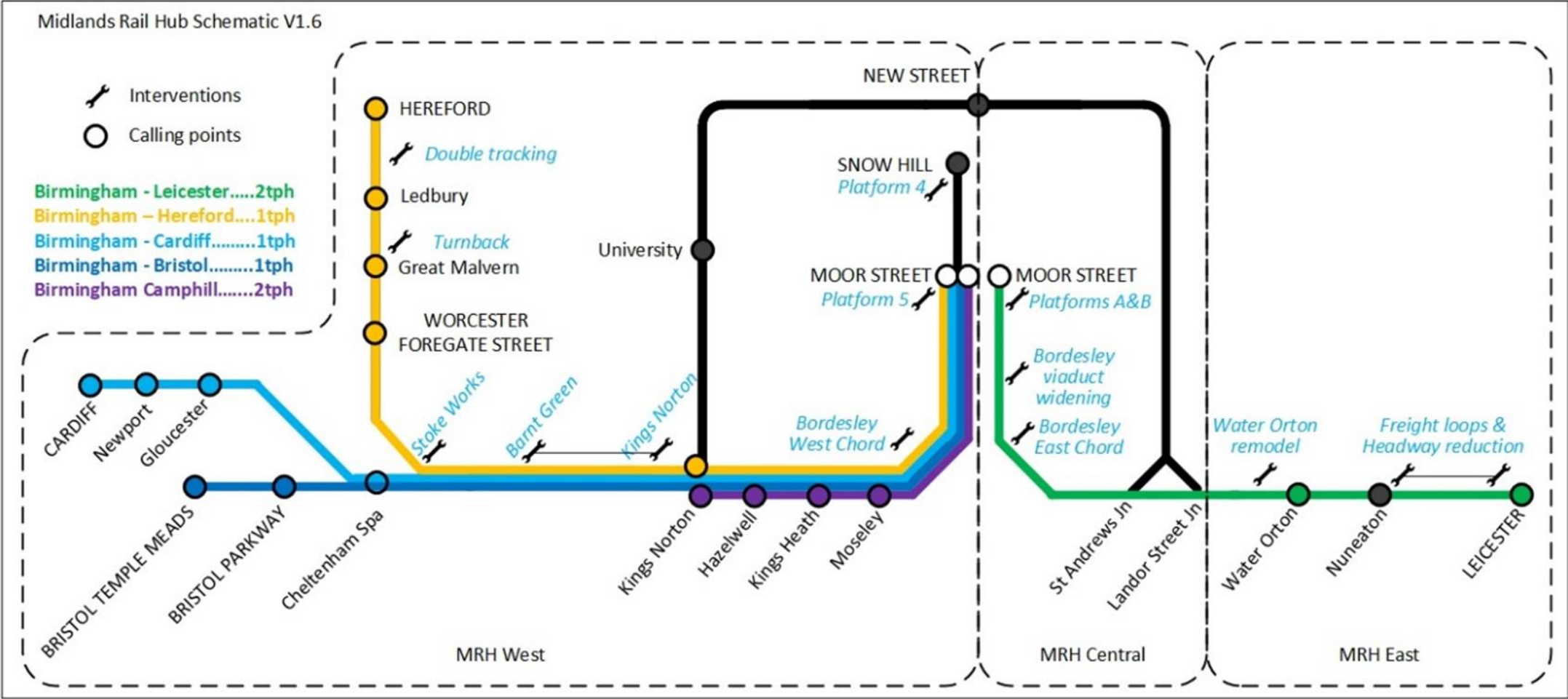


The Integrated Rail Plan – November 2021



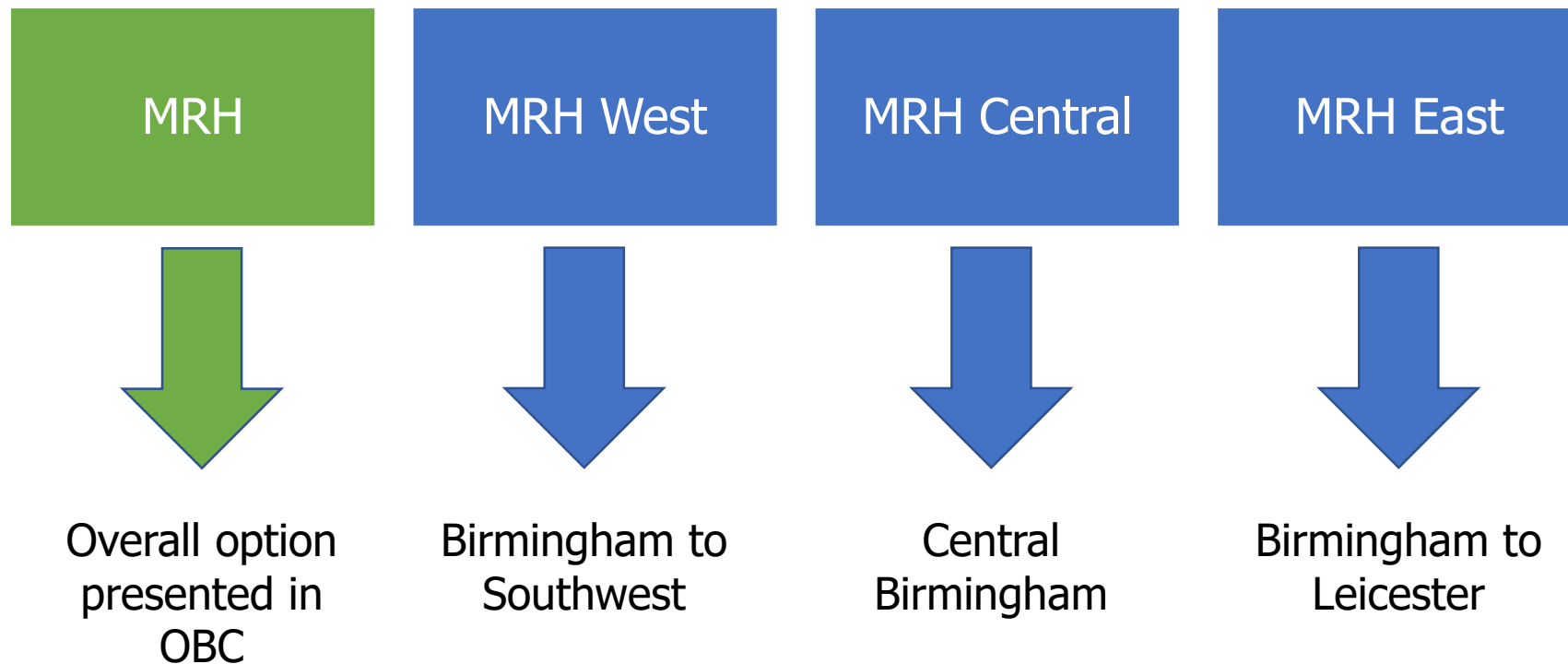
HS2 services operating from Birmingham Curzon Street to Nottingham via HS2 East / East Midlands Parkway

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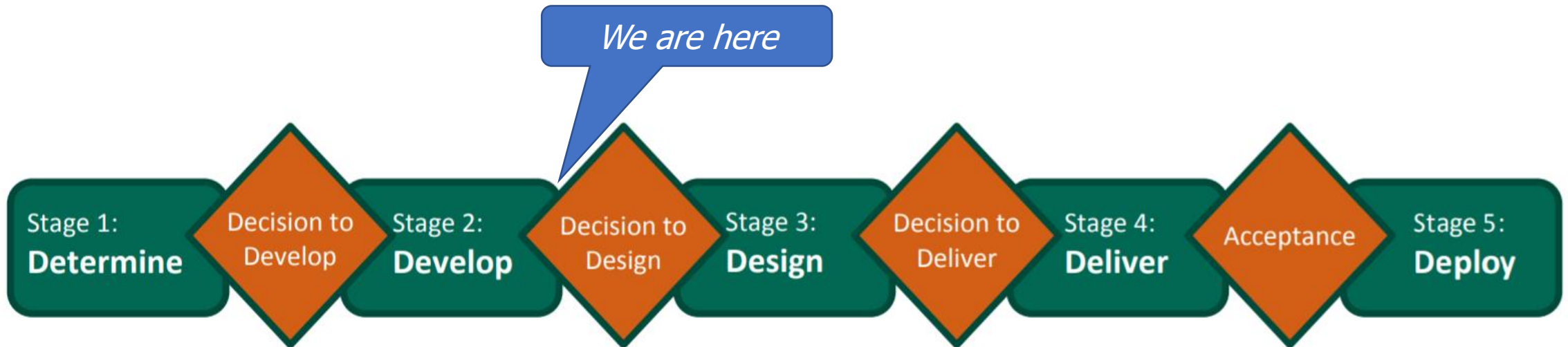
MRH Packages

The evidence in the OBC has now been structured around MRH as a whole but also as three smaller packages:



The Outline Business Case

Funding for the OBC was received in July 2020 following a successful 'Decision to Develop':



Assuming the OBC is well-received by Government and there is a positive 'Decision to Design', the next stage will be a Full Business Case

Timeline

Outline Business Case for MRH Programme
October 2022

Separate Outline Business Case for the Leicester Corridor
2023

Full Business Case
2023-2027

Delivery of Snow Hill Platform 4
2025-2027

Delivery of full scheme
2025-2030



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