

# Great Western Electrification

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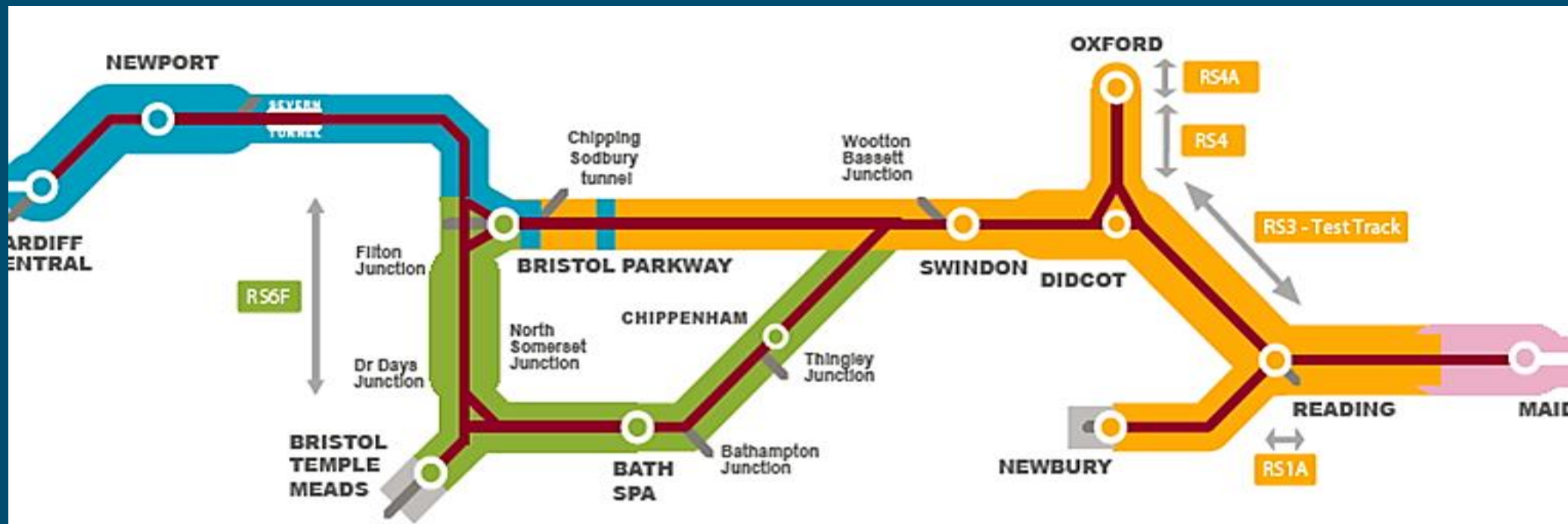
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Once upon a time.....



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# Why electrify the railway?



## Electrification frees up capacity

- Faster acceleration of new electric trains creates the capacity for extra trains to run on the GWML

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# Benefits of electrification - passengers

## More seats, faster journeys

- Electric trains will have more seats than diesel trains of the same length.
- Faster journeys of up to 18 minutes from Bristol to Paddington.



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# Benefits of electrification

## Better for the environment

- Emits 20-35% less carbon per passenger than diesel trains
- Trains are virtually silent when waiting at stations

## Reduced costs of electric trains

- Less maintenance and lower energy costs
- Lighter, causing less damage to track



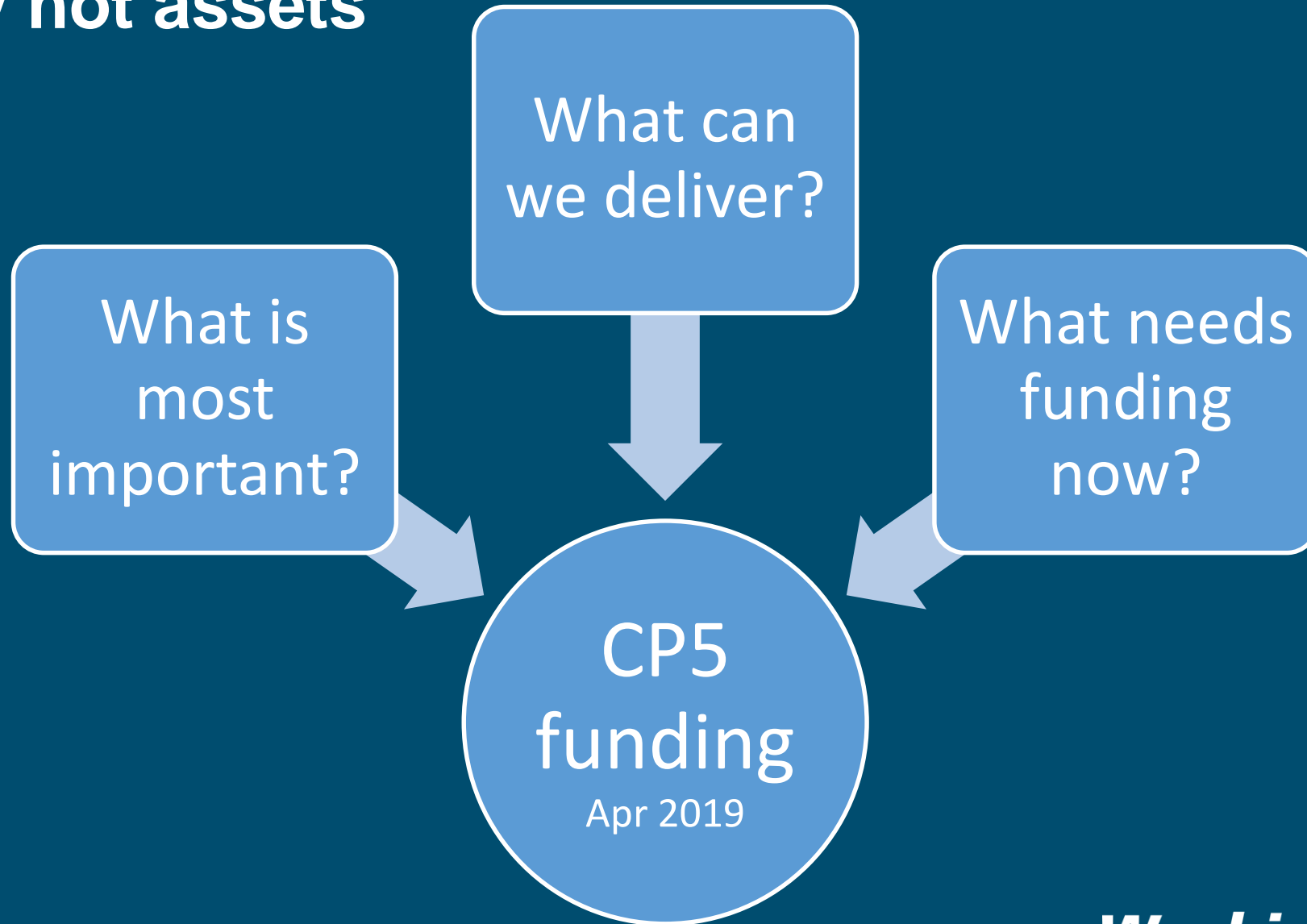
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**Its getting difficult.....**



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# Capacity not assets



- **Increase capacity between London and Cardiff/Bristol**

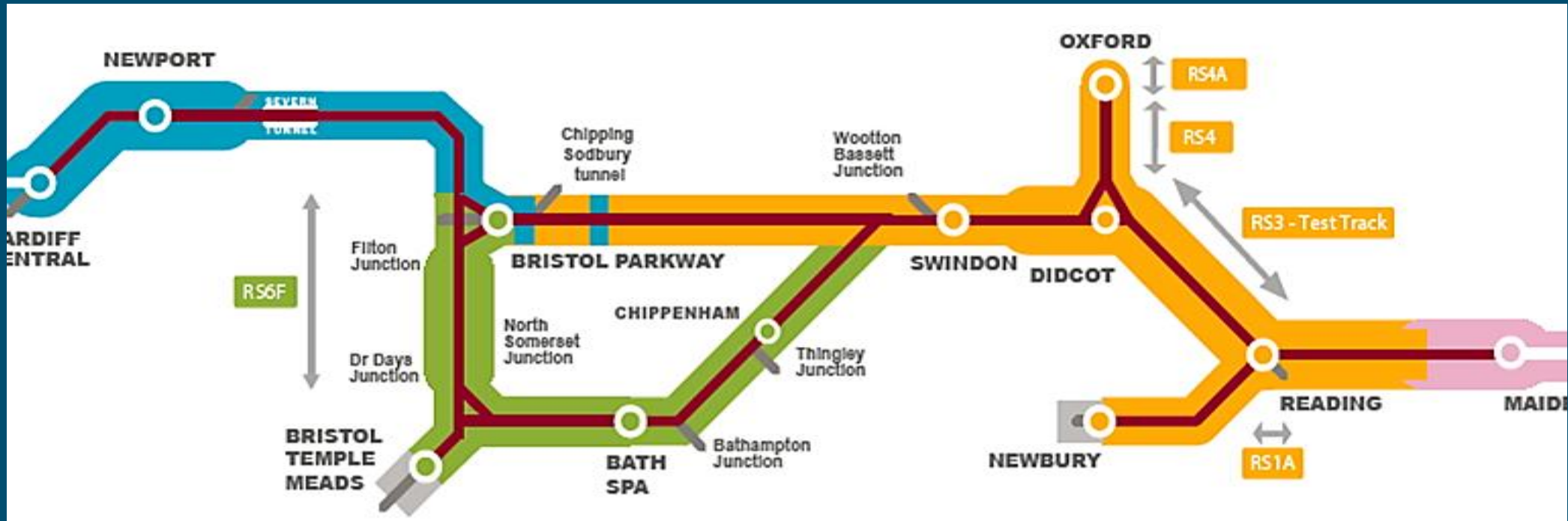
- Bristol Parkway new platform
- Electrify Paddington to Cardiff
- Four tracking Filton Bank
- Rationalise Bristol East junction



- **Run EMUs to Newbury**

- Electrify between London and Newbury

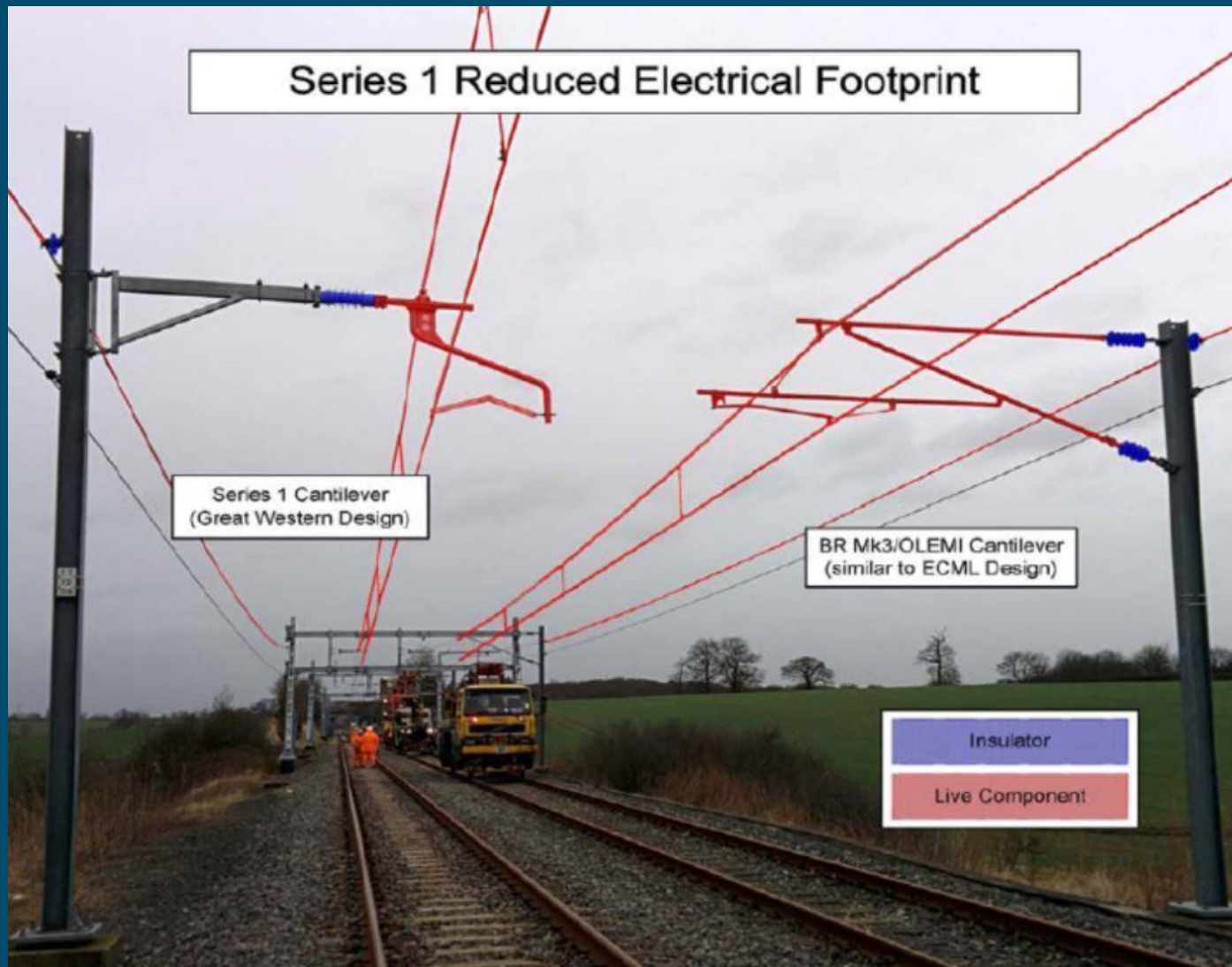




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# Building Overhead Line Equipment (OLE)

# Series One – A new Electrification system



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# Building OLE – 130 mile long work site



15,000 OLE foundations



13,000 OLE masts/legs



1,500 OLE portals



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# Trial holes and ground conditions



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# OLE portal booms



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# To get the wires up



**108 road bridges**



**31 foot bridges**



**13 station awnings**



**6 tunnels**

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# Bridge reconstruction



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# Bridges/Highways



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# Not all bridges are equal.....



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# Getting power to the wires



3 Grid Supply Points



10 SATS/MPATS

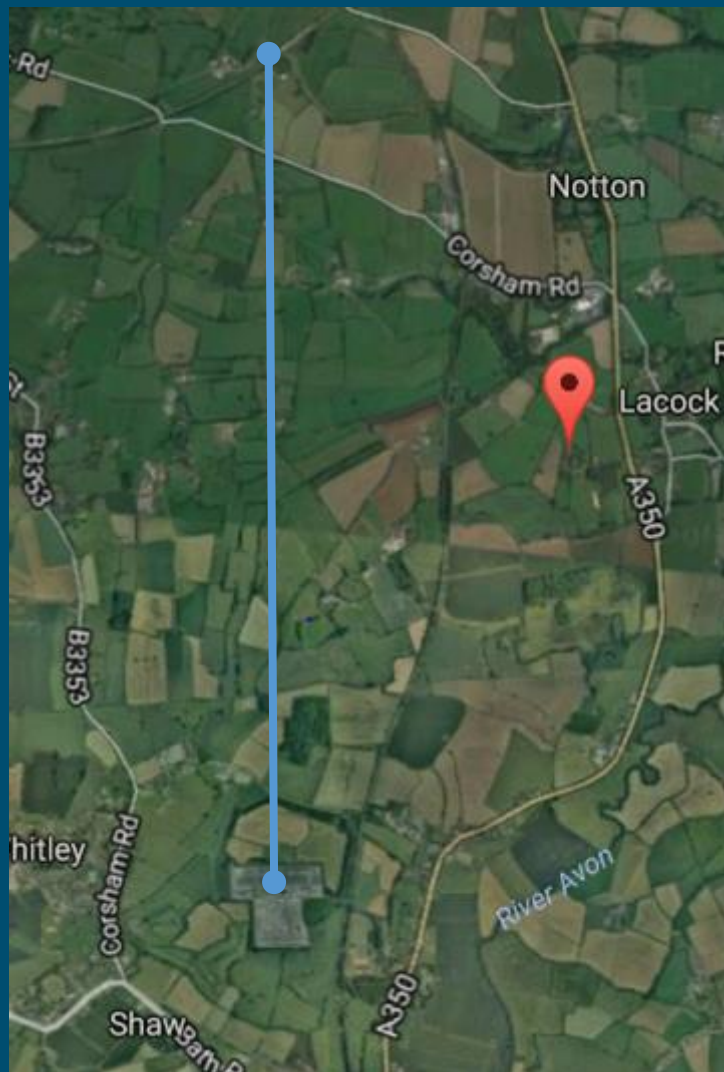
107 DNO crossings



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# Digging up fields



6m wide trench  
4km long



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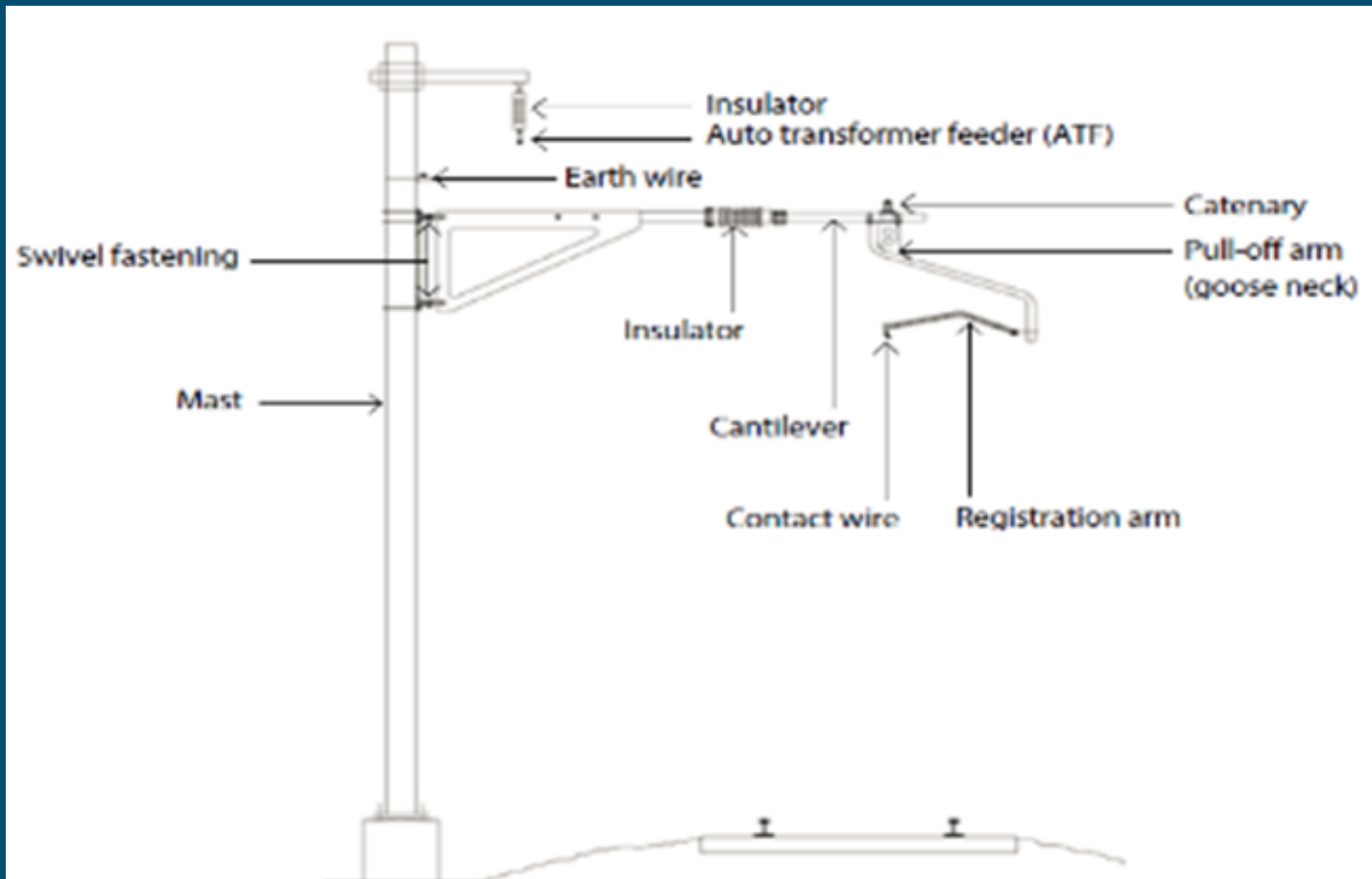
# Vegetation



Private land  
Fencing  
Screening  
Grows back!

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# Getting the wires in the right place



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# Accessing the railway

Survey

Dig trial hole

Foundation

Mast

Small parts steel

Wiring

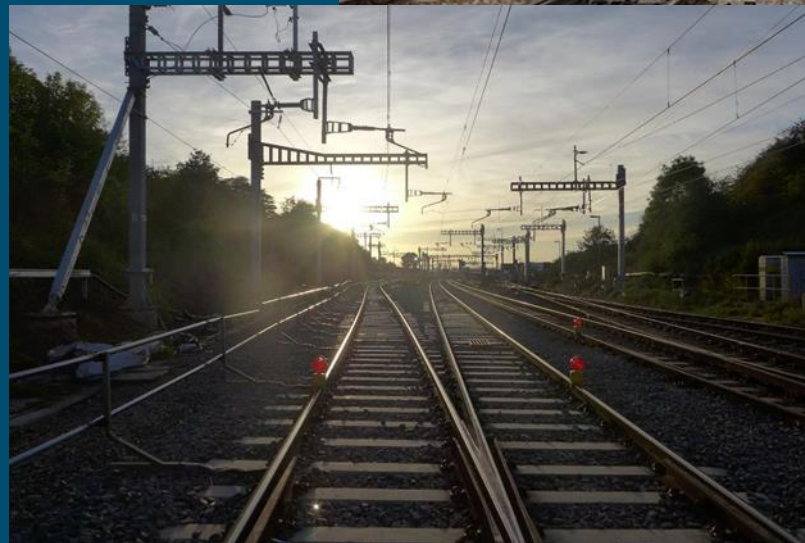
Registration

Testing / Commissioning

Snagging

Fixing

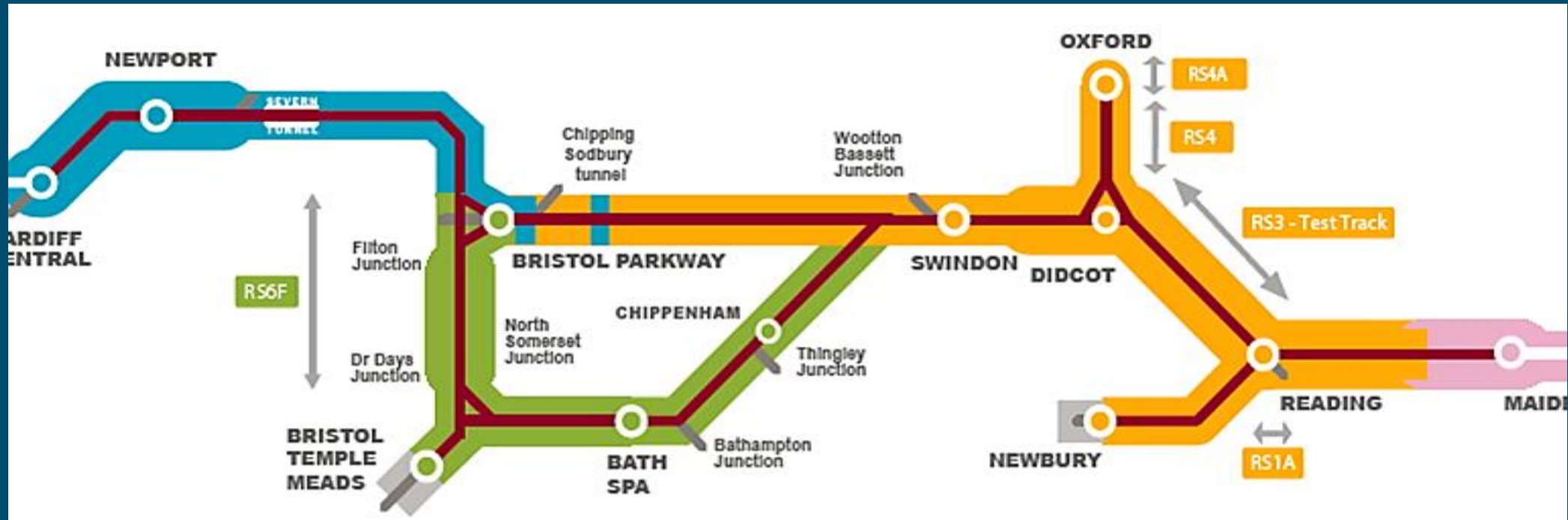
Handback



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# Where are we now?



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- **Increase capacity**
- Faster train services
- More frequent train services
- Increased seating capacity
- Reduce carbon
- Quieter
- Reduce maintenance and operational cost



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## Options for Traction Energy Decarbonisation in Rail

					Electric		Autonomous Power			
Future Rolling Stock Category	Description	Total Self-Powered Range Required (miles)	Total Max Power Per Vehicle (kW)	Approx. Engine Energy Output Per Vehicle Per Day (kWh)	AC Electric (OLE)	DC Electric (third rail)	Diesel	Hydrogen	Battery	Biodiesel
A	Shorter distance self-powered with 75 mph maximum speed	500	275	1,200	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
B	Middle distance self-powered with 100 mph capability	800	400	2,400	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
C	Long distance self-powered with 125 mph capability	1100	550	4,620	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
E-A	Electric to 100mph, self-powered to 75mph	250	300	600	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
E-B	Electric to 100mph, self-powered to 100mph	400	400	1,200	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
E-SH	Electric to 100mph with ability to do short hops 'off wire'	50	400	150	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F-A	Electric to 125mph, self-powered to 75mph	250	300	600	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
F-B	Electric to 125mph, self-powered to 100mph	400	400	1,200	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
F-C	Electric to 125mph, self-powered to 125mph	550	550	2,310	✓	✗	?	✗	✗	?
F-SH	Electric to 125mph with ability to do short hops 'off wire'	50	550	210	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Freight	Freight loco capable of hauling 2500 tonne trailing load	750	2400	18,000	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓