

Agenda Item 6 - Annex 1

Major Development Activity in/near the Heartland

Where available, this information reflects the submissions into the NISTA UK Infrastructure Pipeline March 2026 Update: [{%title%}](#)

Name	Description	Scheme Status	Date in Service	NSIP	NISTA	Government Programme
A421 Slip Road (Nexus)	Part of the Transport Requirements for Universal SDO, to be delivered by National Highways.	Design & Planning	Not specified		✓	Links with Project Nectarine
A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet	Dualling between Cambridge and M1, including 3 grade separated junctions.	In Construction	Not specified	✓	✓	Road Investment Strategy
Cambridge South	New station.	In Construction	30/06/2026		✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline
Cowley Branch Line	Reopening Cowley Branch Line to passenger services.	Scoping	28/05/2029		✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline
East West Rail Bicester to Bletchley	Enables direct rail services between Oxford and Milton Keynes.	In Construction	Not specified		✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline
East West Rail to Cambridge	Enables direct passenger rail services between Oxford and Cambridge.	Scoping	31/12/2037	✓	✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline
Forest City 1	Speculative proposal for new city of 400,000 dwellings on the Cambridgeshire/West Suffolk border.	Not specified	Not specified			
DIRFT IV	Expansion of Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal III.	Not specified	Not specified	✓		
Heathrow Airport Expansion	Expansion to enable at least 470,000 air traffic movements per annum – including new runway, works to M25, and infrastructure.	Pre-Application	Not specified	✓	✓	
High Speed 2 (HS2)	New high-capacity, high-speed railway connecting London and the West Midlands.	In Construction	Not specified		✓	
Luton Airport Expansion	New passenger terminal to increase capacity from 18 million passengers per annum to 32mppa.	Scoping	31/12/2043	✓	✓	

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New Towns	Possible 3 New Towns in/near the region located at Tempsford, Milton Keynes and Enfield (north London).	Not Specified	Not specified			New Towns Programme
Oxford Station Capacity	Oxford station capacity enhancements.	In Construction	31/08/2029		✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline
Oxfordshire SRFI (OxSRFI)	Strategic Rail Freight Interchange near Ardley.	Pre-examination	Not specified	✓		
Peterborough Station Quarter	Creation of enhanced gateway station.	Design & Planning	31/03/2029		✓	
Puy du Fou UK		Scoping	Not specified			
Radlett SRFI	Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in Hertfordshire.	In Construction	Not specified	✓		
Universal United Kingdom Resort	Major new theme park and entertainment resort complex near Bedford, consented under SDO.	Design & Planning	01/04/2031		✓	Project Nectarine
Wixams	New station - also part of transport requirements for Universal United Kingdom Resort, to be delivered by Network Rail.	Design & Planning	15/12/2030		✓	Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline Project Nectarine