

A127 Economic Growth Corridor Task Force

Friday, 30th November 2018



Welcome and Introductions

Former Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, stated in 1926:

“The section of the Southend arterial road from Woodford to Ilford is now one of the worst pieces of main road in West Essex; and why this road, so recently constructed, has so rapidly deteriorated?”

He went onto ask the Minister of Transport: *“When are we likely to have a proper road there?”*

The MoT Lieutenant-Colonel Moore-Brabazon responded:
“In about a year.”



Ageing, congested and unreliable

- The A127 was the first road in the country built specifically for the car
- It's vital for the South Essex economy, but since being dualled it has suffered from a lack of investment compared to similar routes
- We need to determine its future role and bring it up to scratch



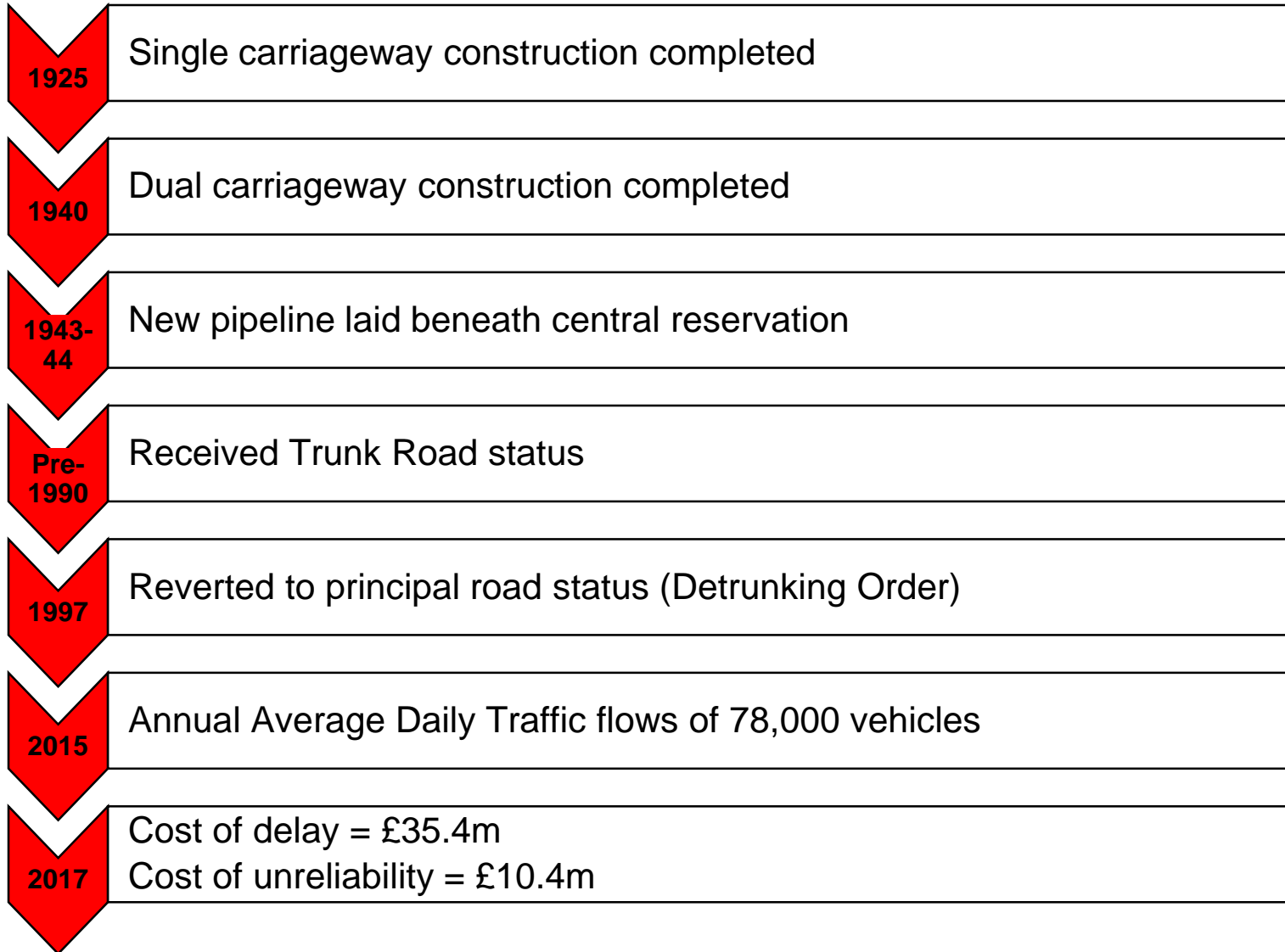
Purpose of the Task Force

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 residents, businesses and transport users to ensure we develop a solution which works for everyone.

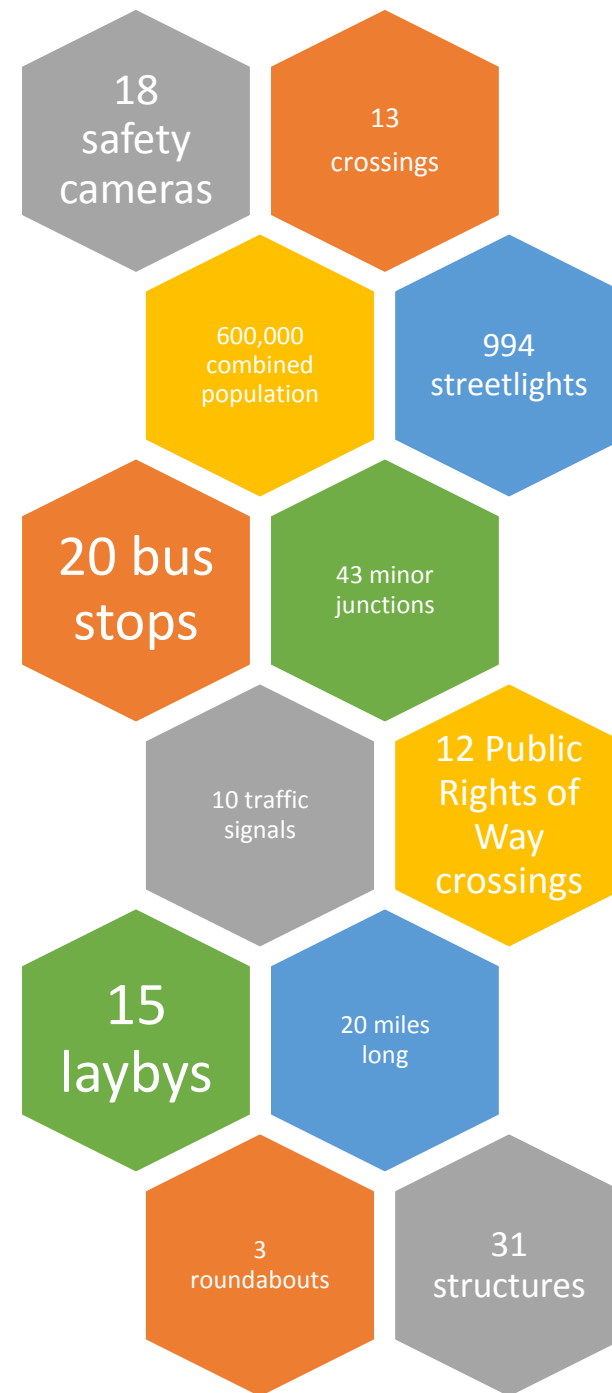
Setting the scene

- 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.





Some Interesting Facts



THE A127 ECONOMIC CORRIDOR TODAY



Some bus services from Stansted Airport to Southend-on-Sea only operate every 60 minutes

Air Quality Management Plan

is being developed to tackle transport-related air quality issues in Basildon and Rochford

The total of delays is: **£35m per year**



More than **78,000** use this route daily



London Southend Airport had almost **1m passengers** in 2017



London ←

The Federation of Small Business found that **63.4%** of businesses say **congestion** is their biggest challenge

Cost of unreliability: **£10.4m**

Southend generates **£20m from tourism**

KEY



Planned Improvement Works



Station Name

Est. total number of entries and exits per year

Dartford Crossing



Port of Tilbury
3,500
employees

A130

A127/A13 Fairglen Interchange

Rayleigh
1,864,064

A13

Rochford
700,214

The Bell

Southend Airport
520,734

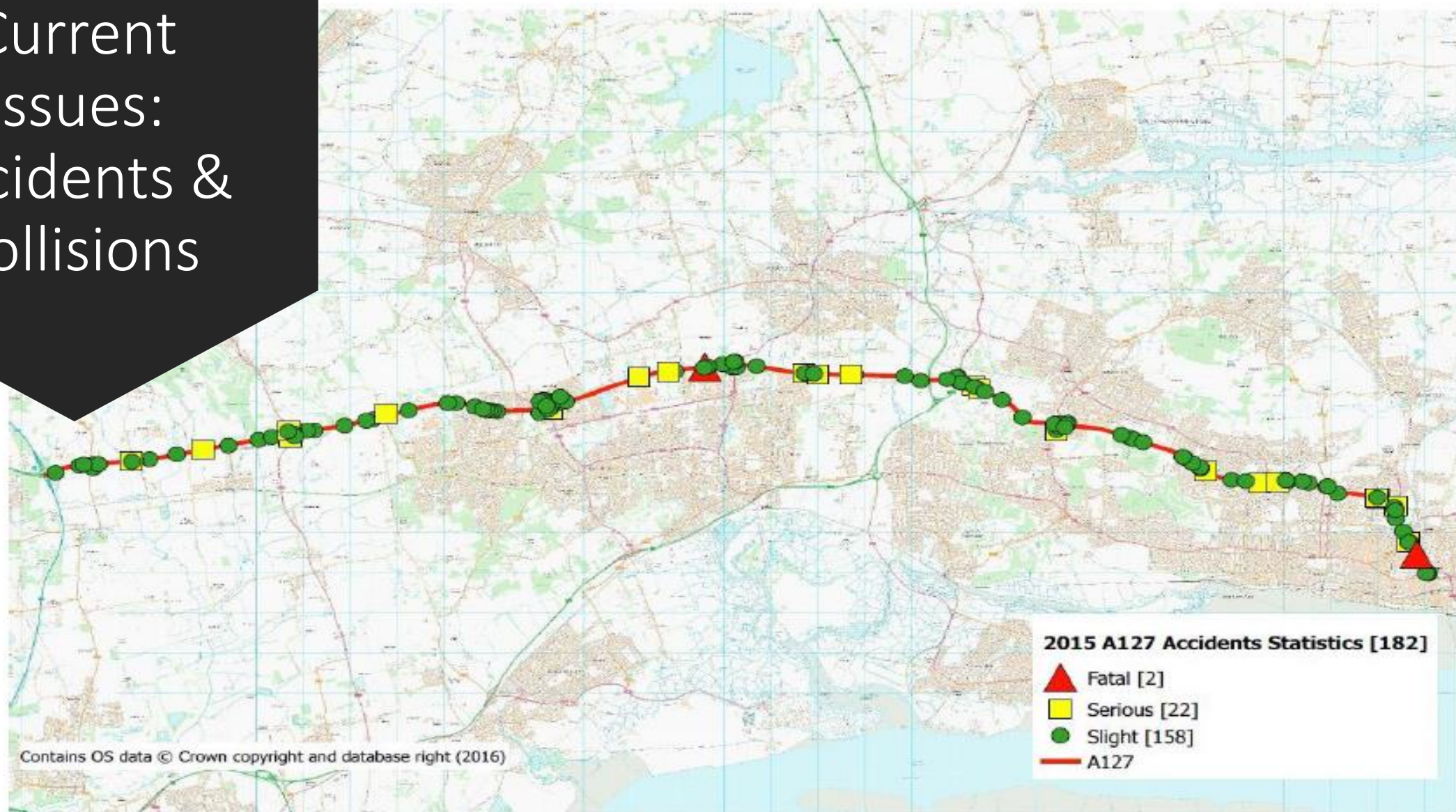
Southend Central
2,918,931

Southend East
1,662,180

Southend Victoria
1,358,773



Current Issues: Accidents & Collisions

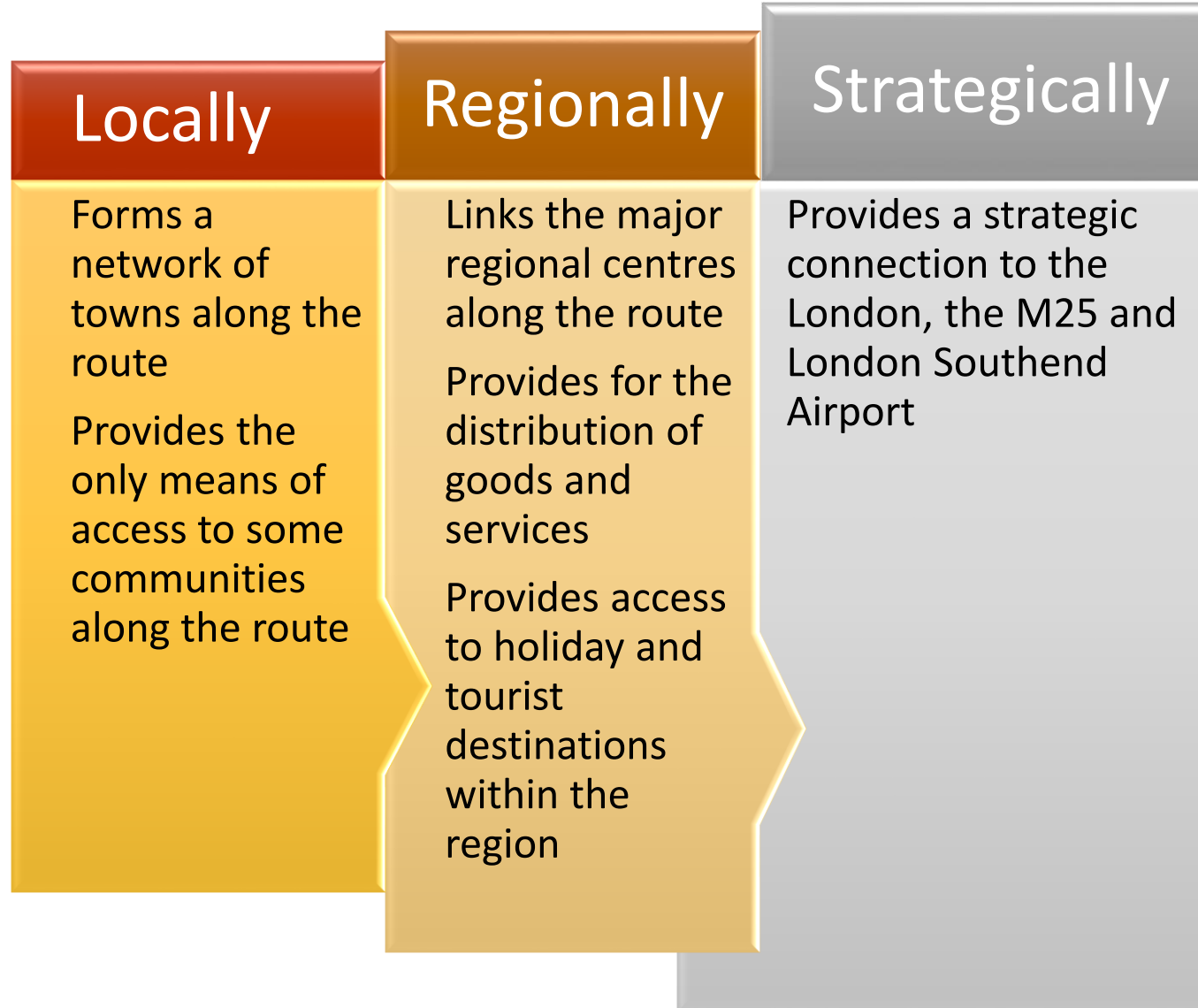


Current Issues: Walking, cycling and horse riding

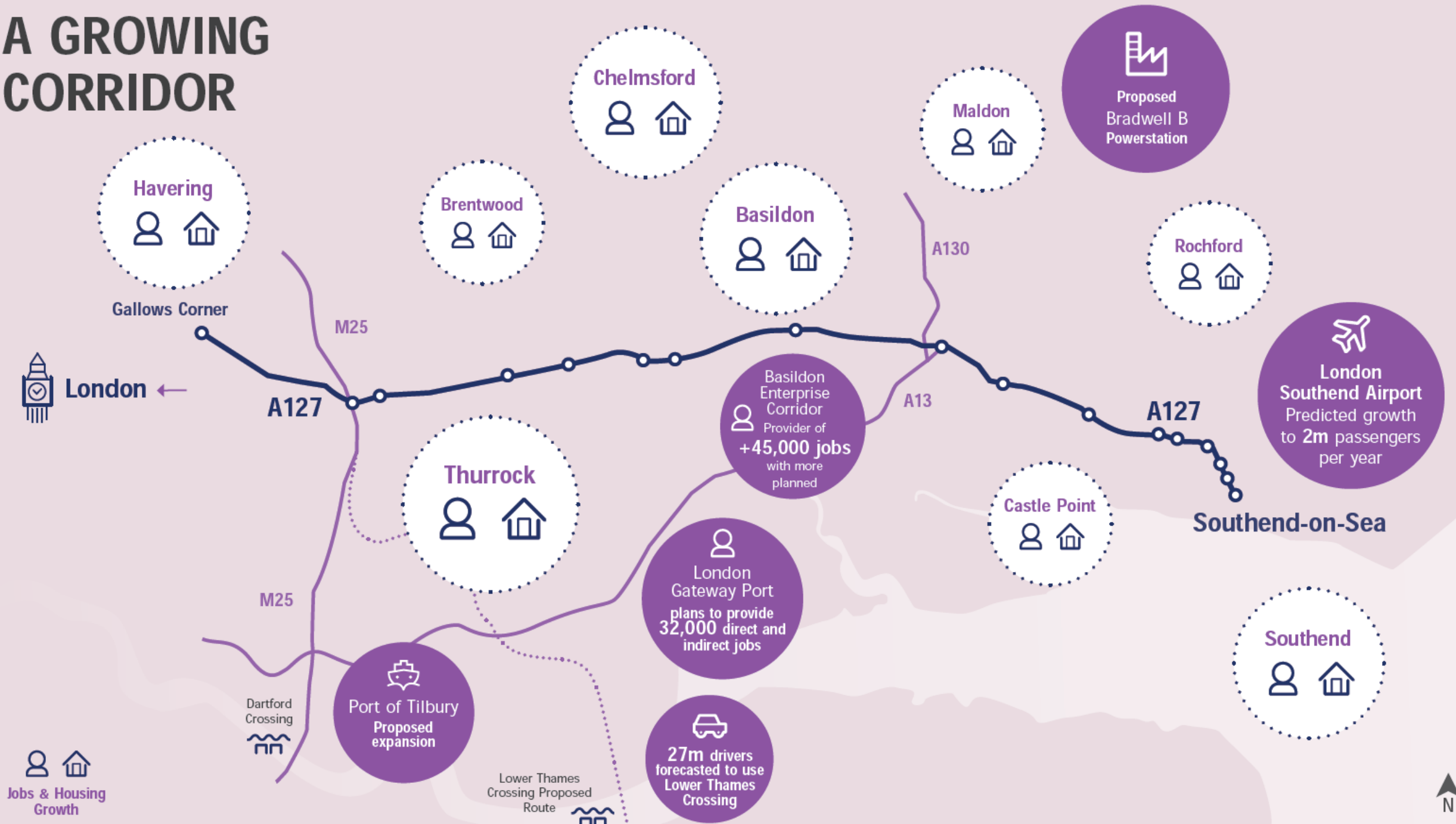
- Low usage...but 15 collisions involving pedestrians (2004-2015)
- Lack of suitable and safe crossing points
- Unattractive environment
- High volume and speed of the motorised traffic
- Unclear and inconsistent signage along the A127
- No physical segregation for pedestrians
- Conflicts with on-street parking and slip roads.
- Severance for those wanting to cross the A127



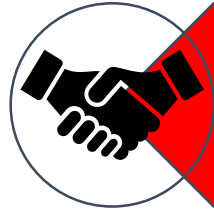
Role and Function of the A127



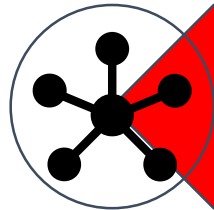
A GROWING CORRIDOR



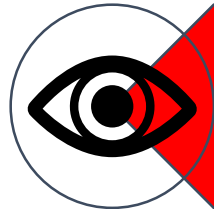
Opportunities for the future



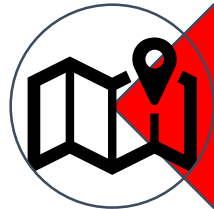
Joint collaborative working across South Essex with common goals and a single voice (ASELA)



Joint Strategic Planning



2050 Vision



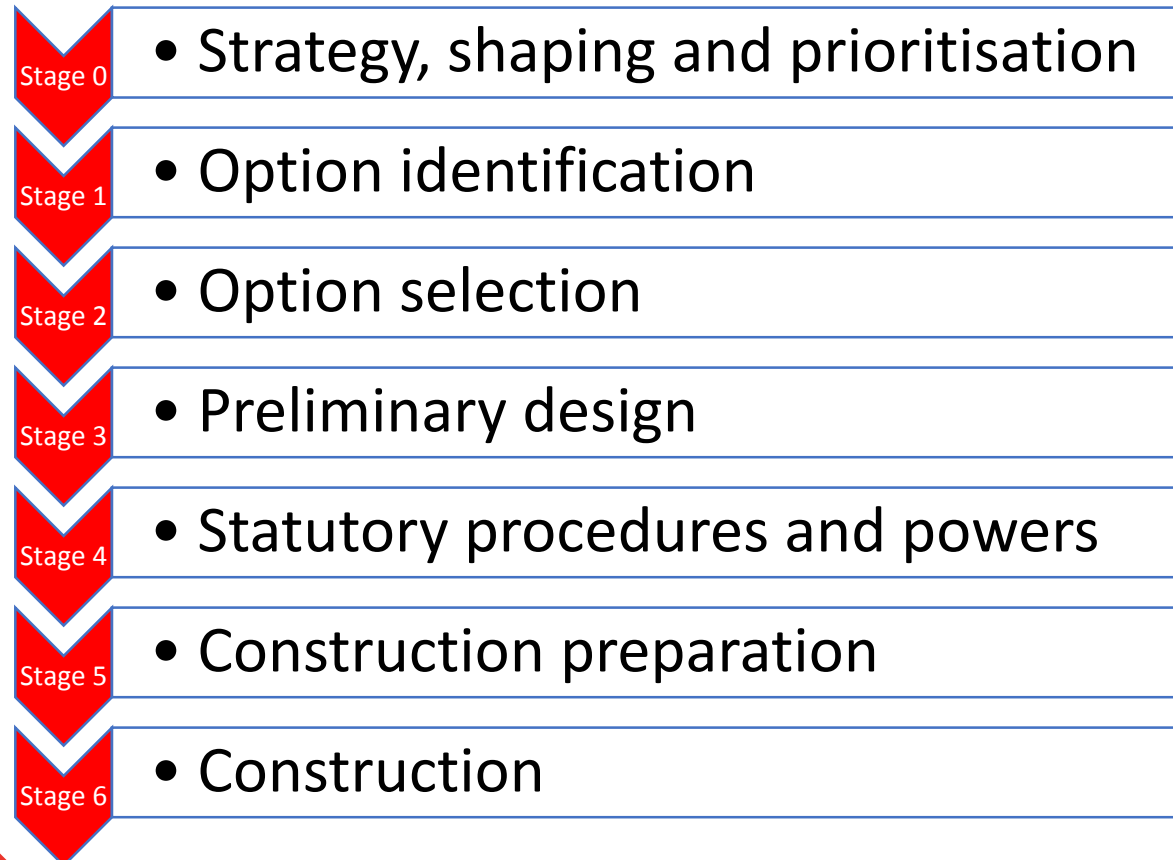
Other examples
e.g. Oxford – Cambridge Expressway

Re-Trunking the A127

- *We have had positive discussions with Highways England and the Department for Transport on the possibility of re-trunking the A127*
- *If successful, this would open opportunities for funding through the Roads Investment Strategy (RIS)*

Typical major project stages

Technical



Engagement and lobbying

- Communications campaign to rally support
- Engaging with residents and businesses on solutions
- Lobbying Government for funding
- Engaging with key stakeholders to explore additional funding streams

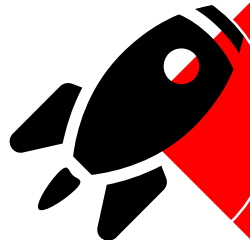
Communications Strategy



***November:** Press release agreed and release on Monday, 3rd December*

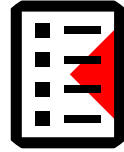


***January:** Second meeting of the task force to agree engagement approach to residents and businesses*



***February/March:** Media launch with engagement activities discussing the need for improvement and approach for the A127 economic growth corridor*

Task Force Aims and Terms of Reference



Confirm the key issues and challenges facing the A127 economic growth corridor to help shape solutions



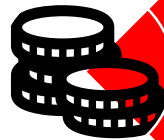
Facilitate opportunities for businesses, interested parties and key stakeholders to provide comments and feedback to help shape proposed solutions



Begin efforts to re-trunk the A127



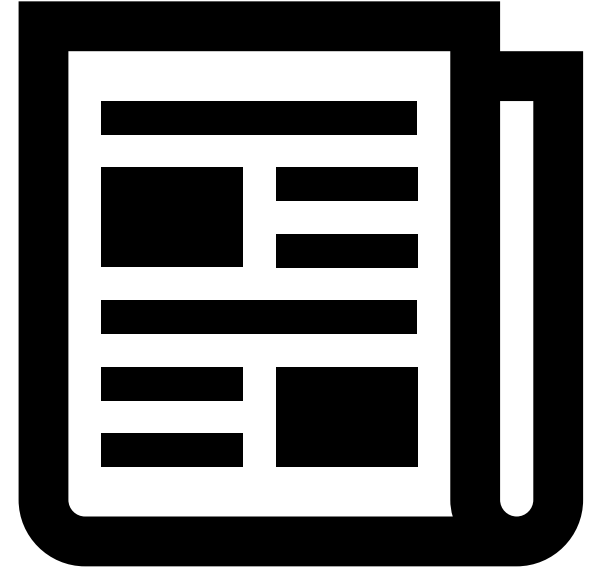
In parallel begin efforts to prepare a case for the Main Road Network funding potentially unlocking up to £100 million



Lobby for funding opportunities to develop and put in place improvements to transportation measures along the A127 economic growth corridor.

Press Release

- Please refer to your packs.





Any Other Business and Next Meeting

Next meeting date for agreement.