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Introduction

East Anglia is a successful part of the UK economy and one of the fastest growing. Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex generate over £60 billion in GVA for the economy each year – expected to reach over £75 billion by 2026. Considerable growth in housing and employment will be based in a large part on the continued success of many dynamic and innovative sectors and businesses based here – with more being attracted from within the UK and overseas.

This summarises the key findings of **“Once in a generation – a rail prospectus for East Anglia”**. This document was the result of significant research, work and collaboration of stakeholders across the region, including MPs, local authorities, LEPs, business leaders and passenger groups. It set out a clear agenda for rail improvements, which included the compelling business case for significant investment along the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML), in particular, new rolling stock and the reduction of journey times – the so called “Norwich in 90” “Ipswich in 60” “Colchester in 40” concept.

To campaign for this investment the Great Eastern Mainline Taskforce was created in November 2013, at the invitation of the then Chancellor, George Osborne.

The East Anglia Rail Prospectus may be viewed at: www.newanglia.co.uk

The GEML Taskforce Business Case may be viewed at:
<http://www.newanglia.co.uk/gerailcampaign/>

Progress and Momentum – campaign success

On 11th August 2016, Abellio East Anglia was announced as the new franchise holder for services across East Anglia for the period October 2016 to 2025. Highlights of the DfT announcement included:

- New rolling stock – £1.4bn for over 1,000 state-of-the-art carriages. Complete renewal of fleet to be introduced between early 2019 and October 2020
- Faster journey times with key services achieving Norwich in 90, Ipswich in 60 and Colchester in 40
- 32,000 extra seats on peak-hour services by the beginning of 2021
- 1,144 extra services a week by the end of 2020
- Free Wi-Fi for all passengers
- Four through trains a day Lowestoft-London (via East Suffolk line)
- Two trains an hour in each direction Norwich-Gt Yarmouth

- Most trains from Norwich to Cambridge extended to Stansted Airport
- Hourly service Ipswich-Bury St Edmunds-Peterborough
- Most trains to/from Sudbury run through to Colchester Town

Focus and priorities from now on

The focus of the GEML Taskforce now turns to ensuring:

- Greater Anglia delivers on the investments and commitments outlined in the new franchise
- Network Rail delivers on the required planned investment in CP5 and CP6
- Funding is secured to deliver the following critical projects which impact on achieving Norwich in 90, Ipswich in 60 and Colchester in 40:
 - Trowse Swing Bridge
 - Haughley Junction
 - Loops south of Colchester
 - Re-signalling south of Chelmsford
 - Liverpool Street station improvements
- Our influential voice is heard in all consultations relevant to the network (eg. level crossings; route studies; regional transport plans; highways plans)
- Collaborations are maintained and built across all key stakeholder groups so that passenger and business interests continue to be championed across the region and in government
- Constructive and mutually supportive working relationships between the Taskforce and service providers are at the heart of delivering the new investments and improved services

And across East Anglia:

- Supporting the delivery of improved services and investment across the wider network – in line with the ‘Our Counties Connected’ Manifesto and maintaining an interest in work taking place in other Rail Taskforce groups, including the West Anglia Mainline and the Ely Area Improvements Taskforce.
- Continuing to provide evidence-based business cases for additional investment
- Driving innovation in integrated service provision
- Building the coalitions of interest that will ensure our increasingly mobile and accessible economy is recognised as a leading contributor to UKplc, and a destination of choice for national and international business
- Having an influential strategic voice in any new governance structures resulting from devolution (eg. ‘Transport for the East’)

Working arrangements

The Taskforce will continue to be a strategic body. It will coordinate with local stakeholders, provide overall direction and identify options for funding. It will meet every two months.

The secretariat and project management functions for the Taskforce and Working Group will be provided by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (Marie Finbow).

Membership of the Taskforce

- Priti Patel (Chair) Member of Parliament for Witham
- Chloe Smith – Member of Parliament for Norwich North
- Will Quince – Member of Parliament for Colchester
- Rt Hon Bernard Jenkin – Member of Parliament for Harwich and North Essex
- Sandy Martin – Member of Parliament for Ipswich
- Dr Therese Coffey – Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal
- James Cartlidge – Member of Parliament for South Suffolk
- James Cleverly – Member of Parliament for Braintree
- Vicky Ford – Member of Parliament for Chelmsford
- Kemi Badenoch – Member of Parliament for Saffron Walden
- Jo Churchill – Member of Parliament for Bury St Edmunds
- Richard Bacon – Member of Parliament for South Norfolk
- Clive Lewis – Member of Parliament for Norwich South
- Lucy Frazer – Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire
- Giles Watling – Member of Parliament for Clacton
- Meliha Duymaz, Interim Anglia Route Managing Director, Network Rail
- Richard Taylor, Principal Strategic Planner, Network Rail
- Matt Brennan, Public Affairs Manager, Network Rail
- Jamie Burles, Managing Director of Greater Anglia
- Mike Kean, Franchise & Programmes Director & Deputy Managing Director Great Anglia
- Jonathan Denby, Head of Corporate Affairs, Greater Anglia
- David Burch, Director of Policy, Essex Chamber of Commerce
- Adam Bryan, Managing Director, South East LEP
- George Kieffer, Vice Chairman, South East LEP
- Councillor Martin Wilby, Norfolk County Council
- Councillor Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council
- Chris Starkie, Chief Executive, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
- Marie Finbow, Strategy Manager, New Anglia LEP (project manager for the Taskforce)
- Hayley Mace, Head of Communications, New Anglia LEP (communications manager for the Taskforce)

Advisory Members / Observers

- James Conway, Senior Planning and Investment Manager, DfT

Two-way communications

The Taskforce recognises the significant interest in its work by a number of stakeholder groups and individuals, including passengers, local authorities, LEPs and businesses across East Anglia.

The Taskforce will continue to keep stakeholders fully informed with progress and feedback and will encourage regular two-way communications, including at events, to provide opportunities for everyone to shape and influence the work of the Taskforce.