

# Consultation on draft Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034

## Overview

Rail services in Warwickshire make a significant contribution to the local economy, business and local communities, helping to make Warwickshire an attractive place in which to live and work. The County Council has an excellent track record in delivering rail infrastructure and helping to improve services.

Warwickshire intends to continue this support and investment in the local rail network to help improve wider connectivity, contribute to the delivery of housing and employment opportunities and maximise the benefit of economic growth in Warwickshire over the next fifteen years and beyond. This draft strategy sets out Warwickshire County Council's ambitious and challenging plans to improve the rail offer in Warwickshire and will form part of the County's fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

The draft rail strategy has been developed to maximise the economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network to Warwickshire's residents and businesses. Four key overarching objectives have been identified to support the delivery of Warwickshire's Rail Strategy and policies have been developed to support the delivery of these objectives:

1. Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network to Warwickshire residents and businesses;
2. Maximise opportunities for journeys within Warwickshire (and beyond) to be undertaken by rail, particularly for commuting purposes;
3. Maximise opportunities for travel demands of new developments to be met by rail;
4. Support opportunities to transfer freight from road to rail.

Anyone who is interested in local transport and the local rail offer can comment on the draft strategy. Responses are invited from a range of partners, stakeholders and people who live or work in Warwickshire.

More information is provided in the Public Information Document. This, together with the draft strategy and other supporting documents can be downloaded from the webpage <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk>. Alternatively, if you require paper copies of any of these documents please email [tpu@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:tpu@warwickshire.gov.uk).

### How to respond

Please complete this paper questionnaire and return your written response to Transport Planning at Warwickshire County Council using the Freepost address at the end of this questionnaire.

## What happens next?

The consultation will help inform and shape the final Warwickshire Rail Strategy and if approved by Warwickshire County Council's Cabinet, will replace the existing rail strategy from early 2020.

## Give Us Your Views

### Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation. **We want to assure you that your responses are completely anonymous.**

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I have read the Privacy Notice and consent to you collecting my responses

### Background Information

**1. Please select the area where you live, or work if you are responding on behalf of an organisation (required)**

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| <input type="radio"/> North Warwickshire Borough    | <input type="radio"/> Stratford on Avon District     |
| <input type="radio"/> Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough | <input type="radio"/> Warwick District               |
| <input type="radio"/> Rugby Borough                 | <input type="radio"/> Work Countywide (Warwickshire) |

Other, please specify below:

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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**2. Are you responding to this consultation on behalf of an organisation or as an individual? (required)**

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| <input type="radio"/> Individual | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organisation |
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## The Warwickshire context

The draft strategy provides an overview of the Warwickshire context and opportunities and constraints.

### 3. Do you agree or disagree with this overview of the Warwickshire context?

- Strongly disagree  Agree
- Disagree  Strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree

### 4. Are there any additional constraints or opportunities we should consider?

No comment.

## Strategy objectives

The draft strategy identifies the following objectives:

1. Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network to Warwickshire residents and businesses
2. Maximise opportunities for journeys within Warwickshire (and beyond) to be undertaken by rail, particularly for commuting purposes
3. Maximise opportunities for travel demands of new developments to be met by rail
4. Support opportunities to transfer freight from road to rail

### 5. Do you agree or disagree with these key objectives?

|  | Strongly agree | Disagree              | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree                 | Strongly Agree        | Not sure / I don't know |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Maximise economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network   | ✓              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   |
| Maximise opportunities for journeys by rail within Warwickshire and beyond | ✓              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   |
| Maximise opportunities to meet travel demands of new developments by rail  | ✓              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   |
| Support opportunities to transfer freight from road to rail                | ✓              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>   |

### 6. Are there additional objectives that you would like to see included in the strategy?

No comment on the objectives, however the Strategy would benefit from further explanation as to the environmental benefits under 'Wider social and environmental benefits', notably how the proposals would contribute towards reducing air pollution and assisting in combating climate change.

## Information on policies

The draft strategy outlines a range of policies relating to these objectives. These are listed below, along with how each policy relates to the objectives.

Please read this before continuing to the next page to answer questions on policies.

| <b>Policy</b>   | <b>Objective 1:</b><br>Maximise the economic, social and environmental benefits of the rail network | <b>Objective 2:</b><br>Maximise opportunities for rail journeys in Warwickshire and beyond | <b>Objective 3:</b><br>Maximise opportunities to meet travel demands of developments by rail | <b>Objective 4:</b><br>Support opportunities to transfer freight from road to rail |
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| <b>WRS1:</b><br>Partnership                                     | X   | X  | X  | X  |
| <b>WRS2:</b> Existing levels of service and stations            | X   | X  | X  |  |
| <b>WRS3:</b> New rail services and stations                     | X   | X  | X  |  |
| <b>WRS4:</b> New developments and connectivity to rail services | X   | X  | X  |  |
| <b>WRS5:</b><br>Transformational change                         | X   | X  | X  |  |
| <b>WRS6:</b> Station facilities                                 | X   | X  |  |  |
| <b>WRS7:</b> Station Access and Car Park Capacity               | X   | X  | X  |  |
| <b>WRS8:</b><br>Community Rail Partnership                      | X   | X  |  |  |
| <b>WRS9:</b> High Speed 2 (HS2)                                 |   | X  | X  | X  |
| <b>WRS10:</b> Freight   |   |  |  | X  |
| <b>WRS11:</b> Rail Fares and Ticketing                          | X   |  |  |  |

## Questions on policies

### 7. To what extent do you support each policy as included in the draft strategy?

#### Policy WRS1 – Partnership

*The County Council will seek to engage and work with key partners to deliver improved rail services and facilities in Warwickshire.*

*Delivery of Warwickshire’s rail aspirations will require the support of the wider rail industry, including Network Rail, TOCs and DfT, along with key organisations such as Midlands Connect. Warwickshire will continue to engage with a wide range of partners to influence rail investment and service plans*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |

#### Policy WSR2 – Existing levels of services and stations

*The County Council will seek to retain the existing levels of passenger services and stations.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |

#### Policy WRS3 – New rail services and stations

*The County Council will develop proposals for new rail services and stations and work with partners to secure their delivery.*

*Proposals for new stations and/or rail services will be developed to offer new and/or improved connectivity opportunities and increase the accessibility of the rail network to existing and potential passengers. Where appropriate, the County Council will also seek improvements to existing rail services, including more frequent services, where appropriate.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |

### **Policy WRS4 – New Developments and Connectivity to Rail Services**

*The County Council will seek to ensure that new developments have good accessibility to the rail network.*

*The County Council will seek to secure good accessibility and connectivity to the network by:*

- 1. Encouraging measures that enable good accessibility to rail services and where appropriate, secure funding from developers towards the cost of such measures;*
- 2. Taking into account the location of new housing and employment developments and associated highway when planning new stations (Policy WRS3);*
- 3. Taking into account potential demand from new development when planning new rail services*

Strongly oppose

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly support

Neutral

### **Policy WRS5 – Transformational Change**

*The County Council will support the partners, where appropriate, to deliver ambitious infrastructure programmes to enable a step change in the rail offer for Warwickshire. Warwickshire (along with other local authorities in the sub-region and WMRE area) is working with Midlands Connect on studies to facilitate a step change in the rail offer in the sub-region. The projects are at an early stage of development but indications are that a significant level of investment will be required to deliver the necessary infrastructure works. The following projects have the potential to facilitate a transformational change in the rail offer for Warwickshire:*

- Leamington to Coventry capacity upgrade (redoubling) – to facilitate improved access to Birmingham airport and the HS2 interchange, delivered by the diversion of the second Cross Country service via Coventry;*
- Coventry to Leicester/Nottingham capacity upgrade – to provide a direct connection between these cities and the potential for improved service frequencies between Nuneaton and Leicester;*
- Birmingham to Leicester capacity upgrade – to facilitate new stations along the Water Orton line, including a station to the west of Nuneaton at Galley Common/Stockingford;*
- Midlands Rail Hub, with the delivery of up to 12 additional rail paths into Birmingham.*

Strongly oppose

Somewhat support

Somewhat oppose

Strongly support

Neutral

### **Policy WRS6 – Station Facilities**

*The County Council will seek to ensure that facilities at stations are of an acceptable minimum standard and seek the opportunity to secure improvements to station facilities where appropriate.*

*The County Council will work with other organisations to deliver a range of improvements for rail services and stations in Warwickshire. Of key importance is the WMRE ambition to deliver a Single Network Vision and the West Midlands Station Alliance.*

*The Single Network Vision sets out the ambition to provide excellence in customer service and experience across all train services and operators across the West Midlands, regardless of operator.*

*The West Midlands Station Alliance is an innovative partnership with Network Rail and the wider rail industry to transform the quality of existing stations and deliver new ones.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |

### **Policy WRS7 – Sustainable Station Access and Car Park Capacity**

*The County Council will seek to ensure that stations are accessible by a variety of modes, including walking and cycling and to secure improvements where possible. Where station car parking is at capacity, opportunities will be sought to improve car parking availability.*

*It is recognised that access by a variety of modes, including the private car, are important to enable access to the rail network. The County Council will encourage people to choose sustainable travel options where possible and will continue to seek opportunities to improve facilities and infrastructure that encourages sustainable mode choice.*

*The County Council recognises that, in some instances, the private car is important to enable people to access stations. Providing good access and car parking facilities at appropriate stations enables people to transfer from road to rail, thus reducing overall car use.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |



### **Policy WRS8 – Community Rail Partnership**

*The County Council will support Community Rail initiatives in Warwickshire to help secure both improvements to stations and wider community and social benefits of the rail network to our communities.*

*Community Rail initiatives can deliver tangible benefits for rail passengers and the communities they serve. The County Council is at the forefront of Community Rail in the West Midlands area, and along with partners and key stakeholders, has recently established the ‘Heart of England’ Community Rail Partnership (CRP). The County Council is committed to supporting this CRP and enabling improvements to be realised. In addition the County Council will seek to maximise other opportunities presented by the rail industry to secure wider community benefits.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support            |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input type="radio"/> Neutral         |   |

### **Policy WRS9 – High Speed 2 (HS2)**

*The County Council will seek to maximise the benefits generated by the capacity released on the existing rail network as a result of HS2 Phases 1 and 2b to improve services and introduce new connectivity options.*

*The arrival of HS2 Phase 1 (London to West Midlands) in 2026 will have a significant impact on rail services in Warwickshire, not least due to the release of capacity on the West Coast Mainline. This presents a significant opportunity to influence and shape future service provision to enable passenger service and freight enhancements, new connectivity opportunities and new stations serving Warwickshire to be delivered, thereby maximising the economic benefits to Warwickshire afforded by the arrival of HS2.*

*For residents to the north of the County, the new HS2 interchange adjacent to Birmingham International station will provide access to fast and frequent services to London, with an anticipated journey time of around 50 minutes. The delivery of HS2 Phase 2B in 2033 will enable fast journey times from the West Midlands to the north of England, (e.g. Birmingham to Leeds in 46 minutes) providing significant connectivity opportunities and journey time savings to the north of England for Warwickshire residents. Ensuring good connectivity for Warwickshire residents and businesses to the stations served by HS2 will therefore be an important consideration. The County Council will work with relevant community groups to maximise opportunities to secure wider community benefits as a result of HS2.*

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| <input type="radio"/> Strongly oppose    | <input type="radio"/> Somewhat support |
| <input type="radio"/> Somewhat oppose    | <input type="radio"/> Strongly support |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Neutral |  |

### Policy WRS10 – Freight

*The County Council will support rail freight development where appropriate and work with partners to maximise the benefits of HS2 released capacity for both freight and passenger rail services.*

- Strongly oppose  Somewhat support  
 Somewhat oppose  Strongly support  
 Neutral

### Policy WRS11 – Rail Fares and Ticketing

*The County Council will work with partners to review and develop new rail fare structures across the West Midlands Rail Executive area and support the roll out of smart ticketing opportunities.*

*The County Council will support initiatives to improve the ticketing offer for passengers, including smart ticketing and work undertaken at a local and national level to review rail fare structures. Where appropriate the County Council will seek to influence the Train Operating Companies to introduce fares that encourage greater rail use.*

- Strongly oppose  Somewhat support  
 Somewhat oppose  Strongly support  
 Neutral

### 8. Are there other policies you think should be considered?

No comment.

### 9. Do you have any comments to make about any of these policies?

**Policy WRS3: New Rail Services and Stations** – the Borough Council requests that the Council be kept engaged in the process of the delivery of these services to ensure they are the most feasible and offer the necessary improvements to serve the residents of Hinckley and Bosworth.

## Future proposals

A number of aspirational service and infrastructure improvements have been identified to help support demand in rail growth; provide improved connectivity and access to the rail network; and support wider economic growth during the plan period.

The proposals include a combination of new stations, enhancements to existing stations, increased service frequencies and new service opportunities. The delivery of many of these aspirations is dependent on significant infrastructure improvements, the delivery of which will require substantial capital investment.

Proposals are set on a corridor basis as follows:

1. Trent Valley and Wolverhampton-Coventry Corridors
2. North-South Rail Services (Nuneaton – Coventry – Leamington Spa (NUCKLE) and Coventry – Leicester/Nottingham Corridors)
3. Leicester - Birmingham and Birmingham - Tamworth/Derby Corridors
4. Snow Hill Lines (Birmingham – Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham – Solihull – Warwick – Leamington Spa)

Anticipated delivery timescales are indicated in the draft strategy and relate to the following periods:

- **2019 – 2026: Short term** strategy up to the delivery of HS2 Phase 1;
- **2027 – 2033: Medium term** strategy up to the delivery of HS2 Phase 2b;
- **2034 and beyond: Long term** strategy.

#### **10. Do you agree or disagree with the infrastructure, service improvements and station enhancement proposals/aspirations set out for each rail corridor?**

##### **Trent Valley & Wolverhampton – Coventry Corridors**

###### **Key Objectives:**

1. *To improve service frequencies to existing destinations.*
2. *To explore opportunities for new service patterns on existing corridors to enable wider connectivity.*
3. *For Nuneaton and Rugby Stations to be transformed into ‘place destinations’.*
4. *To deliver new access points to the rail network to support growth and encourage trips to transfer from road to rail.*

*Please refer to the draft strategy for detailed information.*

Strongly disagree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Are there any additional improvements you would like to see included on the Trent Valley and Wolverhampton-Coventry Corridors?

No comment.

## North-South Rail Services; Nuneaton – Coventry – Kenilworth – Leamington (NUCKLE) and Coventry – Leicester/Nottingham Corridors

### **Key Objectives:**

1. *To introduce cross Coventry services on the NUCKLE Corridor to cater for the high demand of trips between Leamington and Nuneaton*
2. *To explore the opportunities to expand services on the NUCKLE corridor to the East Midlands and the Thames Valley.*
3. *To deliver new access points to the rail network to support growth and encourage modal shift from road to rail.*

*Please refer to the draft strategy for detailed information.*

Strongly disagree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Are there any additional improvements you would like to see included on the North-South Rail Services and Coventry-Leicester/Nottingham Corridors?

No comment.

## Leicester – Birmingham and Birmingham – Tamworth/Derby Corridors

### **Key Objectives:**

1. *To improve service frequencies to existing destinations*
2. *To explore opportunities for new service patterns to enable improved connectivity*
3. *To secure improved local services*
4. *To deliver new access points to the rail network to support growth and encourage trips to transfer from road to rail*

*Please refer to the draft strategy for detailed information.*

- Strongly disagree  Agree
- Disagree  Strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree

Are there any additional improvements you would like to see included on the Leicester-Birmingham and Birmingham-Tamworth/Derby Corridors?

No comment.

## Snow Hill Lines (Birmingham – Stratford-upon-Avon and Birmingham – Solihull – Warwick – Leamington Spa)

### **Key Objectives:**

1. *To improve service frequencies to existing destinations*
2. *To secure improved local services*
3. *To secure improvements to passenger facilities at key stations*

*Please refer to the draft strategy for detailed information.*

- Strongly disagree  Agree
- Disagree  Strongly agree
- Neither agree nor disagree

Are there any additional improvements you would like to see included on the Snow Hill lines corridor?

No comment.

## Transformational impact

The delivery of many of the aspirations set out in this strategy enhancement will have a transformative effect on a number of Warwickshire's communities, positively impacting on the attractiveness of these places to live and work - providing new access points to the rail network; significantly improving the station offer and providing new service opportunities to enable communities to take advantage of better and faster connections to other key UK centres.

### Rugby

Aspirations for Rugby include significant improvements to rail facilities with the addition of a new station – Rugby Parkway – and substantial enhancements at Rugby town station which currently does not meet passenger demand in terms of access and parking capacity and facility offer. Currently, service frequency and journey times from Rugby to key economic centres such as London and Milton Keynes do not match with the rising demand for travel by rail in the Rugby area. Key for Rugby going forward is to facilitate better integration into the Intercity network, including for northbound travel to key economic destinations and integration with East-West Rail at Bletchley/Milton Keynes.

### Nuneaton

Warwickshire County Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) are working together to deliver the transformation of Nuneaton town centre, by implementing mixed use regeneration to help boost economic growth. A key component of this will include improvements to transport infrastructure, including an aspiration to create a multi-modal interchange at Nuneaton station:

- A station that is better integrated with Nuneaton town centre, including public realm work to the station forecourt to help create a corridor of movement between the town centre and the station;
- Delivery of a second pedestrian/cycle entrance to the north of the station (via Weddington Terrace), facilitating easier access for people living to the north of the station and helping to reduce the impact of traffic using the existing ring road to access the station.

### Wider North-South Corridor

The north-south corridor between Leamington and Nuneaton is one of the main corridors for movement within Warwickshire. Improvements to rail connectivity along the corridor have been a long held ambition of Warwickshire county Council and a number of rail projects have been delivered over recent years to support it, including new stations at Bermuda Park, Coventry Arena and Kenilworth station.

An uplift in services is also proposed and will be delivered as part of West Midlands Trains franchise commitments. A second Nuneaton-Coventry service is planned to link with the new Coventry – Kenilworth – Leamington Spa train to provide a direct cross-Warwickshire service. Three trains per hour will run on the Coventry – Nuneaton rail line on Saturdays to cater for Ricoh Arena passengers (once the new Coventry bay platform is completed in 2019).

Future aspirations on the north-south corridor will focus on creating additional points of access to the rail network, particularly where these can be located within close proximity of the strategic highway network and offer the potential to provide wider benefit in terms of intercepting car based trips on-route to Coventry and other centres of major employment in the corridor.

In addition, WCC has a long held aspiration to facilitate the delivery of a strategic East Midlands to Thames Valley rail service. The anticipated infrastructure improvements required to deliver the wider regional ambitions (as part of the Midlands Connect programme of work) could facilitate an extension of services on the North-South corridor, linking up University towns/cities at Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, Coventry, Warwick University, Oxford and Reading.

## 11. Do you have any comments on the 'Transformational Impacts' aspect of the draft strategy?

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council supports the Rail Strategy subject to clarification that the level and type of service from Hinckley station will be improved as a result of the proposals contained within the Strategy. Whilst the Borough Council welcomes the possibility of a new multi-modal station located between Nuneaton and Hinckley (Nuneaton Parkway), it would be helpful to provide further clarification on the relationship between the provision of Nuneaton Parkway and the proposed service improvements between Coventry-Leicester and Birmingham-Leicester. Clarification is requested as to whether the development of Nuneaton Parkway would result in improved services for people living in Hinckley and Bosworth and the opening of the station would not result in a reduction in services to and from Hinckley.

The Borough Council suggests that the Strategy sets out the benefits of Nuneaton Parkway being in proximity to the A5 noting its future upgrade to an expressway. The Council requests that the strategy acknowledges that construction of Nuneaton Parkway be integrated with improvements to the A5, including to address the issue of height clearance with the existing rail bridge between Dodwells and Sketchley Lane, an action identified in the A5 Strategy. The Council would also welcome acknowledgment that opportunities may arise from development of Nuneaton Parkway to facilitate or benefit from collaborative funding arrangements to deliver other localised infrastructure improvements, such as towards the upgrade of the A5 to expressway standard.

## Investment priorities and delivery

Warwickshire has developed an excellent track record in the successful development, investment and delivery of rail infrastructure and services, WCC intends to build on this to further support and invest in the local rail network to help improve wider connectivity, contribute to the delivery of housing and employment opportunities and maximise the benefit of economic growth in Warwickshire.

However, delivering improvements to the rail network can often prove complex and it is clear that major infrastructure projects such as increasing capacity between the Thames Valley and the Midlands will not be delivered at a local level and therefore the County Council will fully engage with a variety of partners and stakeholders in order to realise these ambitions.

### 1) **Engagement with key industry partners, including Network Rail and the Department for Transport**

2) **WCC Development of Schemes** the County Council will continue to develop programmes of work that will help deliver improvements to the rail network for our residents and businesses. This will include a range of work programmes, including the development of new stations, car park capacity improvements and station facility enhancements.



3) **Engagement with West Midlands Rail and Midlands Connect;** Warwickshire County Council are key members of both organisations and it is vital that we continue to influence the work of both these organisations to secure positive outcomes for Warwickshire.

4) **Re-Franchising opportunities.** WCC will fully engage with the DfT and Train Operators as appropriate to secure improvements to rail services and station facilities via re franchising specifications. Of particular relevance include the franchises currently operated by the following Train Operators; Chiltern Railways, West Midlands Rail/London North Western, Cross Country, Great Western Railways and Virgin Trains. The County Council

5) **Wider Stakeholders.** The County Council will continue to engage with wider stakeholders, including other local authorities, LEPs and key groups to progress schemes. Of particular significance is the North Cotswold Line Task Force which aims to deliver the shared vision of the group.

**12. Do you have any comments to make on investment priorities and delivery?**

**5) Wider Stakeholders** – The Borough Council would welcome ongoing dialogue with Warwickshire County Council and other key stakeholders regarding the delivery of the proposed Nuneaton Parkway.

## Further comments

Please use the space below to make any other comments on the draft strategy.

The Borough Council supports the draft Rail Strategy and welcomes the proposed service improvements between Birmingham-Leicester and improved connectivity between Coventry-Leicester through the introduction of a direct service and a proposed new station between Nuneaton and Hinckley. The Council requests that it is kept engaged in the process of the delivery of these services to ensure they remain feasible and deliver the necessary improvements to the benefit of passengers travelling to and from Hinckley.

## Equalities monitoring

Warwickshire County Council collects equality data about staff, members and users. The purpose of collecting this information is to ensure that we can identify, tackle and prevent issues that would otherwise prevent engagement and ensure our processes and services are suitable for and reach as wide an audience as possible. Information submitted is anonymous and will not be stored with personal information that makes you identifiable.

You do not have to give us this information but if you choose to it will help us to better understand the communities we serve.

If you have any questions in relation to this data collection, please email [equalities@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### 1. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18 - 29
- 30 - 44
- 45 - 59
- 60 - 74
- 75 +
- Prefer not to say

### 2. Do you have a long standing illness or disability (physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities)?

- Yes
- No

Prefer not to say

**3. What is your ethnic group?**

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| <input type="radio"/> White British                        | <input type="radio"/> Chinese                           |
| <input type="radio"/> White Irish                          | <input type="radio"/> Other Asian Background            |
| <input type="radio"/> Gypsy or Traveller                   | <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White and Asian           |
| <input type="radio"/> Other White background               | <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White and Black African   |
| <input type="radio"/> Black or Black British - African     | <input type="radio"/> Mixed - White and Black Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> Black or Black British - Caribbean   | <input type="radio"/> Other Mixed Background            |
| <input type="radio"/> Other Black Background               | <input type="radio"/> Arab                              |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi | <input type="radio"/> Other Ethnic Background           |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Indian      | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian British - Pakistani   |   |

**4. What is your gender?**

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Female     | <input type="radio"/> Prefer to self-describe |
| <input type="radio"/> Male       | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say       |
| <input type="radio"/> Non-binary |   |

**5. Does your gender identity match your sex registered at birth?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**6. Do you have a religion or belief?**

- No religion
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Spiritual
- Any other religion or belief
- Prefer not to say

**7. What is your sexual orientation?**

- Bi / bisexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman / lesbian
- Heterosexual / straight
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this survey, please return using the Freepost address below.

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