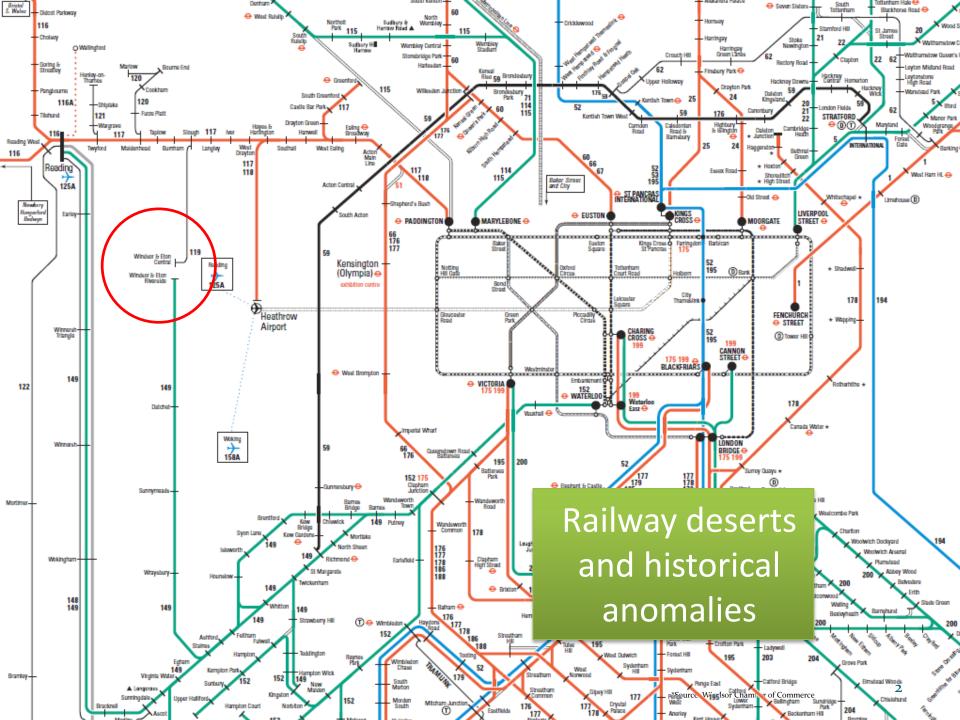


# Windsor Link Railway

# Presentation to Rail Future

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# Heathrow western rail options

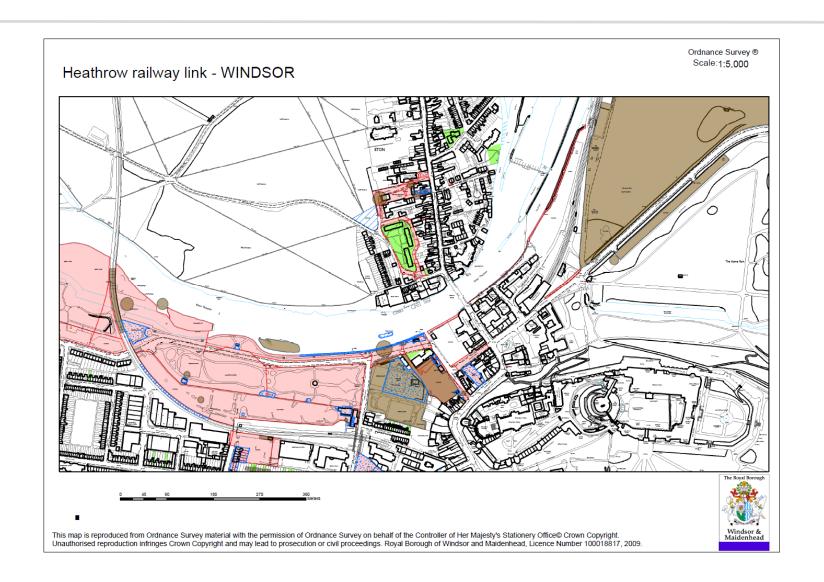


# **Current status of the project**

- Network Rail has assessed the project as being high value for money under Department for Transport guidelines
- Network Rail has granted WLR a 20-year exclusivity period to develop the scheme and agreed to grant options over all its land relevant to the scheme
- The Alliance between SWT and Network Rail has given the scheme its formal support as a 'worthwhile addition to the rail network'
- Leading infrastructure development companies have assessed the scheme as technically viable and financially achievable and are keen to become WLR's development partner

#### **Location Plan**





# **Challenges and Constraints**



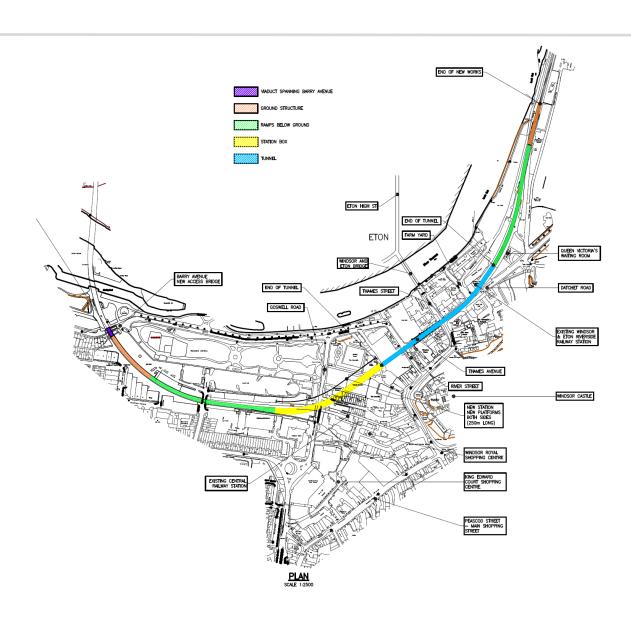


- Vertical and horizontal geometry
- Design standards
- Listed structures
- Properties and businesses

- Utilities
- Super-sensitive location
- Environmental aspects

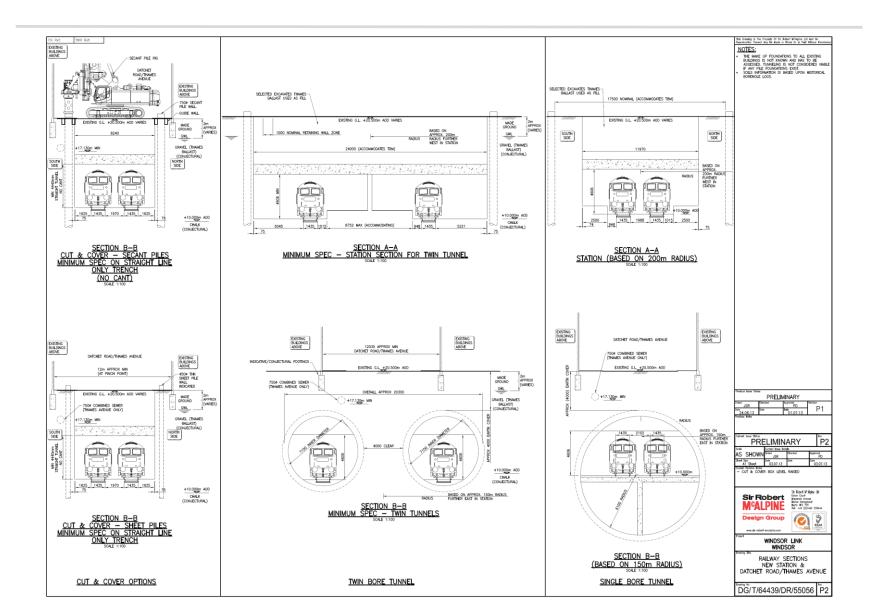
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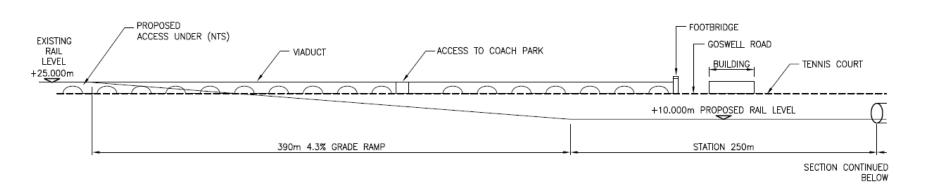
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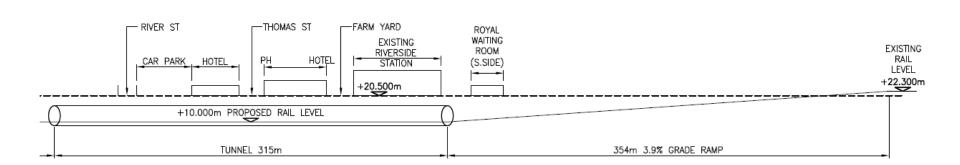




# **Long Section of Vertical Alignment**









# Sir Robert MCALPINE

Our conclusion is that we have a high level of confidence that the Windsor Link Railway project is technically deliverable

# Winning public support

- development partner will be experienced in working in sensitive and congested areas with major pedestrian and vehicle movements; a programme of works will be drawn up which minimises disruption
- nature and density of any property development will require support of residents (and planning consent)
- architectural heritage of central Windsor will be respected and enhanced; no listed buildings will be harmed and the existing stations will be preserved and restored
- WLR is very keen to build a consensus with the local community and other key stakeholders
  in support of the scheme and has put considerable effort into communicating with local
  residents with its website, press releases and its consultation; this consultation with 2500
  residents indicated very strong support in principle for the scheme and a willingness to
  accept the inevitable disruption

#### **Next Steps**

- Build on consensus already achieved with train operators, local councils, other key stakeholders and with the public and take the proposals forward in tandem
- Work on capitalisation of the company, by seeking funding for subsets of the project