

A127 Economic Growth Corridor Task Force

Friday, 15th February 2019



An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange. The image shows multiple lanes of traffic, overpasses, and surrounding greenery. The text "Welcome and Introductions" is overlaid in the center.

Welcome and Introductions

Re-cap

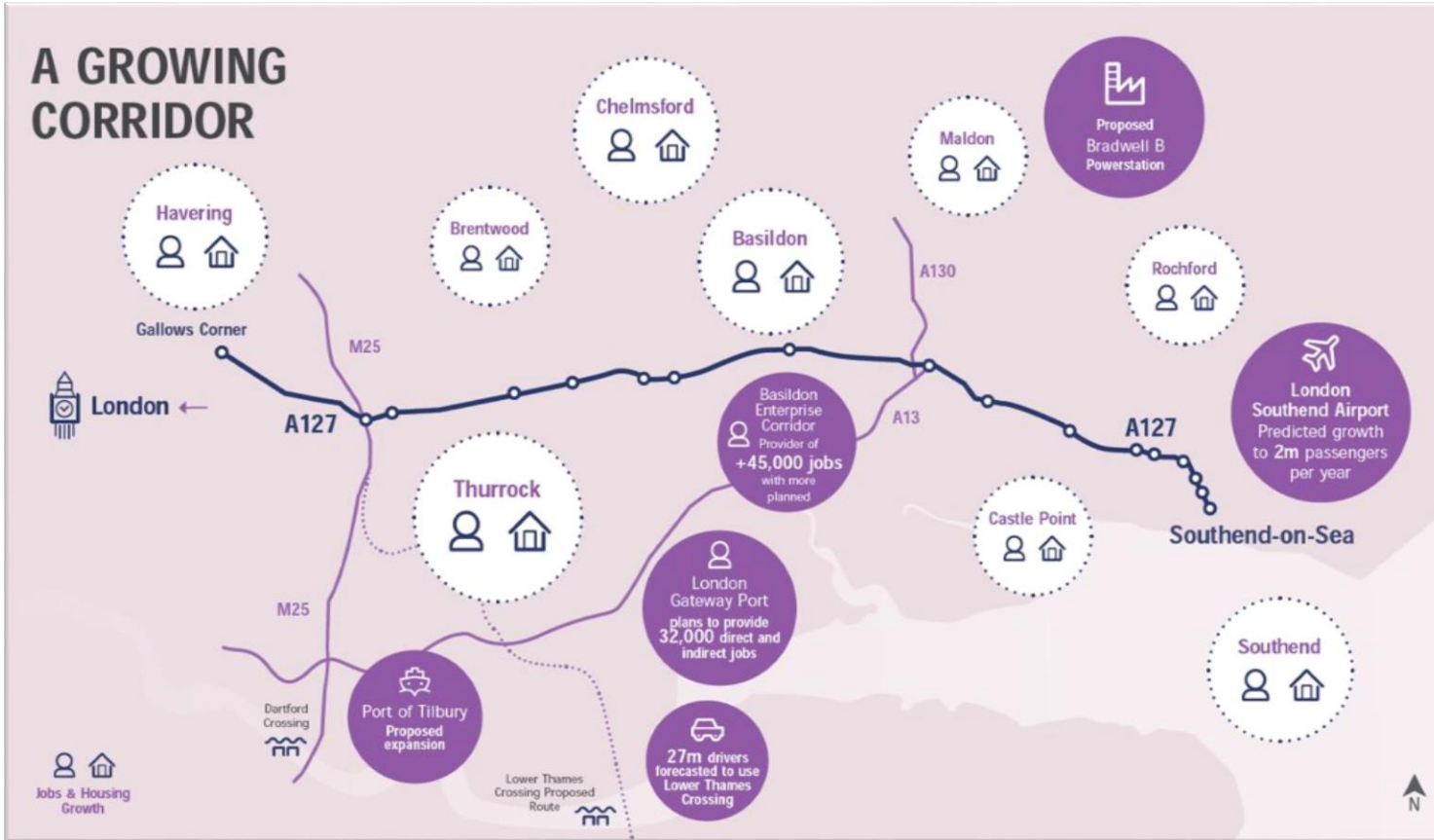
- Review and update any changes from the previous Task Force meeting minutes and terms of reference
- In the inaugural meeting of the A127 Task Force we discussed:
 - ✓ Current and future challenges facing the A127
 - ✓ Co-ordination and collaboration with key activities such as the South Essex 2050 Vision
 - ✓ Opportunities for the future
 - ✓ Re-trunking the A127
 - ✓ Major project stages
 - ✓ Communications Strategy.



Purpose of the Task Force

Agree in principle to collaborate and contribute towards a long-term vision for the A127 economic growth corridor. This work will be carried out through proactive engagement with local residents, businesses and transport users to ensure we develop a solution which works for everyone.

A GROWING CORRIDOR



Planning Update

- Local Plans programme update
- Joint Strategic Plan / ASELA programme update



Scheme Progress Update

Since the last Task Force

- Held Interactive Planning Session
- Problems confirmed
- Objectives created
- Programme generated
- Brochure designed
- Communication plan developed
- Engagement programme revised and updated
- Submitted re-trunking evidence to Department for Transport and Highways England



Group Discussion on Problems

Category	Problems
Safety and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable to incidents (breakdowns and collision) • Lack of incident response • Unsuitable CCTV provision • Sub standard carriageway (visibility, accesses, outdated infrastructure, severance) • Collision history
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion • Poor journey time reliability and delay • Predicted growth (background and with future growth) • Limited growth potential with existing issues
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of sustainable modes of travel • Outdated cycle routes • Poor East/West connectivity • Limited North/South connectivity
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severance
Environmental and Asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding issues • Air Pollution • Asset condition

Group Discussion on Opportunities

Category	Opportunities
Safety and Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce vehicle conflicts• Less incidents• Increased resilience
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add to an already growing sub region• More economically competitive• Confidence to invest• Confidence to grow and regenerate
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce short distance car trips in favour of sustainable modes• Enhance accessibility to passenger transport facilities• Encourage walking and cycling
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce severance• Provide a more attractive environment• Improve personal safety
Environmental and Asset	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air Quality Action Plan• Prolonging asset life• Enhanced biodiversity
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technological innovation

Vision for the A127

(DECISION POINT)

A route that serves the current and predicted regional growth and supports the economic prosperity of the area.

A route that delivers reliable journey times and is resilient to the effects of congestion and incidents.

By 2050 all new development will be located in the most sustainable locations, will be of the highest quality, will support the sectors of industrial opportunity, and will be well-connected by a fully integrated transport system and framework of green spaces

An integrated transport network that provides for all users, and which minimises issues related to the severance of communities.

A route that provides for and encourages the use of sustainable travel modes, and in doing so, reduces the potential negative environmental effects of travel.

High Level Objectives (Decision Point)



Economic Growth - Support and facilitate sustainable future economic growth

- Recognise the role that the A127 plays in the wider South Essex economy to support and facilitate sustainable economic growth
- Short Term:
 - Supporting existing economies such as the Basildon Enterprise Corridor
 - Understanding the impact of strategic growth across the corridor
- Medium Term:
 - Improvements to solve medium term growth issues resulting from existing/emerging local plans
- Long Term:
 - Plan for the future - develop longer term solutions in keeping with the JSP Growth Locations

Connectivity - Manage congestion and improve journey time reliability

- Efficient movement of goods and people
- Manage congestion and improve journey time reliability
- Reduce journey times
- Provide sustainable alternatives for short-medium trips and especially trips which traverse the A127 corridor
- To promote active travel measures for shorter journeys improving the health of local populations

Asset Management - effective management and maintenance of all transport assets

- Ensuring the network is fit for purpose
 - Structures
 - Embankments
 - Carriageway pavement
 - Safety Barriers
 - Supporting sustainable infrastructure
- Effective way of managing the asset
 - Proactive management of asset

Safety and Resilience - Improve safety and network resilience

- Provide a safe and secure network
- Improve the safety for all users
- Reduce the perception of the fear of crime for all users
- Reduce the severance of key walking, cycling & horse riding corridors
- Reduce incidents and clear incidents efficiently

Environment - Manage air quality, pollution and mitigate the impacts on surrounding communities

- Improve the net environmental impact of transport on local communities
- Where possible by design reduce the impact of new infrastructure on built, natural and historic environments
- No net ecology loss

Overarching Objective: Innovation

- Promote the use of current and future technologies to improve journey experiences
- Promote technology use to enable customers to adopt sustainable transport alternatives especially for shorter journeys
- Promote the use of technology in providing up to date information for the travelling public facilitating informed decision making
- Ensure innovation and the use of technology is at the heart of any proposed solutions and maintenance/incident management strategies

Design stages and timescales for major scheme delivery

Typical Design Stages for Large Local Majors



Components of a typical business case

- Five key components to constructing a transport business case:
 - The **Strategic** Case – determines whether or not an investment is needed either now or in the future
 - The **Economic** Case – Assesses the options to identify impacts resulting in the value for money assessment
 - The **Financial** Case – Concentrates on the affordability of the proposal (funding arrangements and the financial profiling)
 - The **Commercial** Case – Provides evidence of the commercial viability of the proposal(s) and includes the procurement strategy
 - The **Management** Case – Assesses whether the proposal is deliverable, (tests project planning, governance structure, risk management communications and engagement)



Communications and Engagement

Timescales

- **February 2019** – Task Force 2nd meeting
- **21st March to 2nd May 2019** – Pre-election
- **March/April 2019** – Launch venue booked and invites sent
- **May/June 2019** – Launch event and launch of engagement
- **June/July 2019** – Task Force 3rd meeting
- **July 2019** – Close engagement and compile report
- **September/October 2019** – Task Force 4th meeting
- **October 2019** – Stakeholder and media activity promoting results of engagement to date

Engagement questions

- We would like your steer on topics you would like to see covered within the engagement questions



**4 out of 5 respondents
either agreed or strongly
agreed that there is a need
to upgrade the A120 to a
dual carriageway**

Engaging businesses

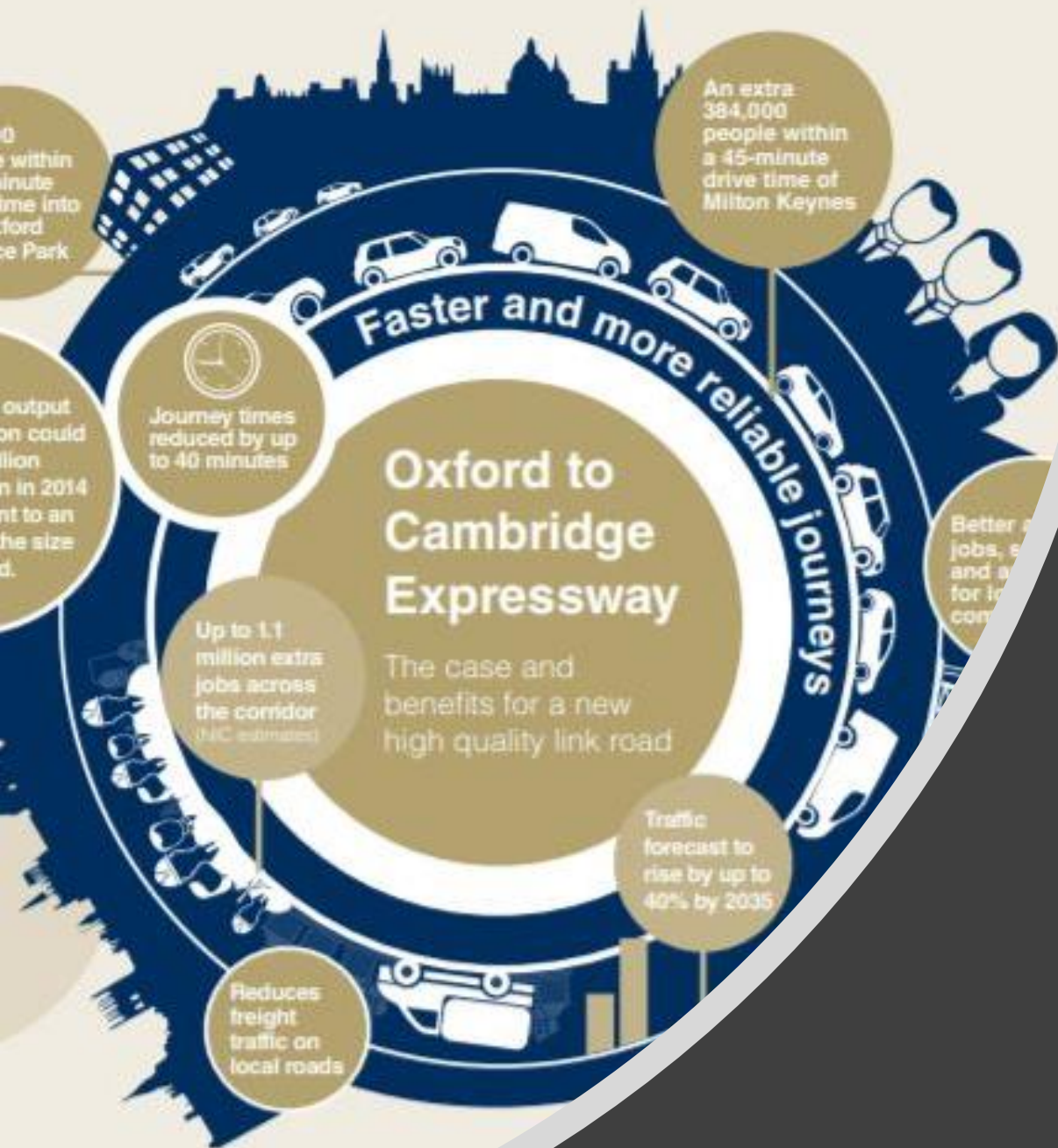
- We are currently looking to engage businesses through the Federation of Small Businesses, Opportunity South Essex, Essex Business Forum and Essex Chambers of Commerce
- Do councils have any other dedicated channels we could use to speak to businesses?

Launch event

- Planned for May/June 2019
- Launch will have a focus on highlighting the issues surrounding the corridor, the vision/objectives and a focus on innovative solutions
- London Southend Airport is having a refurb so is not available to host the launch
- Currently considering Ford Dunton, New Holland Tractor Plant and other venues but happy to listen to suggestions



Update on Current Projects



Sharing best practice

Any Other Business
and Next Meeting