



# West of England Partnership

Bath & North East  
Somerset Council



## Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Rapid Transit

Community Steering Group Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2009

# Agenda

- Project Background – Wider Transport Programme
- Where are we in the process?
- Why a Community Steering Group?
- Project Overview
- Programme
  - Project timescales
  - Future meetings

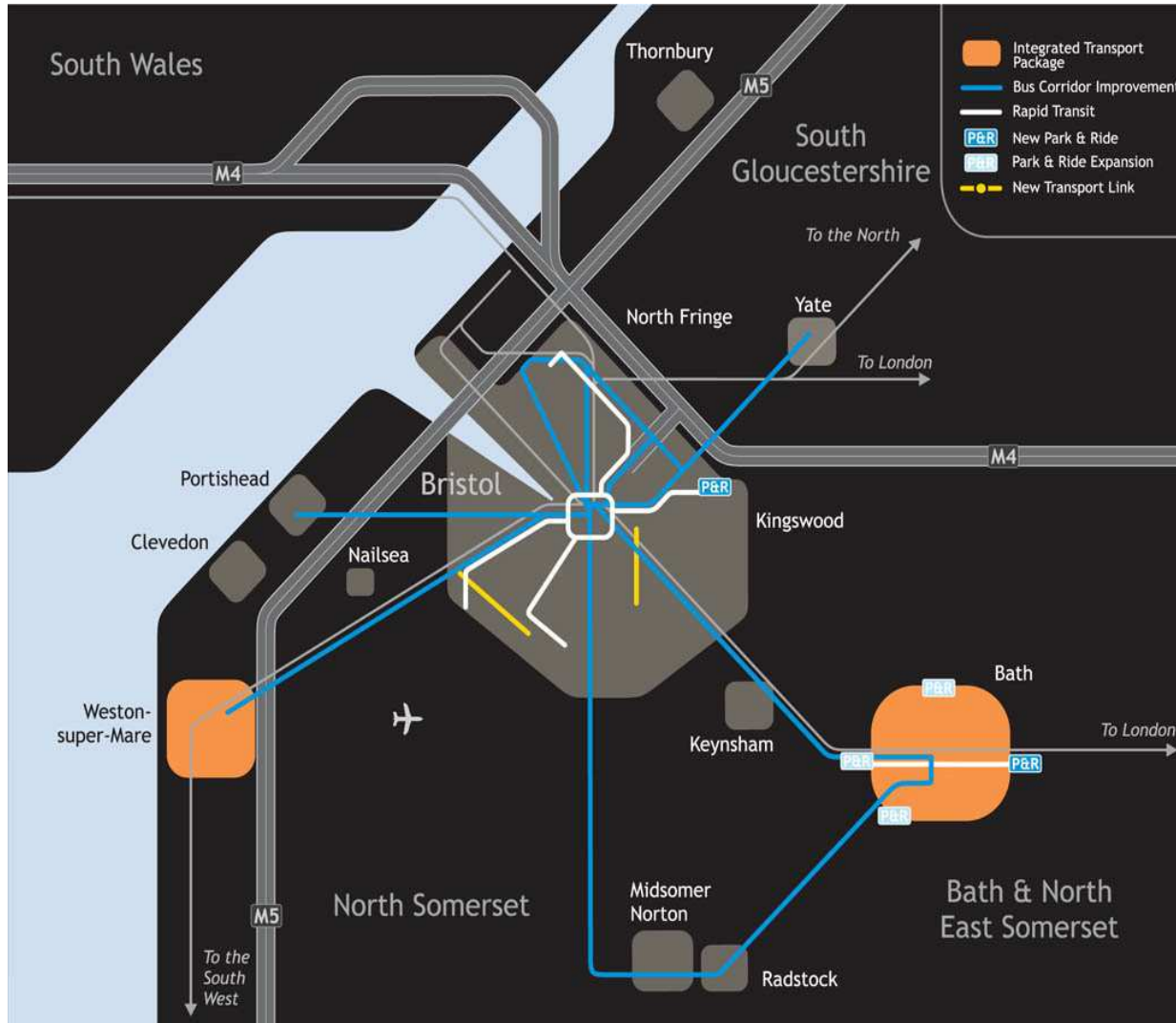


# Background

- West of England sub-region is prosperous, with a good quality of life
- Key economic driver of the South West region
- With prosperity increasing pressure on infrastructure, particularly transport
- Significant pressure on transport infrastructure
  - need for **high quality sustainable** transport networks
  - to address existing and future demands
- Vision for the West of England is for a buoyant economy, a rising quality of life for all and easier local, national and international travel



# Wider Transport Programme



- Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)
- Connect2
- Cycling City
- Bath Package
- Weston Package
- South Bristol Link
- Portishead Passenger Rail Services

## Rapid Transit Network

- Ashton Vale to Temple Meads
- North Fringe Package
- Temple Meads to Emerson's Green

# Why a Community Steering Group?

- We want to capture views, issues, ideas to inform the scheme proposals
- We feel that local, more detailed discussions on scheme proposals is the best way of involving people at this stage
- We want to keep the community informed of the proposals and the processes involved
- We have a large number of individuals, stakeholders, groups with an interest in the project proposals
- We would like to have a longer-term relationship with community groups
- The Neighbourhood Planning Network already has established contacts and groups



# What we are not proposing...

- Involvement at this stage will not affect your right, or that of your group, to object to the principle or detail of the proposals as the scheme progresses
- Some scheme design decisions have been made. It is not our plan to revisit these
- Does not preclude other meetings, presentations to other groups, e.g. Bristol Bike Forum
- That this is the end of involvement/engagement



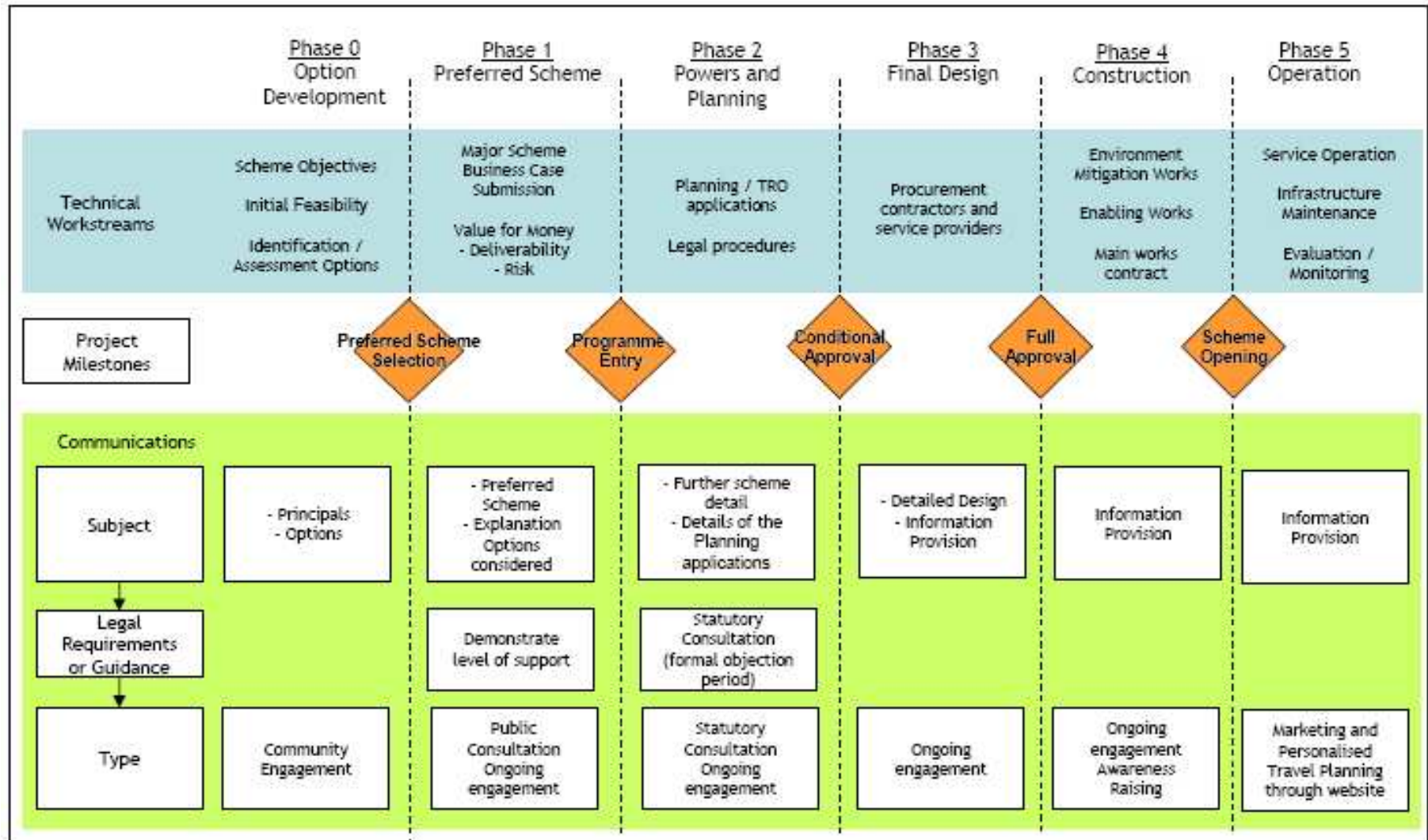
# Community Steering Group - Purpose

Suggested purpose of this Group is:

- to share information on the scheme proposals as they progress and to provide information of the processes involved;
- to provide the opportunity for direct involvement in the decisions on the design;
- to ensure a cross-section of views are obtained from different groups and interests.



# Where are we in the Process?



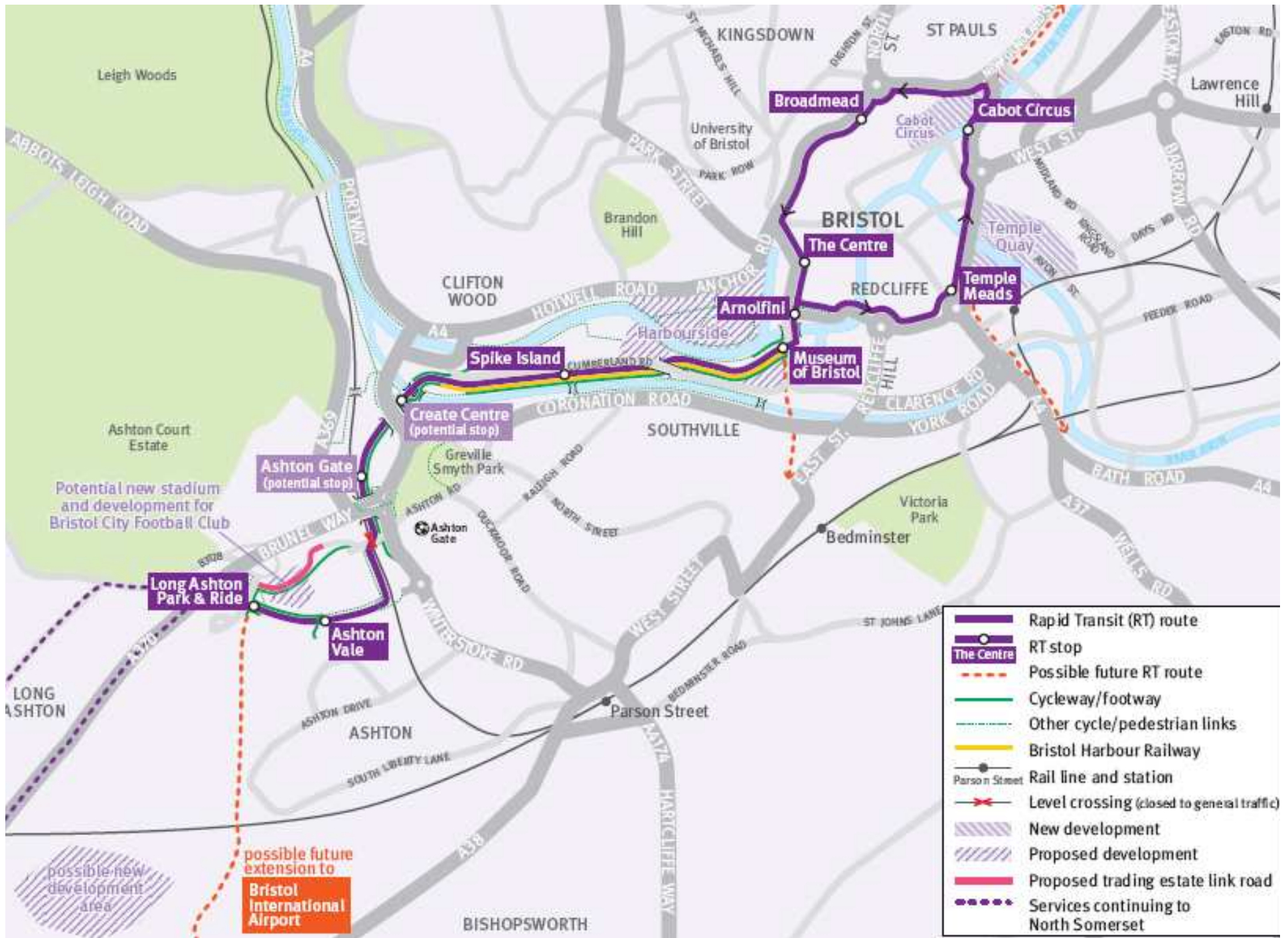
# Progress since March 2009

- First stage major scheme business case submitted end March 2009
- Department for Transport currently reviewing
- Technical team established for this next stage of work
  - Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Works and Land Plans
  - Procurement and Delivery Plans
- External events:
  - Network Rail Portishead Passenger services project
  - BCFC application has now been submitted



# Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Rapid Transit – a re-cap on the proposals to date





- Rapid Transit (RT) route
- RT stop
- The Centre
- Possible future RT route
- Cycleway/footway
- Other cycle/pedestrian links
- Bristol Harbour Railway
- Rail line and station
- Level crossing (closed to general traffic)
- New development
- Proposed development
- Proposed trading estate link road
- Services continuing to North Somerset

Long Ashton  
Park & Ride



# Future Meetings

## Meeting 1:

- Initial briefing on the proposals and the processes

## Meeting 2: Thursday 1 October 5.30pm to 7.30pm

- Workshop style discussion of the scheme

## Meeting 3: Wednesday 4 November 5.30pm to 7.30pm

- Feedback and explanation of the next stages of the process including how you can make your views known through the planning process



# Meeting 2

- What would you like to discuss?

Issues and  
Concerns

Must Haves

Must Not  
Haves

# Project Forward Programme

- Submission of required applications for permissions and powers to build and operate – December 2009
- Potential Public Inquiry – Spring/Summer 2010
- Procurement/Tenders etc. – end 2010
- DfT Conditional Approval Stage – Spring 2011
- DfT Full Approval Stage – Autumn 2011
- Construction start – end 2011
- Service operation – end 2013





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