



Summary of Priorities in the East Midlands

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An East Midlands APPG

So....why do this?

- To lobby on common priorities and present a convincing case for investment.
- Influence investment decisions; EM is opportunity to drive sustainable and balanced growth for UK.
- Learn from past successes [A46, A453, MML] – the basis for collaborative work....
- Levels of investment in the East Midlands have been consistently below the English average.



A limited set of priorities!

What to include:

- Realistic chance of success.
- Larger than local that have a collective impact.
- Benefits of MPs, councils and business leaders pushing a collective case.
- Health; GP recruitment & retention.
- Migration; asylum and Syrian resettlement.
- Increase growth & investment into the region; skills & productivity; MML/ECML, HS2, Midlands Engine/Connect.



Midlands Connect

- ▶ We have a poor historic record in securing transport spending for the Midlands.
- ▶ We need to get greater traction over national spending decisions as the north have started to do.






Towards 'Transport for the Midlands'?



HS2 in the East Midlands



-  HS2 core high speed network
-  Classic compatible services
-  Existing rail or tram network

HS2 Eastern Leg

- ▶ HS2 is important to our long term competitiveness.
- ▶ Eastern Leg of HS2 has the greatest economic impact

£2.6bn

PRODUCTIVITY
BENEFITS

30%

BENEFITS
FROM FASTER
CONNECTIONS

3.6

MILLION
JOBS

5.6

BENEFIT:
COST RATIO

8.6

MILLION
PEOPLE

£4.2bn

ECONOMIC
BENEFITS



Midlands Engine?

- If the Midlands economy matched predicted growth rate for the UK; further 300,000 jobs and wider growth of £34bn.
- Promotion
- Transport
- Innovation
- Finance for businesses
- Skills



And Combined Authorities?

3 firm proposals in East Midlands:

- D2N2
- Greater Lincolnshire
- Leicester and Leicestershire

Further momentum for investment?

