

Oxfordshire Connect

Update to Future Oxfordshire Partnership

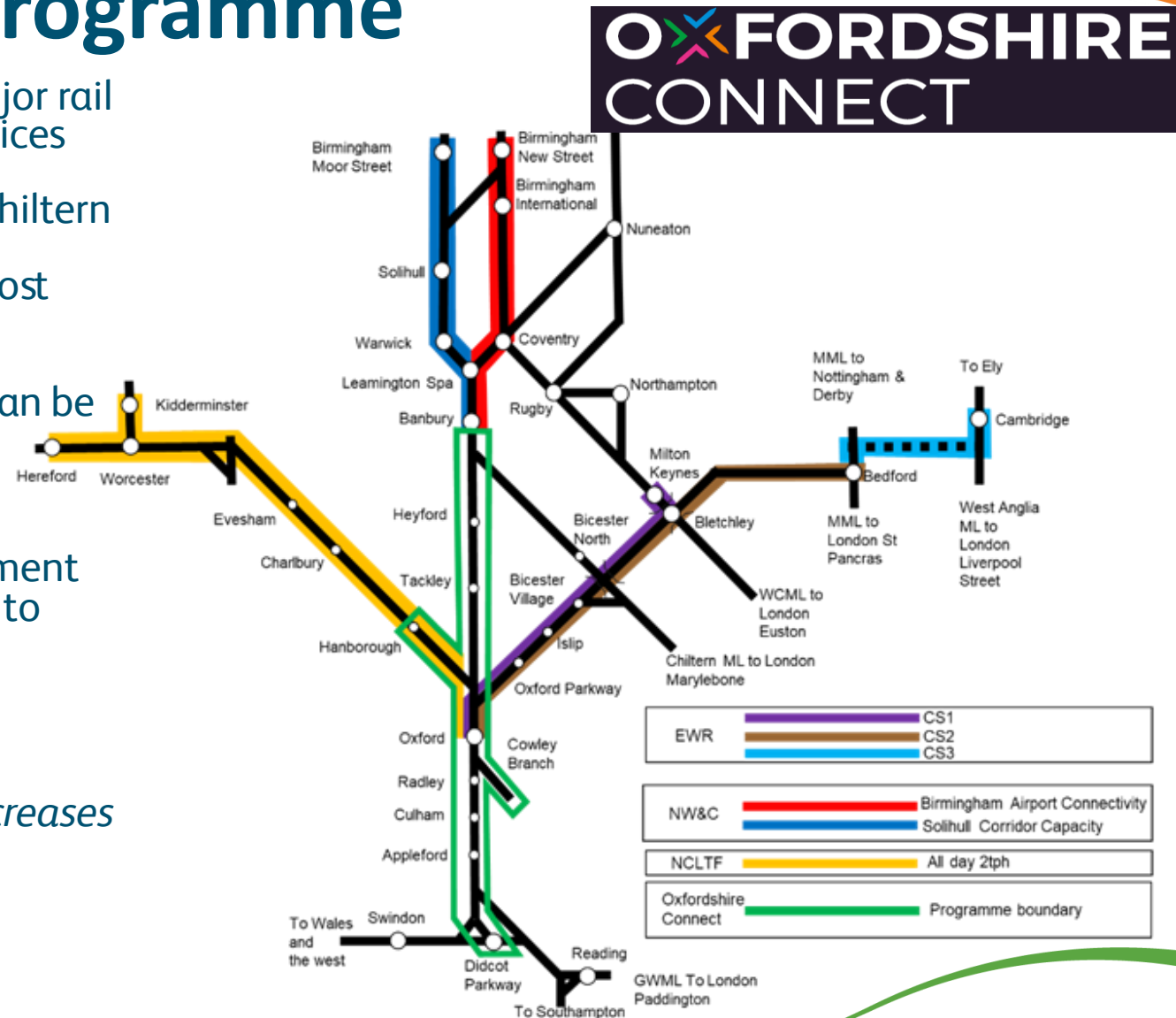
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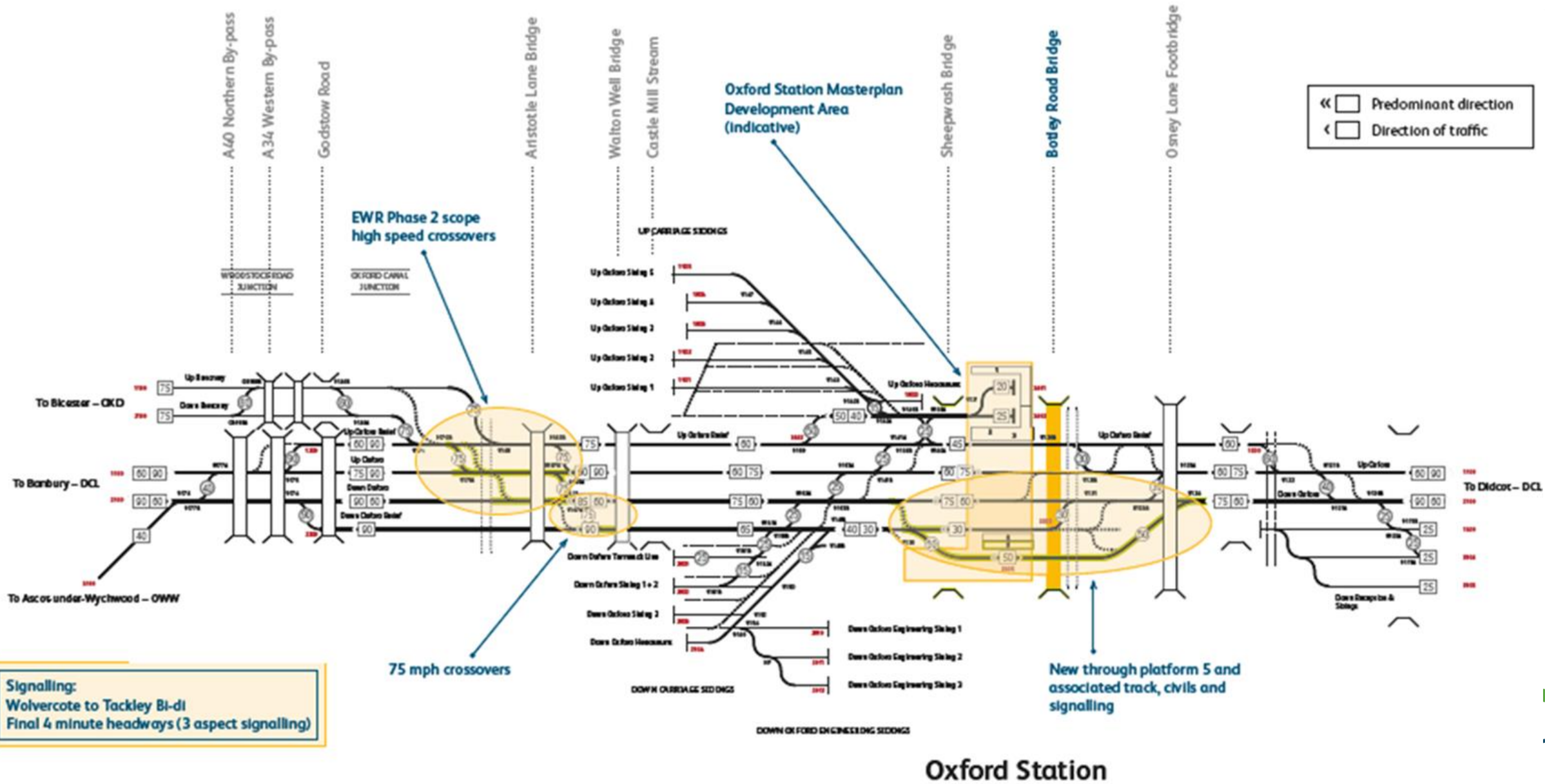
Oxfordshire Connect - Programme

- Provides an integrated strategy for aligning the major rail programmes that are seeking to introduce new services into Oxford (East West Rail, Midlands Engine Rail (Leamington to Coventry Capacity Enhancement, Chiltern Route Upgrade North) and North Cotswolds Line Transformation) and collectively identifying the most optimal way to deliver these
- Presents a cohesive vision for how rail programmes can be aligned, developed and delivered
- Strategic interventions drawn from Oxfordshire Rail Corridor Study - will need to be prioritised; development and delivery strategically phased and co-ordinated to enable project synergies to be utilised to maximise benefits and minimise impacts on passengers and customers.

Oxford Phase 2 is the critical enabler for any service increases across the region, with the Phase 2 infrastructure underpinning this programme



Oxford Phase 2 – Scope overview

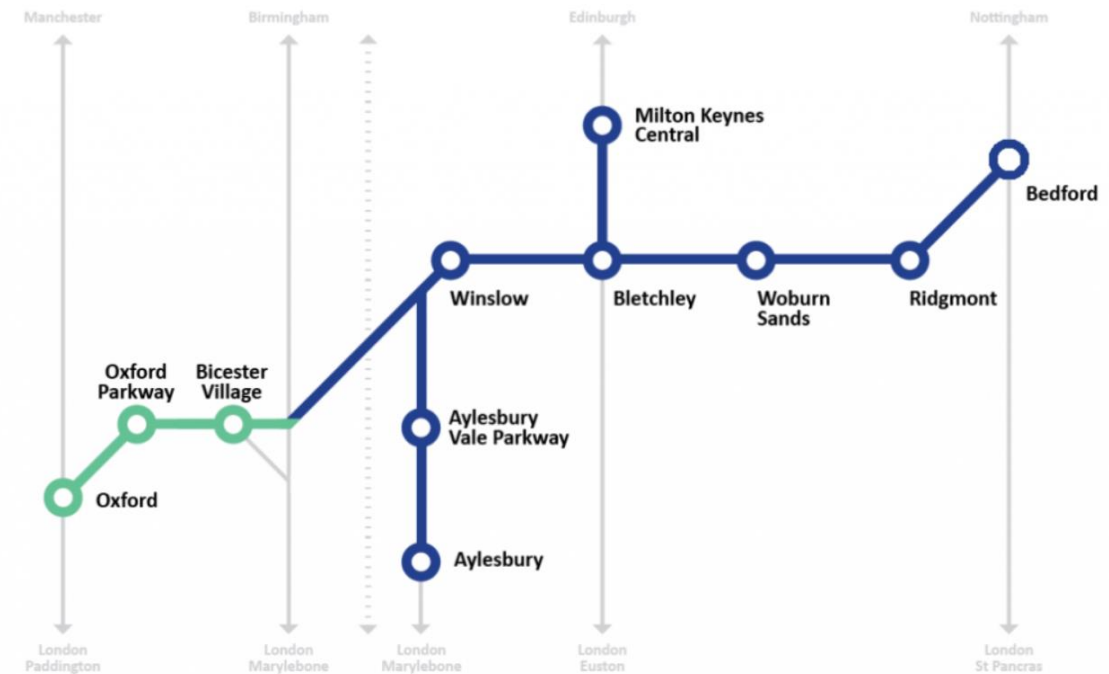


Oxford Phase 2 – Update

- OBC funding of £68m received May 2021. This supports the delivery of safety improvements with level crossing closures (Yarnton & Sandy Lane); increase in through line capacity for freight and passenger services and a two-minute journey time improvement through the installation of higher-speed crossovers between Oxford and Bicester.
- The OBC funding also supports further design work, the TWAO application, essential land and property acquisitions and key enabling works to de-risk the overall programme.
- TWAO formally submitted on 04 June 2021. Objection period closed 24 July 2021.
 - Public Enquiry commenced 7th Dec 21, concluded 9th Dec 21. Awaiting output from Planning Inspectorate and decision from SoS. Expected March 22.
- YHA acquisition – exchange of contracts took place on 31 July 21 with final completion due in March 2022.
- Re-design of western entrance achieved Prior Approval (Phase 2C & 2D) 9th November 2021.
- Procurement activities in progress for design and delivery works
- Full Business Case produced and governance ongoing ahead of requested funding decision April 2022.
 - 5 case business model submitted to DfT for CoE assurance.
 - Internal NR governance commenced November 21 – January 22
 - DfT board requests January – February 22
- If funded, programme completion is planned for December 2024 to align Entry into Service with East West Rail

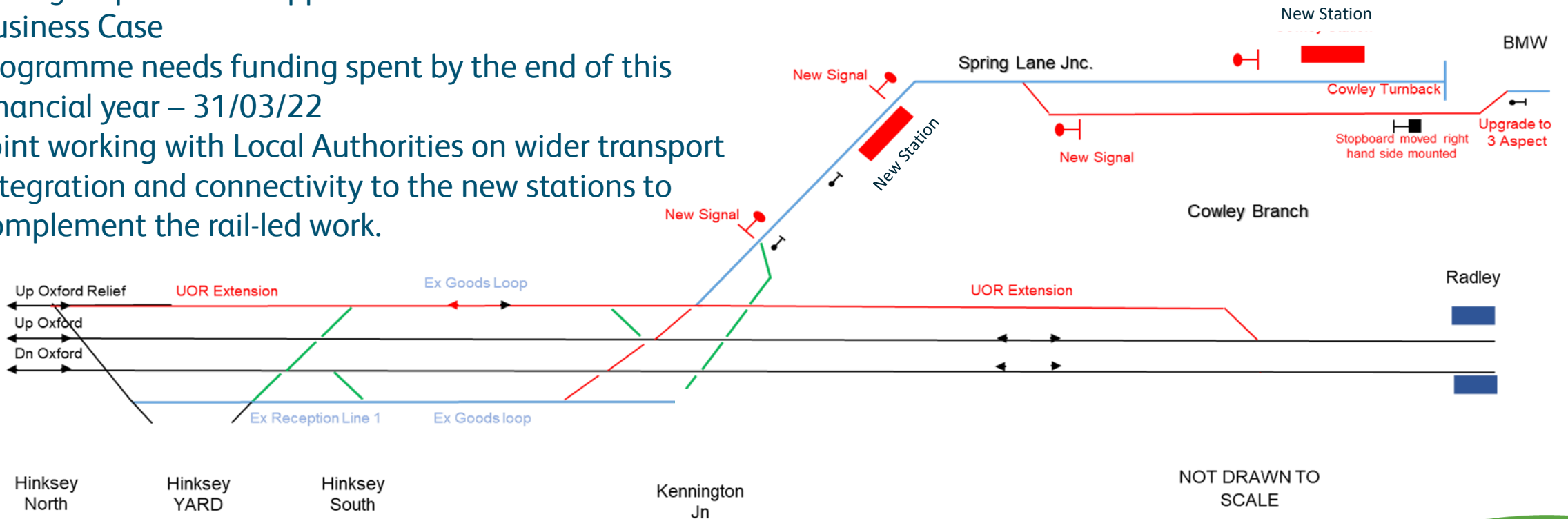
East West Rail

- A new direct east-west rail link between Oxford and Cambridge, and beyond. Serving communities across the area, it will cater for future growth, bring faster journey times and lower transport costs as well as easing pressure on local roads. This will support the thriving OxCam Arc of science and business.
- Initial funding for a East West Rail Connection Stage 1 has been achieved for two trains per hour into Oxford from 2024
- Development continues for further service enhancements and configuration states for four trains per hour into Oxford around 2027/28. Further infrastructure will be required for this.
- The Oxford Phase 2 scheme provides platform and pedestrian flow capacity at Oxford station to support these services in 2024.



Cowley Plus

- Key priority for industry and stakeholders to support connectivity across the region, the next service change with EWR CS2 and Restoring your Railway initiatives
- Development funding secured to progress initial designs to single option and support creation of an Outline Business Case
- Programme needs funding spent by the end of this financial year – 31/03/22
- Joint working with Local Authorities on wider transport integration and connectivity to the new stations to complement the rail-led work.



Questions....?

