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Submitted to **EEH Transport Strategy, Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and Statutory Status Consultation**

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Draft Transport Strategy: Vision and principles

1 To what extent do you support or oppose our vision?

Not Answered

2 To what extent do you support or oppose each of our principles?

Principles - Achieve net-zero carbon emissions from transport no later than 2050:

Principles - Improve quality of life and wellbeing through an inclusive transport system accessible to all, which emphasises sustainable and active travel:

Principles - Support the regional economy by connecting people and businesses to markets and opportunities:

Principles - Ensure the Heartland works for the UK by enabling the efficient movement of people and goods through the region and to/from international gateways:

3 Please provide any further comments you have about the vision and principles.

Comments:

[RailEnable.com](#) is [proposing east west rail in Hertfordshire](#)

Draft Transport Strategy: Step-change in approach

4 To what extent do you support or oppose investment in the following areas?

Investment - Digital infrastructure both fixed (e.g. broadband) and mobile (e.g. 4G/5G) to enable business growth, improve access for residents to services and opportunities, in ways that also reduce the need to travel (where appropriate):

Investment - Our existing infrastructure assets to improve its resilience and connectivity, thereby improving business productivity and supporting our communities:

Investment - Repurposing existing infrastructure and services, particularly within larger urban areas to actively encourage active travel modes and user-centred services, and reduce reliance on the private car:

Investment - Greening travel routes to encourage walking or cycling and therefore improve both physical and mental health, whilst at the same time acting as green corridors for wildlife:

Investment - New infrastructure capacity and capability to enable delivery of planned economic and housing growth:

Investment - Improved connectivity for rural communities to enable small market towns to support their rural hinterlands:

Draft Transport Strategy: Policies

5 To what extent do you support or oppose the policies set out in the following themes?

Policies - A Transport System for the Future - policies targeted towards decarbonising the transport system and enable more people to travel using sustainable modes:

Policies - Transforming Journeys - policies to transform the way people travel through the region, including east to west, and north to south:

Policies - Connecting People with Opportunities - policies for improving local connectivity across the region:

Policies - Making the Heartland Work for the UK - policies aimed at improving the way people and goods travel through the region, for example to airports, or as part of the freight and logistics sector:

6 Please provide any further comments you have about the Draft Transport Strategy's policies.

Comments:

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Draft Transport Strategy: Implementation and delivery pipelines

7 To what extent do you support or oppose the implementation and delivery approach we've outlined?

Not Answered

8 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the investment pipeline reflects the region's connectivity priorities?

Not Answered

9 Please provide any further comments you have about implementation and the investment pipeline.

Comments:

Draft Transport Strategy: Overall view

10 Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the Draft Transport Strategy?

Not Answered

11 Please provide any further comments you have about the Draft Transport Strategy

Comments:

[East west rail in the southern arc should be professionally assessed with the South Herts MRT proposal : RailEnable.com is proposing east west rail in Hertfordshire as input to the rail study phase 2](#)

Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

12 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the independent Integrated Sustainability Appraisal is a robust assessment of the Draft Transport Strategy?

Not Answered

13 Please provide any further comments you have about the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal.

Comments:

Statutory status

14 To what extent do you support or oppose the approach set out in the Proposal to Establish a Statutory Sub-national Transport Body?

Not Answered

15 Please provide any further comments you have about the Proposal to Establish a Statutory Sub-national Transport Body

Comments:

About you

16 I am responding to this consultation as.....

An official representative of a business, local authority or other organisation

Business/organisation

18 In which area(s) of the Heartland region does your business/organisation operate? (In 2021, Northamptonshire will split into two unitary authorities – West Northamptonshire and North Northamptonshire) Please select all that apply.

Other (please specify)

Other area:

Outer London area

19 What is your name?

Full name:

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20 What is the name of your business/organisation?

Business/organisation name:

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21 What is your role within the business/organisation?

Role:

Rail researcher and business owner

22 Which of the following categories best describes your organisation?

Think tank

Other organisation type: