

# ADDRESSING GROWTH CHALLENGES ACROSS THE WIDER SOUTH EAST

## Wider South East Summit

13:40-16:00 on 26 January 2018 at City Hall, London, SE1 2AA

London's Living Room

### AGENDA

12:45 13:00	Registration Networking lunch
13.40	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Heather Bolton</b>, Director of South East England Councils</li></ul>
13.45	<b>The London Plan - key issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sadiq Khan</b>, Mayor of London</li><li>• <b>Cllr Nicolas Heslop</b>, Chair of South East England Councils</li><li>• <b>Cllr David Finch</b>, Chair of the East of England Infrastructure &amp; Growth Group</li></ul>
14:10	<b>The Mayor's new London Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Plan's priorities/approach including key aspects relevant to the Wider South East</b> – <b>Jules Pipe</b>, Deputy Mayor of London for Planning, Regeneration and Skills</li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b> – <b>Phil Swann</b>, Shared Intelligence (independent facilitator)</li><li>• <b>Interactive member discussions</b> (facilitated roundtables)</li></ul>
15.00	<b>Shaping priorities for the Wider South East</b> <p>Last year's big housing and infrastructure issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Tackling housing delivery barriers</b> - <b>Cllr Nicolas Heslop</b>, Chair of South East England Councils</li><li>• <b>Strategic infrastructure priorities</b> - <b>Cllr James Jamieson</b>, Leader of Central Bedfordshire Council</li><li>• <b>Q&amp;A</b> – <b>Phil Swann</b>, Shared Intelligence (independent facilitator)</li></ul> <p>Shaping Wider South East priorities into the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Interactive member discussions</b> (facilitated roundtables)</li></ul>
15:45	<b>Conclusions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Feedback on the London Plan</b> – Phil Swann</li><li>• <b>Feedback on WSE Priorities</b> – Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Cllr David Finch, Jules Pipe</li></ul>
16:00	Summit close

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## The conclusions of the Wider South East Summit

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The importance of continuing to develop collaboration on growth, infrastructure and related strategic planning framework was reiterated by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Chair of South East England Councils, and Cllr David Finch, Chair of the East of England Infrastructure and Growth Group as well as in contributions from the floor.

The preparation of the new draft London Plan provides an important focus for the current phase of that collaboration. This includes the challenge of meeting housing need across London and the Wider South East, growing the Wider South East's national economic contribution (including local economies), securing infrastructure investment and the opportunity for discussions with willing partners about strategic growth opportunities in the wider city region.

The summit welcomed the work of the political steering group on tackling barriers to housing delivery and strategic infrastructure priorities. It is important that work continues on both topics and that the challenge of securing tighter prioritisation of infrastructure projects is explored further in terms of both the number of priorities and a phased approach to delivering them.

The issues raised during table discussions on the new draft London Plan included:

- The potential for London Boroughs to be more actively engaged in the work of the political steering group, given their role in helping the Mayor deliver against housing targets.
- Calls for a more active approach to stimulating discussions between the GLA and willing partners on strategic growth opportunities and more clarity about the possibilities.
- The importance of London and the Wider South East acting as a counter-weight to arguments from the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine, particularly in relation to infrastructure investment which is essential to enable national economic growth.
- Concerns that there should be an assessment of the London Green Belt to ensure that the majority of green belt land is protected while enabling additional residential development where appropriate inside London's boundaries.
- The absolute importance of infrastructure investment to support growth aspirations and address public concerns across London and the Wider South East.
- An appetite for more collaboration on digital issues, in particular to help minimising the need to travel.

Key issues raised during table discussions on priorities for Political Steering Group work in 2018 reinforced the need to continue work on ways to address large numbers of unimplemented planning permissions. The Group should also continue work to press for infrastructure investment and consider whether there is capacity to address the challenges around natural resources.

**Wider South East Summit - 26 January 2018. Attendance sheet.**

<b>Authority / Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>
Ashford BC	Cllr	Michael Burgess	SE
Aylesbury Vale DC	Cllr	Carole Paternoster	SE
Babergh DC	Cllr	John Ward	EE
Basildon BC	Cllr	Linda Allport	EE
Basingstoke & Deane BC	Officer	Matthew Evans	SE
Bracknell Forest Council	Cllr	Paul Bettison OBE	SE
Bracknell Forest Council	Officer	Max Baker	SE
Braintree DC	Cllr	Wendy Schmitt	EE
Buckinghamshire CC	Cllr	Martin Tett	SE
Buckinghamshire CC	Officer	Mark Kemp	SE
Cambridgeshire CC	Cllr	Ian Bates	EE
Central Bedfordshire Council	Cllr	James Jamieson	EE
Centre for London	Officer	Nico Bosetti	Lon
Chiltern DC	Cllr	Peter Martin	SE
City of London	Officer	Catherine McGuinness	Lon
Coast to Capital LEP	LEP	Jonathan Sharrock	SE
Dartford BC	Cllr	Derek Hunnisett	SE
Dartford BC	Officer	Mark Aplin	SE
East Herts DC	Cllr	Linda Haysey	EE
East Herts DC	Cllr	Gary Jones	EE
East Herts DC	Officer	Liz Watts	EE
East of England LGA	Officer	Cecilia Tredget	EE
East of England LGA	Officer	Cinar Altun	EE
East of England LGA	Officer	Hannah Shah	EE
Enterprise M3 LEP	LEP	Mike Short	SE
Epsom & Ewell BC	Officer	Mark Berry	SE
Essex CC	Cllr	David Finch	EE
Essex CC	Officer	Matthew Jericho	EE
GLA	Mayor	Sadiq Khan	GLA
GLA	Deputy Mayor	Jules Pipe	GLA
GLA	Officer	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	GLA
GLA	Officer	Darren Richards	GLA
GLA	Officer	Jorn Peters	GLA
GLA	Officer	James Gleeson	GLA
GLA	Officer	Juliemma McLoughlin	GLA
Gravesham BC	Officer	Wendy Lane	SE
Hampshire CC	Cllr	Roy Perry	SE
Hart DC	Cllr	Stephen Parker	SE
Hertfordshire CC	Cllr	David Williams	EE
Hertfordshire CC	Cllr	Derrick Ashley	EE
Hertfordshire CC	Officer	John Wood	EE
Hertfordshire CC	Officer	Jan Hayes-Griffin	EE
Huntingdonshire DC	Cllr	Graham Bull	EE
Ipswich BC	Officer	Russell Williams	EE
Kent CC	Cllr	Peter Oakford	EE
LB Barking & Dagenham	Cllr	Darren Rodwell	Lon
LB Barnet	Officer	Nick Lynch	Lon
LB Enfield	Cllr	Alan Sitkin	Lon
LB Hammersmith	Cllr	Sue Fennimore	Lon
LB Hackney	Officer	Philip Glanville	Lon
LB Richmond	Cllr	Paul Hodgins	Lon
London Councils	Officer	John O'Brien	Lon
London Councils	Officer	Jennifer Sibley	Lon

London Councils	Officer	Katharina Winbeck	Lon
LSCC	Officer	John McGill	EE
Luton BC	Cllr	Roy Davis	EE
Maldon DC	Cllr	Mark Durham	EE
Medway Council	Officer	Catherine Smith	SE
Norfolk CC	Officer	Phil Morris	EE
North Herts DC	Officer	David Scholes	EE
North Herts DC	Cllr	Lynda Needham	EE
North Norfolk DC	Cllr	Tom FitzPatrick	EE
Norwich City Council	Cllr	Alan Waters	EE
Oxfordshire CC	Officer	Chris Kenneford	SE
RB of Kensington and Chelsea	Officer	Preeti Gulati Tyagi	Lon
RB of Windsor & Maidenhead	Cllr	David Coppinger	SE
Rochford DC	Cllr	Ian Ward	EE
Sacks Consulting	Officer	Deborah Sacks	EE
SEEC	Officer	Heather Bolton	SE
SEEC	Officer	Nick Woolfenden	SE
SEEC	Officer	Hayley Austin	SE
SESL	Officer	Neil Border	SE
Shared Intelligence	Officer	Phil Swann	
Shepway DC	Cllr	David Monk	SE
South Bucks DC	Cllr	Ralph Bagge	SE
South Bucks DC	Officer	Alison Bailey	SE
South East LEP	LEP	Christian Brodie	SE
South East LEP	LEP	Lucy Spencer-Lawrence	EE
South East LEP	LEP	Brian Horton	EE
South Norfolk DC	Cllr	John Fuller	EE
Spelthorne BC	Cllr	Tony Harman	SE
Spelthorne BC	Officer	Ann Biggs	SE
St Albans City & DC	Cllr	Brian Ellis	EE
St Edmundsbury BC	Cllr	Alaric Pugh	EE
Stevenage BC	Cllr	John Gardner	EE
Stevenage BC	Officer	Scott Crudgington	EE
Suffolk CC	Officer	James Cutting	EE
Surrey CC	Cllr	John Furey	SE
Surrey CC	Officer	Sue Janota	SE
Swale BC	Cllr	Gerry Lewin	SE
TfL	Officer	Josephine Vos	GLA
Thames Gateway Kent Partnership	Officer	Richard Longman	SE
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP	LEP	Tim Smith	SE
Thanet DC	Officer	Helen Havercroft	SE
Three Rivers DC	Cllr	Sara Bedford	EE
Thurrock Council	Cllr	Mark Coxshall	EE
Thurrock Council	Officer	Richard Hatter	EE
Thurrock Council	Officer	Steve Cox	EE
Tonbridge & Malling BC	Cllr	Nicolas Heslop	SE
Wealden DC	Cllr	Ann Newton	SE
Welwyn Hatfield Council	Cllr	Mandy Perkins	EE
West Berkshire Council	Cllr	Jeanette Clifford	SE
West Sussex CC	Officer	Mike Elkington	SE
Wokingham BC	Cllr	Malcolm Richards	SE
Wycombe DC	Cllr	Katrina Wood	SE
Wycombe DC	Cllr	David Johncock	SE

# Welcome to the **Wider South East Political Summit 2018**



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# Welcome and Introduction

Heather Bolton, Director  
South East England Councils



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# The London Plan

## Key Issues

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Chair of South East England Councils

Cllr David Finch, Chair of the East of England Infrastructure  
and Growth Group



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# The New London Plan



**Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning,  
Regeneration and Skills**



# At the centre of the New London Plan: Good Growth policies

1. Building strong and inclusive communities
2. Making the best use of land
3. Creating a healthy city
4. Delivering the homes Londoners need
5. Growing a good economy
6. Increasing efficiency and resilience



# Roundtable discussions

***Overarching issue: How should the London Plan support development potential across the Wider South East in a sustainable and mutually beneficial way?***

## **Questions for discussion:**

1. Does the draft London Plan strike the right balance between London's housing/employment/infrastructure needs, the South East and East of England's needs, and environmental and other land use policies or constraints (e.g. Green Belt)?
2. What capacity is there for areas outside London to collaborate with the Mayor as 'willing partners' for growth and what are the opportunities and challenges involved? How should 'willing partner' discussions be taken forward, and what mutual benefits could there be?
3. Are there any additional Wider South East issues that should be reflected in the London Plan and what are the opportunities and challenges involved?

# Shaping priorities for the Wider South East

**Tackling housing delivery barriers** - Cllr Nicolas Heslop,  
Chair of South East England Councils

**Strategic infrastructure priorities** - Cllr James Jamieson, East of  
England Infrastructure and Growth Group



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# Tackling housing delivery barriers

Ongoing challenges for South East, East & London.

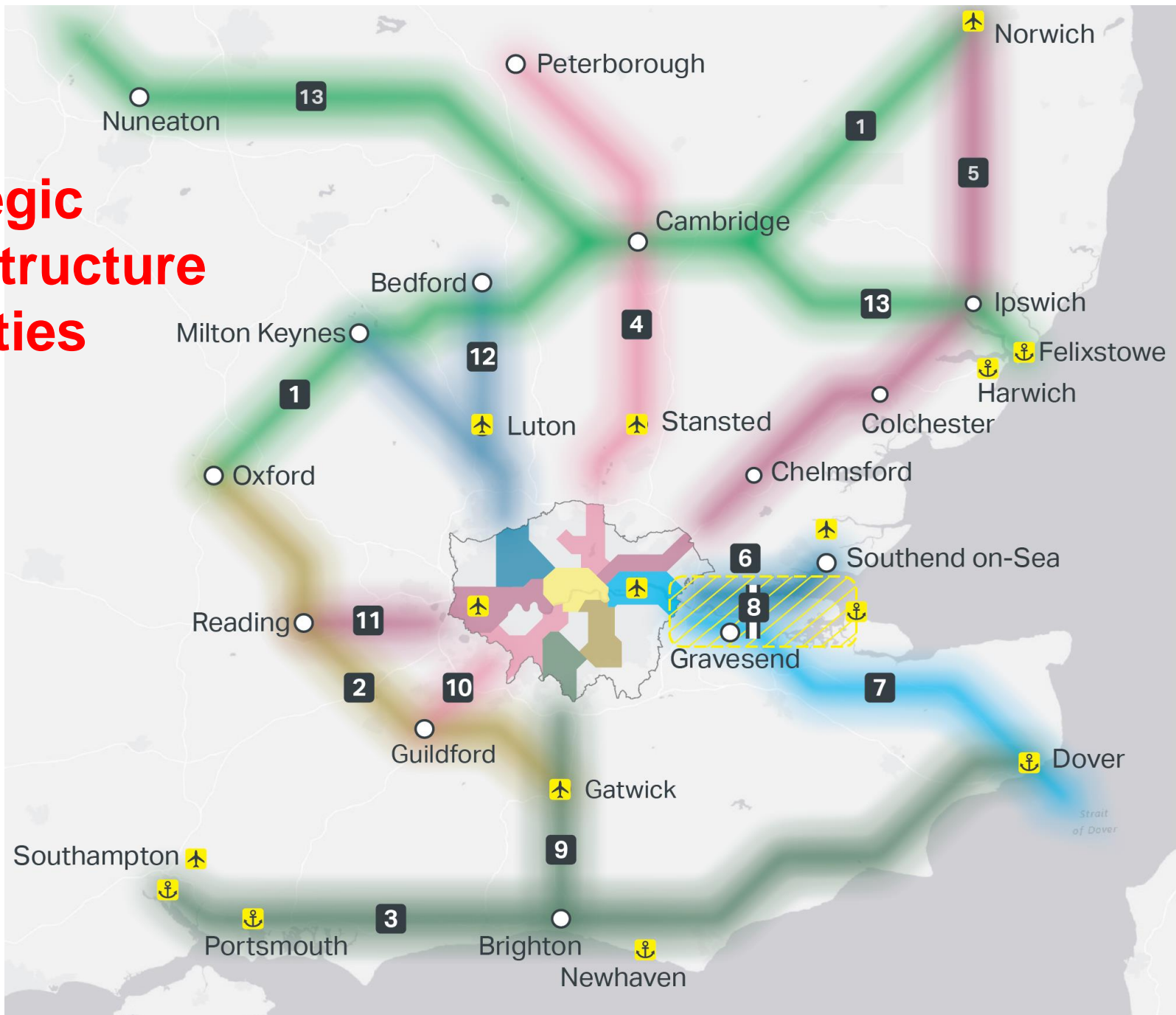
Issues to raise with new Minister & Letwin Review include:

- How to get growing number of unused permissions moving: 40,000+ in East, 67,000+ in South East, 274,000+ in London
- Securing funding for affordable homes
- Funding for infrastructure needed to support new homes
- Action to address shortage of construction skills.

Proposals include new powers so councils can incentivise delivery and raise funds for infrastructure.

Views on MHCLG housing need figures?

# Initial Strategic Infrastructure Priorities



## Strategic Infrastructure Priorities

1. East West Rail and new Expressway road link (Oxford - Cambridge)
2. North Down Rail Link (Gatwick - Reading) including extension to Oxford
3. A27 / M27 / A259 and rail corridor (Dover - Southampton)
4. West Anglia Mainline, Crossrail 2 North (London - Stansted - Cambridge - Peterborough) and M11
5. Great Eastern Mainline (London - Ipswich - Norwich) and A12
6. Essex Thameside, A217 and A13 corridor
7. Thames Gateway Kent : Elizabeth Line Extension and HS1 (London - North Kent - Channel Tunnel)
8. Lower Thames Crossing
9. Brighton Mainline (London - Gatwick - Brighton)
10. South West Mainline, Crossrail 2 South West (London - Surrey / Southern Rail Access to Heathrow) and A3
11. Great Western Mainline (London - Reading / Western Rail Access to Heathrow)
12. Midlands and West Coast Mainline (London - Luton - Bedford / Milton Keynes)
13. Felixstowe - Nuneaton / Midlands and A14

# Shaping Wider South East Priorities for 2018

## Roundtable Discussions

We have limited shared resources, so need to focus/prioritise the most important issues for political engagement/strategic collaboration.

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. How do we maintain/build momentum on current priority issues, and where necessary increase our influence on Government? The current priority issues are:
  - London Plan and common understanding of evidence
  - Tackling housing barriers
  - Strategic infrastructure
2. Should we consider phasing in strategic collaboration on any additional themes such as:
  - Economic development
  - Natural resources and environment such as water, waste management
  - Strategic freight, distribution, logistics and ports
  - Other?

# Conclusions and Next Steps

Feedback on the London Plan – Phil Swann

Feedback on Wider South East Priorities  
– Cllr Nicolas Heslop, Cllr David Finch, Jules Pipe



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