



STRATEGIC TRANSPORT FORUM

November 2020: Update on Actions

Action	Update	Status
From 19th June 2020		
The Forum was advised that clarification from DfT officials would be sought regarding changes to the Traffic Management Act 2004 that would enable the Heartland's local authorities the same range of enforcement powers as observed in London.	Agenda Item	Agenda Item 9 seeks agreement to proceed with a task and finish exercise to develop the evidence case for enacting part 6 of the Traffic Management Act (2004) in the Heartland region.
<p>The Forum:</p> <p>a) Noted presentations provided by Avanti West Coast Partnership and East Midlands Railway setting out their current franchise priorities</p> <p>b) Considered and reinforced the region's priorities for the West Coast Main Line and Midland Main Line</p>	Ongoing	<p>Since the previous meeting, EEH Business Unit has formalised ongoing working arrangements between EEH and East Midlands Railway.</p> <p>EEH Business Unit has been liaising with Network Rail, DfT and Bedford Borough Council over improvements to Bedford Midland Station.</p> <p>A further paper about priorities for connectivity on the West Coast Mainline and Midland Mainline will be presented to the Strategic Transport Forum in early 2021.</p>
<p>The Forum:</p> <p>a) Supported the decision to submit to Government, in the form of a Spending Review submission, a package of measures that are identified as priorities to support the delivery of strategic infrastructure, in line with the EEH Transport Strategy.</p> <p>b) Agreed, subject to the drafting amendments discussed, the package of measures</p> <p>c) Agreed to prepare a letter to the Chancellor in support of Western Rail Link to Heathrow</p>	Complete	<p>The package of measures identified for a Spending Review have been finalised. Since the previous meeting, the Government's three-year Spending Review has been postponed due to current national pressures arising from the COVID19 pandemic.</p> <p>A letter to the Chancellor in support of Western Rail Link to Heathrow was submitted and published on EEH's website.</p>

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<p>The Forum:</p> <p>a) Considered the implications for the planning, development and delivery of strategic infrastructure arising as a consequence of the proposals set out in the Planning White Paper</p> <p>b) Provided a steer on the key themes that should form the basis for a response from England's Economic Heartland to the Planning White Paper consultation.</p>	Complete	England's Economic Heartland submitted its response to the Planning White Paper consultation and published it on EEH's website.
The Forum endorsed the response to the Transport Decarbonisation Plan.	Complete	England's Economic Heartland submitted its response to the DfT's Transport Decarbonisation Plan consultation and published it on EEH's website.