

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

The study

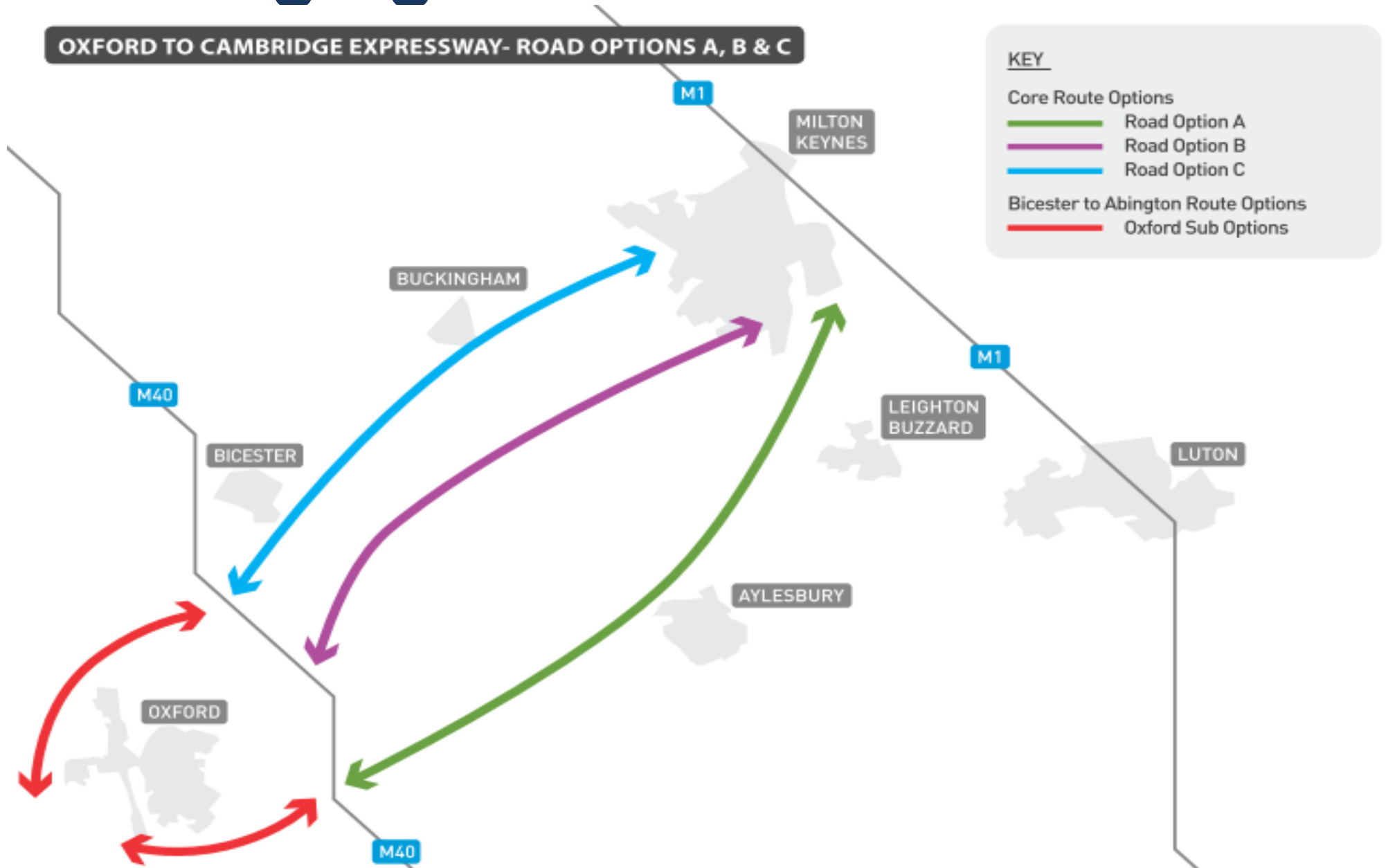
- The strategic aim of the study is to investigate the case for linking existing roads and creating an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, which would create a high-quality strategic east-west link between Oxford and Cambridge, via Bedford and Milton Keynes.
- The RIS Investment Plan describes the purpose of this study as follows:
 - “...examine the case for creating an Expressway to connect the towns and cities of the ‘Brain Belt’ together. It will also look at other enhancements on existing roads along the route, including the A34 around Oxford.”
- The study will identify options for a new strategic expressway corridor and upgrading existing routes, with the aim to improve east-west connectivity within the study area, build network resilience and support economic growth.
- The study will identify options that can feasibly be constructed and appraise the strategic, economic, safety, environmental, operational benefits and impacts for each of the options, making recommendations regarding a preferred option(s).

What have we done?

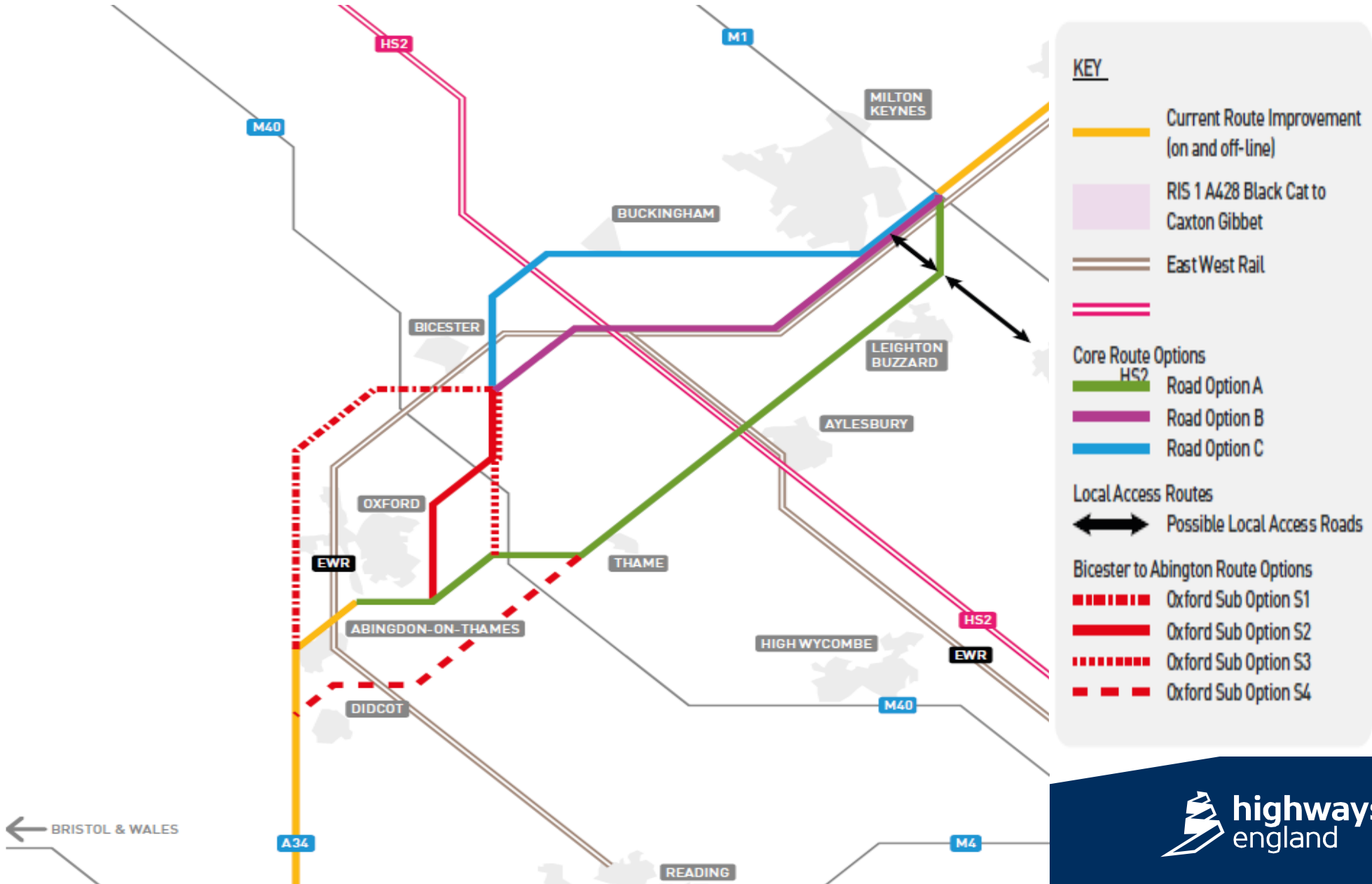
- Stage 1
 - Evidence gathering
 - Interim stage 1 report published on Gov.uk
- Stage 2
 - Sifted long list of options
 - Identification of options to be taken forward
- Stage 3
 - Evaluated short listed options
 - Preparing business cases for more promising options
 - Publication of stage 3 report on Gov.uk

Emerging Short list

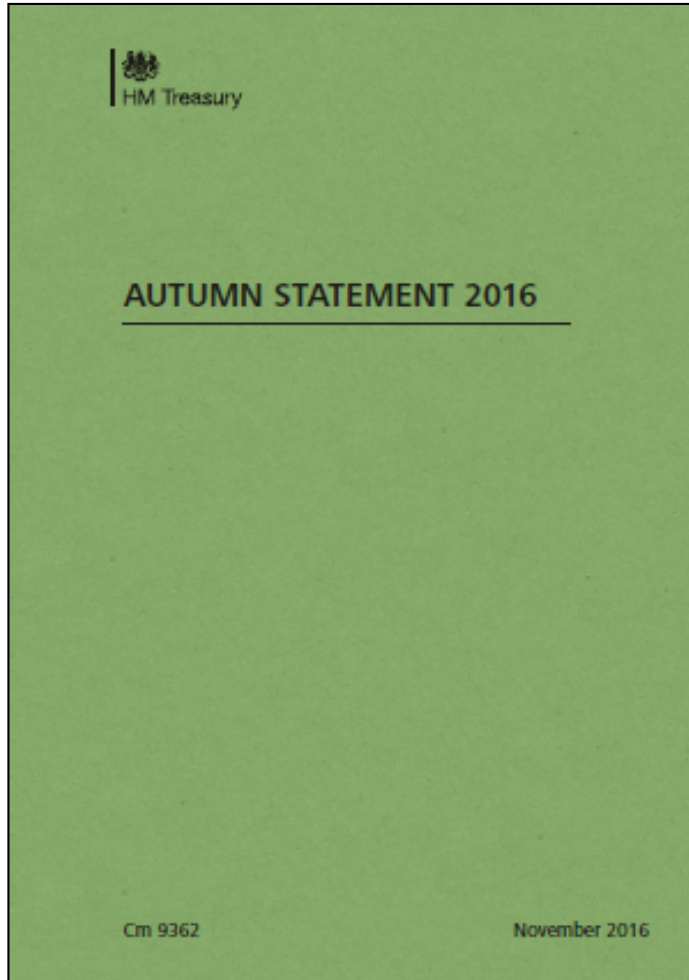
OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY- ROAD OPTIONS A, B & C



Road Options A, B and C



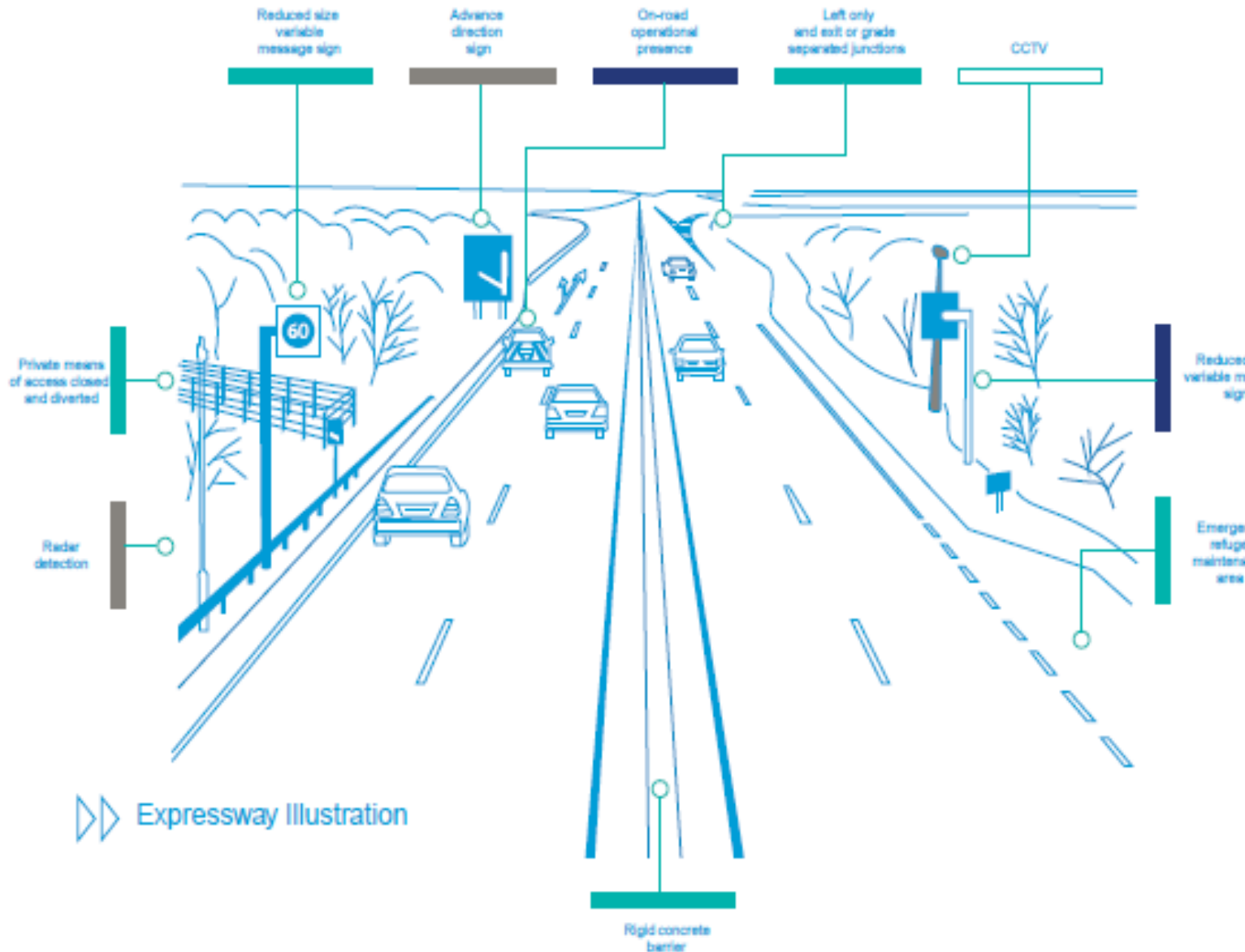
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3.1.6 NIC study on Cambridge-Milton Keynes- Oxford corridor –

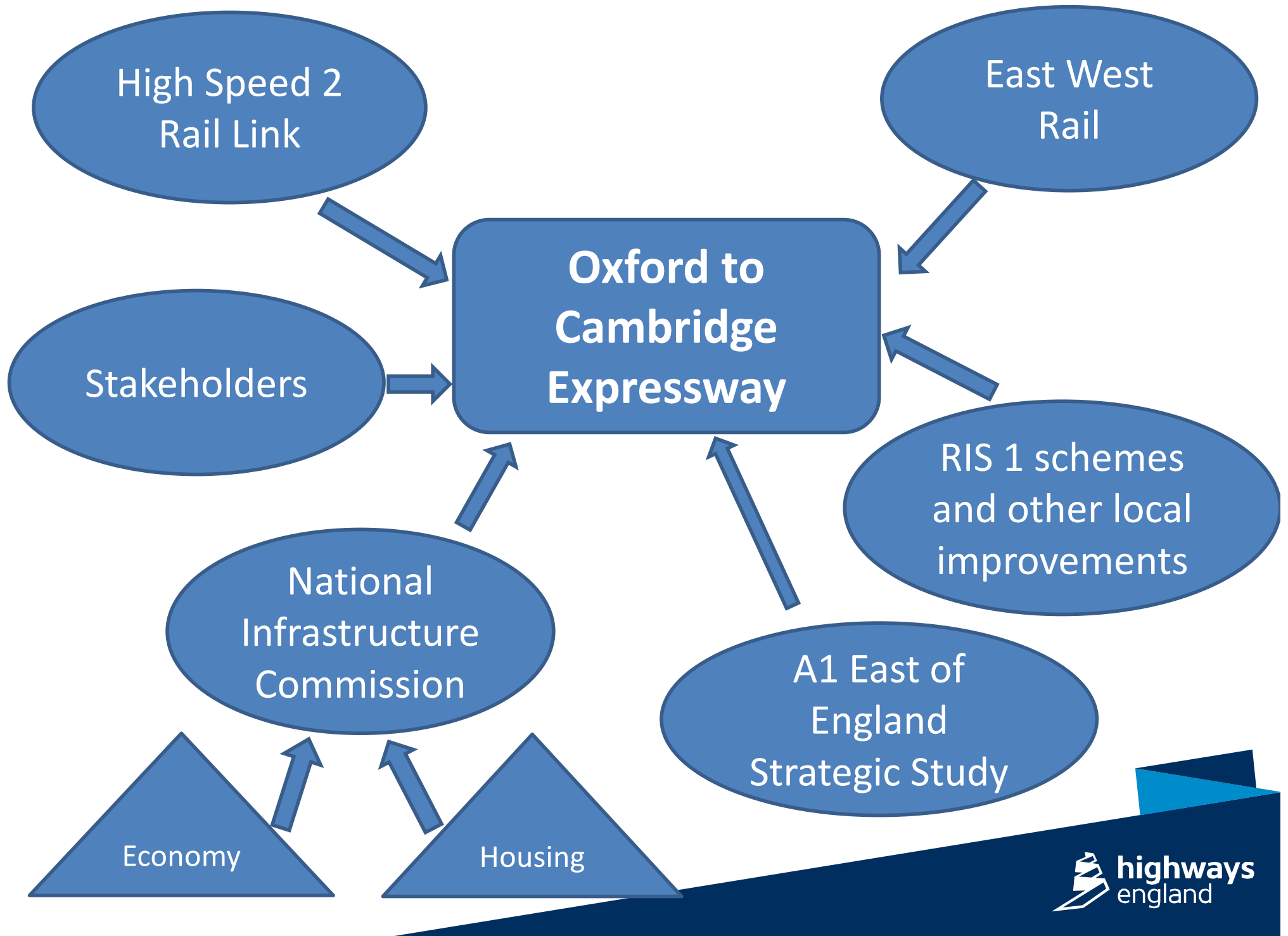
“The government welcomes the NIC’s interim report into the Cambridge - Milton Keynes - Oxford growth corridor, accepts the recommendation for an Oxford - Cambridge expressway, and will provide £27 million in development funding.”

What is an Expressway?



Expressways will:

- Encourage more free-flowing traffic by modernising junctions
- Provide emergency refuge and maintenance areas
- Use advanced technology to detect and help clear incidents more quickly and get traffic moving again.



Next Steps

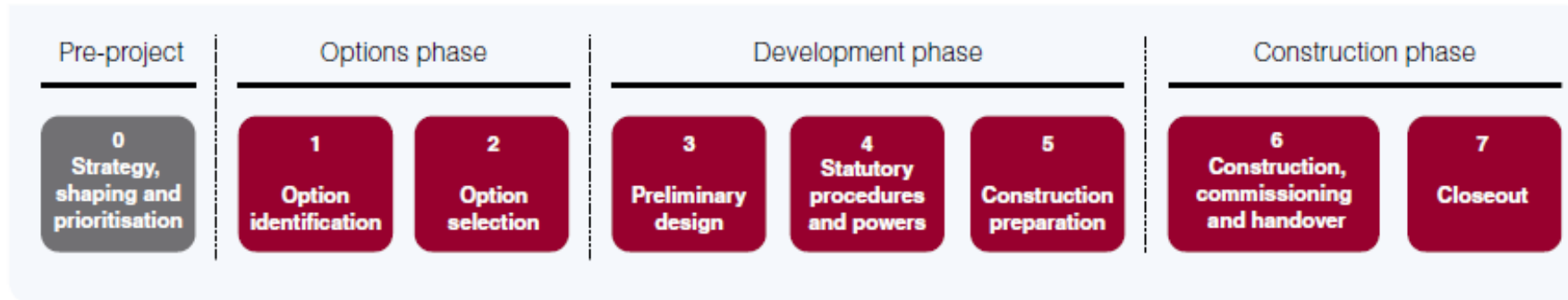


Figure 3: Major Projects lifecycle

Options Phase

- Further Analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Environmental Analysis
- Consultation