



**Transport East Update  
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1. Background:  
Introduction to Transport East

# What is Transport East?

**Our Sub-national Transport Body, formed in 2018 covering Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Thurrock and Southend:**

- **Five** transport authorities
- **24** district authorities
- **Two** LEPs
- **Three** Chambers of Commerce
- Highways England, Network Rail and DfT (observer)

**Our role:**

- ✓ Speak with **one voice** on transport
- ✓ Set a **transport strategy to 2050**
- ✓ Accelerate and improve delivery

## Sub-national Transport Bodies in England



# National Transport Context



## Current DfT priorities:

1. Improve connectivity to grow and level up the economy
2. Decarbonise transport
3. Improve transport for the user
4. Increase the UK's global impact

## Key national transport strategy

2020

- Covid emergency response
- National Infrastructure Strategy
- Gear Change (Active Travel)

2021

- 'Bus Back Better' Strategy
- Freeports
- Willams / Shapps Rail Plan
- Transport Decarbonisation Plan

2022

- Levelling Up White Paper
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy
- *Rail Network Enhancements Programme*
- *Roads Investment Strategy 3 (National Highways)*
- *Future of Mobility: Rural Strategy*



2. Transport Strategy

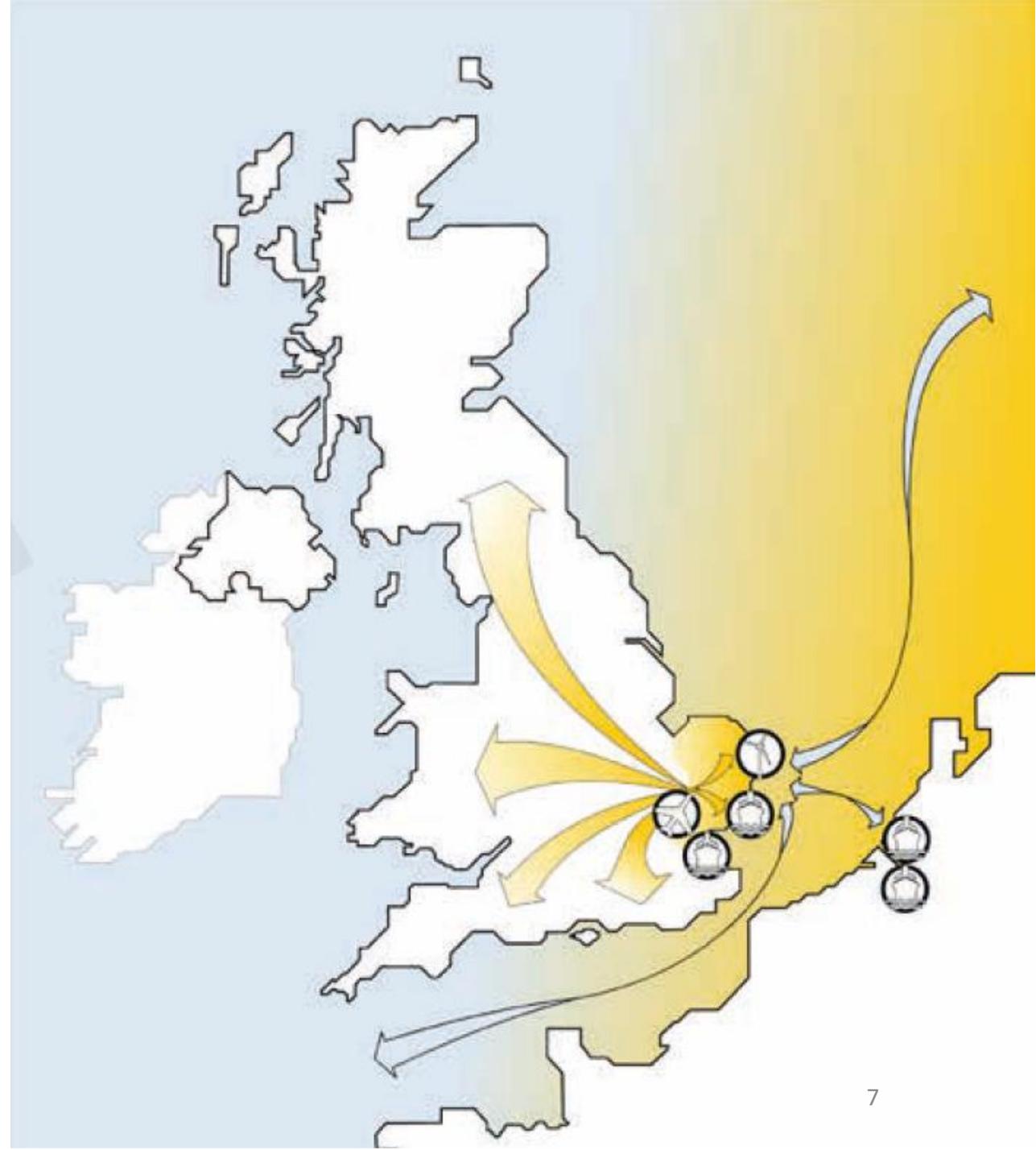
# Issues and challenges

## The East helps drive the UK economy:

- Strong, innovative and diverse economy
- Global gateway for trade – 2 Freeports, 13 ports, 3 airports
- Energy sector powering the country
- Major housing and jobs growth

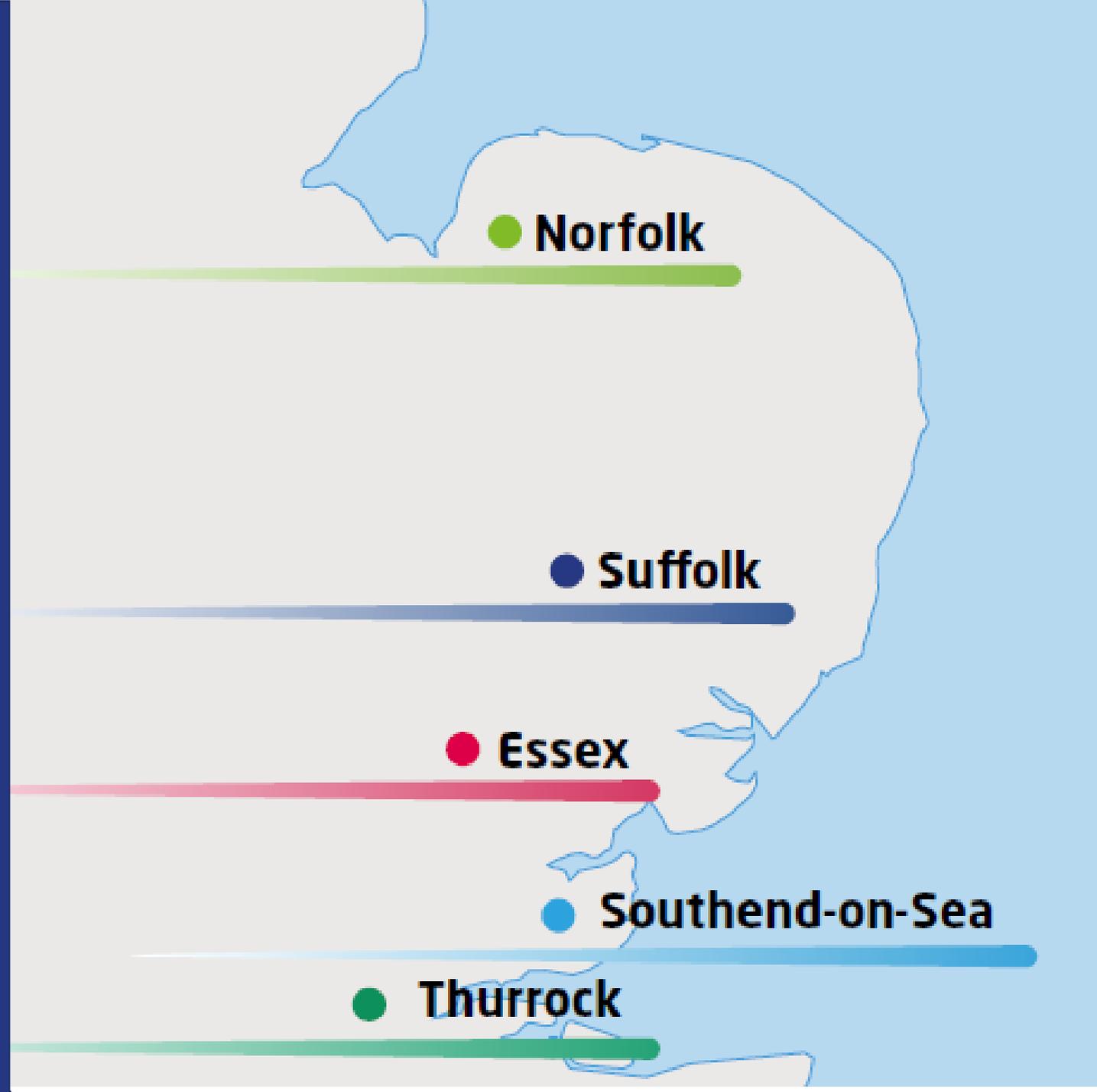
## But has major transport challenges:

- Rising emissions
- Poor connectivity and congestion
- Rural and coastal accessibility
- Accessing international gateways



# Transport Strategy: Purpose

- A **single voice** for better transport in the East
- A strategic case for **investment**
- Strategic **priorities**
- An **integrated approach** to transport planning and delivery



# Vision and priorities

*“A thriving Eastern region with safe, efficient and net-zero transport networks advancing a future of inclusive and sustainable growth for decades to come”*



## Strategic priorities

Decarbonisation to net zero

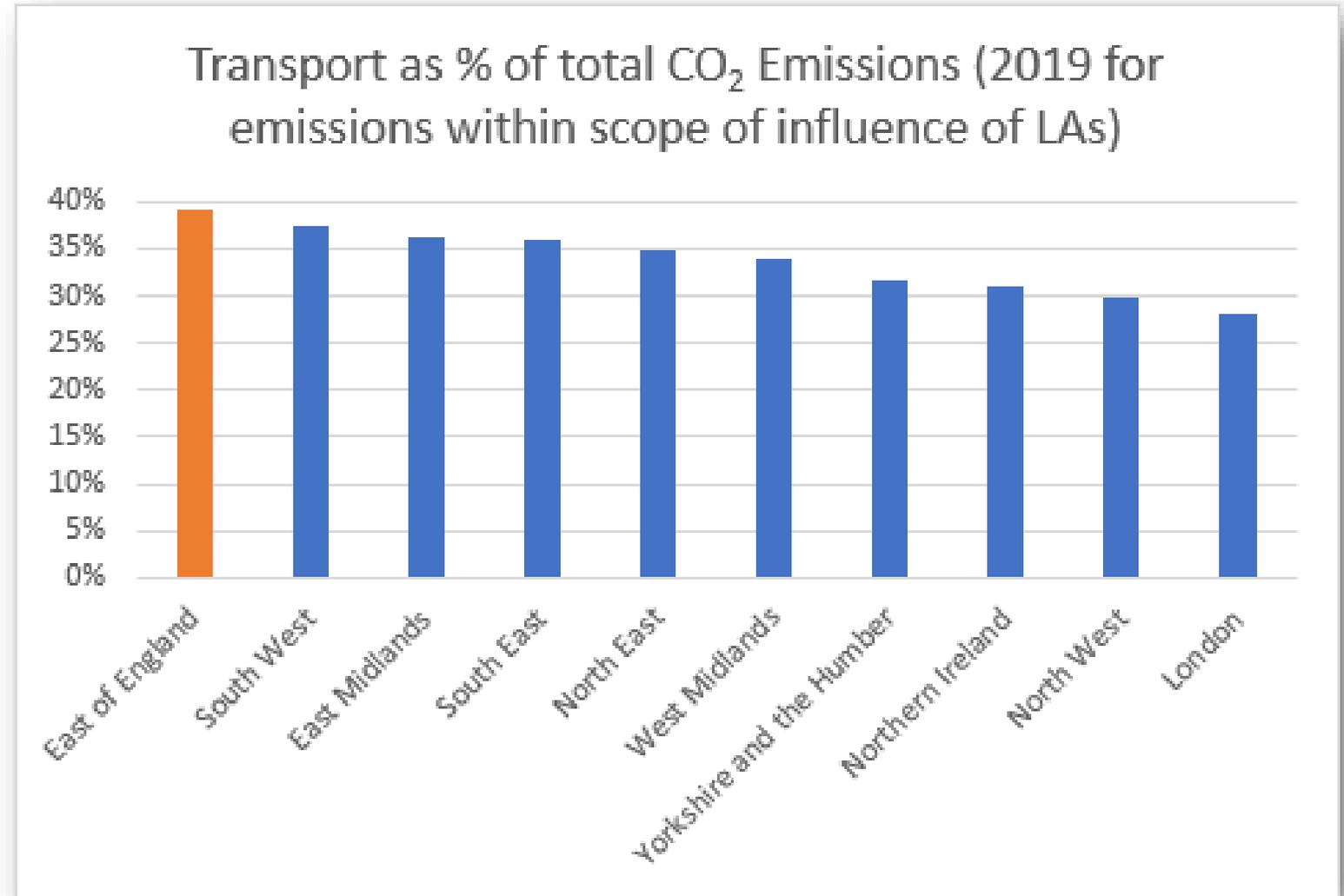
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Energising coastal and rural communities

Unlocking our international gateways

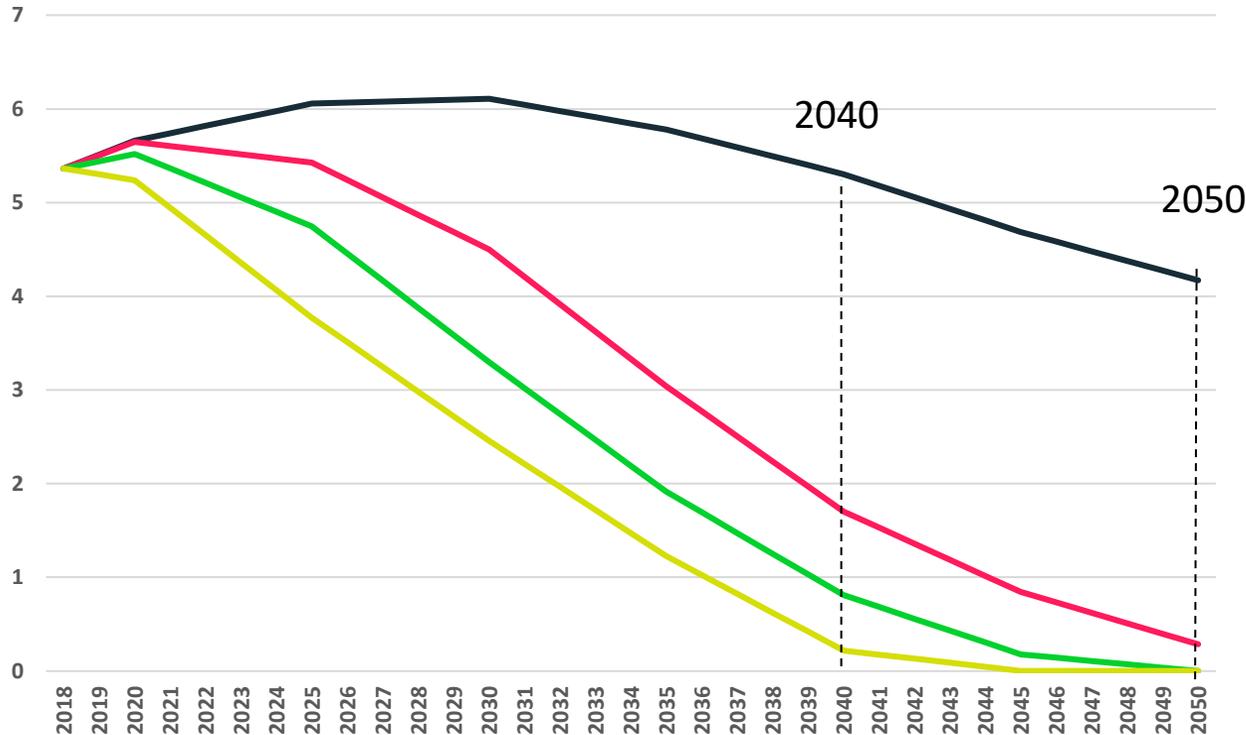
East has high transport emissions:

- High car dependency
- Rural trips
- Freight
- Lack of alternatives

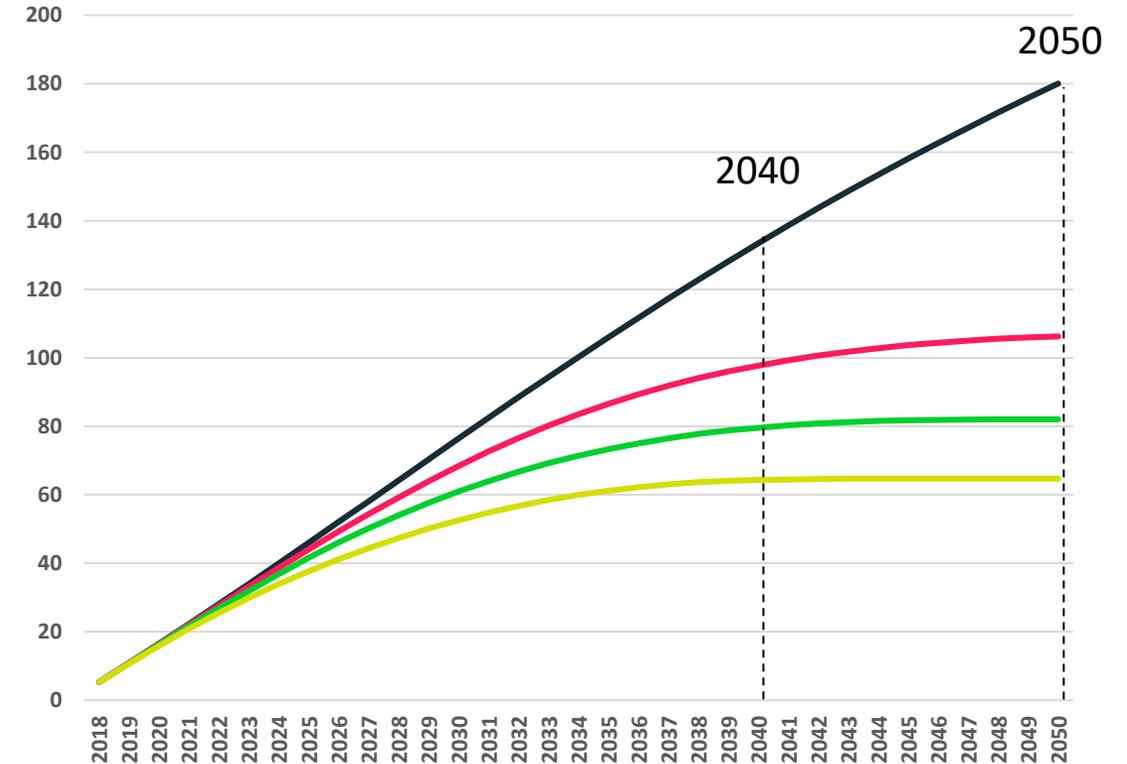


# Focus: Future emissions trajectory

Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> per year



Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> (Mt)



BAU – do nothing

Current policy and committed funding

'78% by 2035' (UK 6<sup>th</sup> Carbon Budget)

Net zero by 2040: aggressive shift beyond Paris agreement

# Decarbonisation Pathway

Achieving net zero emissions from our transport system at the earliest opportunity

## Goal 1 Reduce demand for carbon intensive transport trips

through local living by making it easier for people to access services locally or by digital means

## Goal 2 Shift Modes

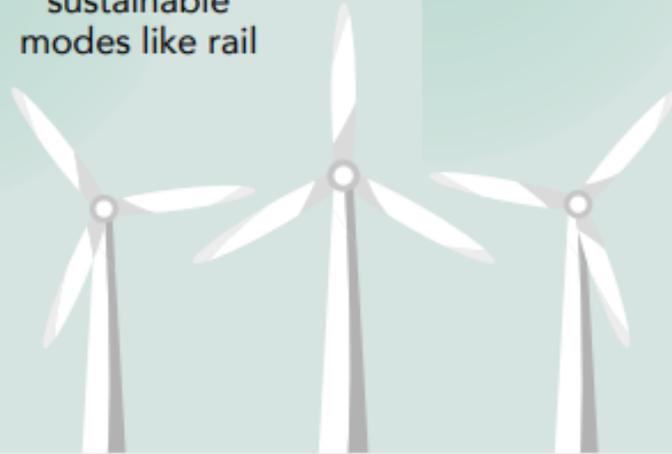
by supporting people to switch from private car to active, shared and passenger transport, and goods to more sustainable modes like rail

## Goal 3 Switch Fuels

with all private, passenger transport, fleet and freight vehicles switching to net zero carbon fuels at the earliest opportunity

## Goal 4 Zero Carbon Growth

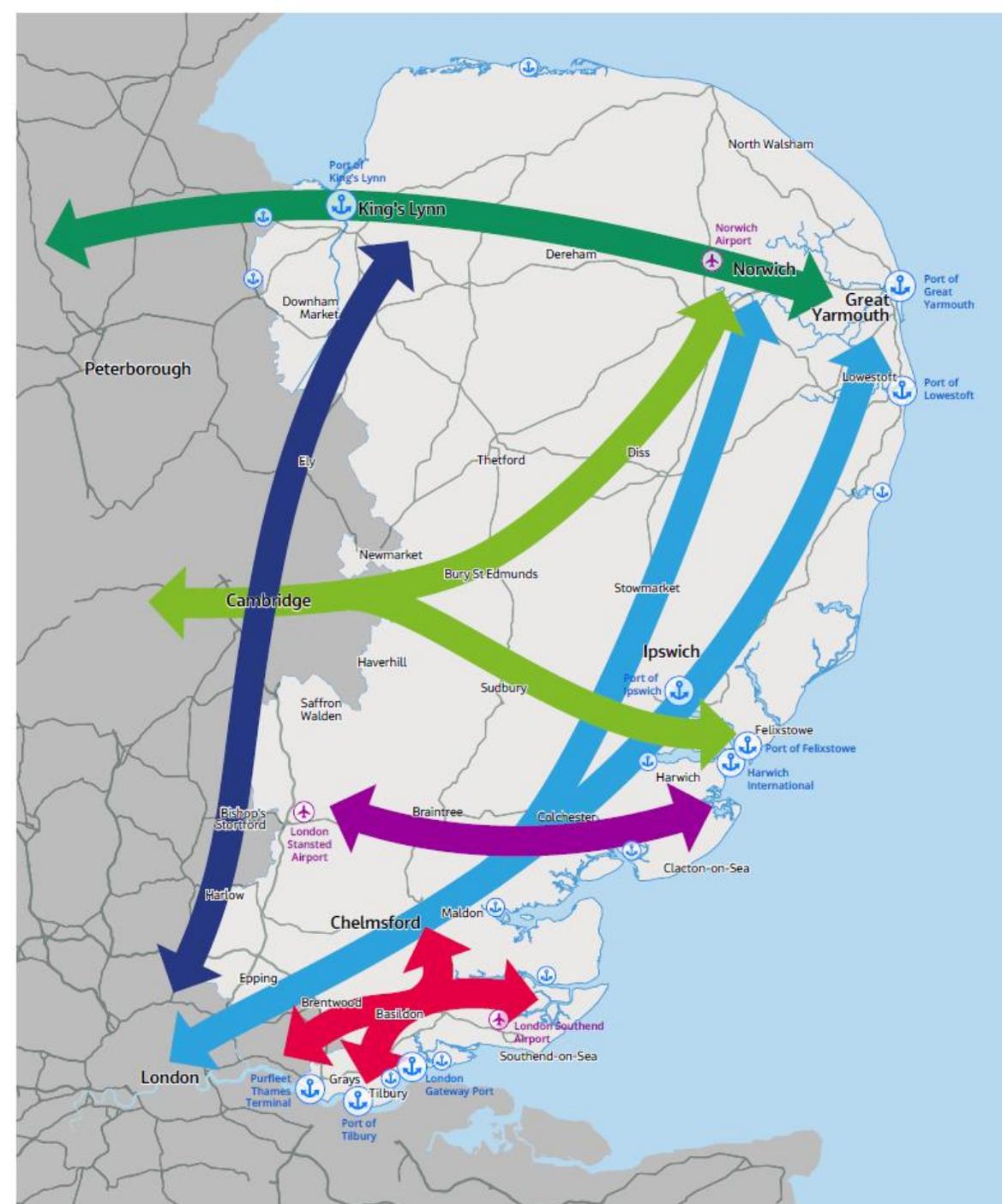
by supporting authorities and developers to plan, locate and design new development that reduces the need for people to make carbonintensive transport trips in the future



**Net Zero**  
emissions from the  
region's surface transport  
system by 2040

# Connecting Growing Towns and Cities

- £73bn economy
- Relies on connectivity between our 75 cities / towns, and other UK cities and regions
- 320k homes / 167k jobs growth over 15 years
- Long journey times with high delays
- Relatively slow rail journey times
- High car dependency with limited passenger transport
- Six core movement corridors identified (see map)



# Connecting our growing towns and cities Pathway

Enhanced links within and between our fastest growing places and business clusters

## Goal 5 Within our towns and cities

improve connectivity and accessibility for walking, cycling and passenger transport to support sustainable access to services, education, training, employment and leisure

Connected to the rest of the UK enabling the East to function as a coherent economy and improving UK productivity and post-COVID recovery.

## Goal 6 Deliver faster and more reliable transport connections

between our growing towns, cities and economic corridors, and to the rest of the UK, to support business growth, skills development and employment



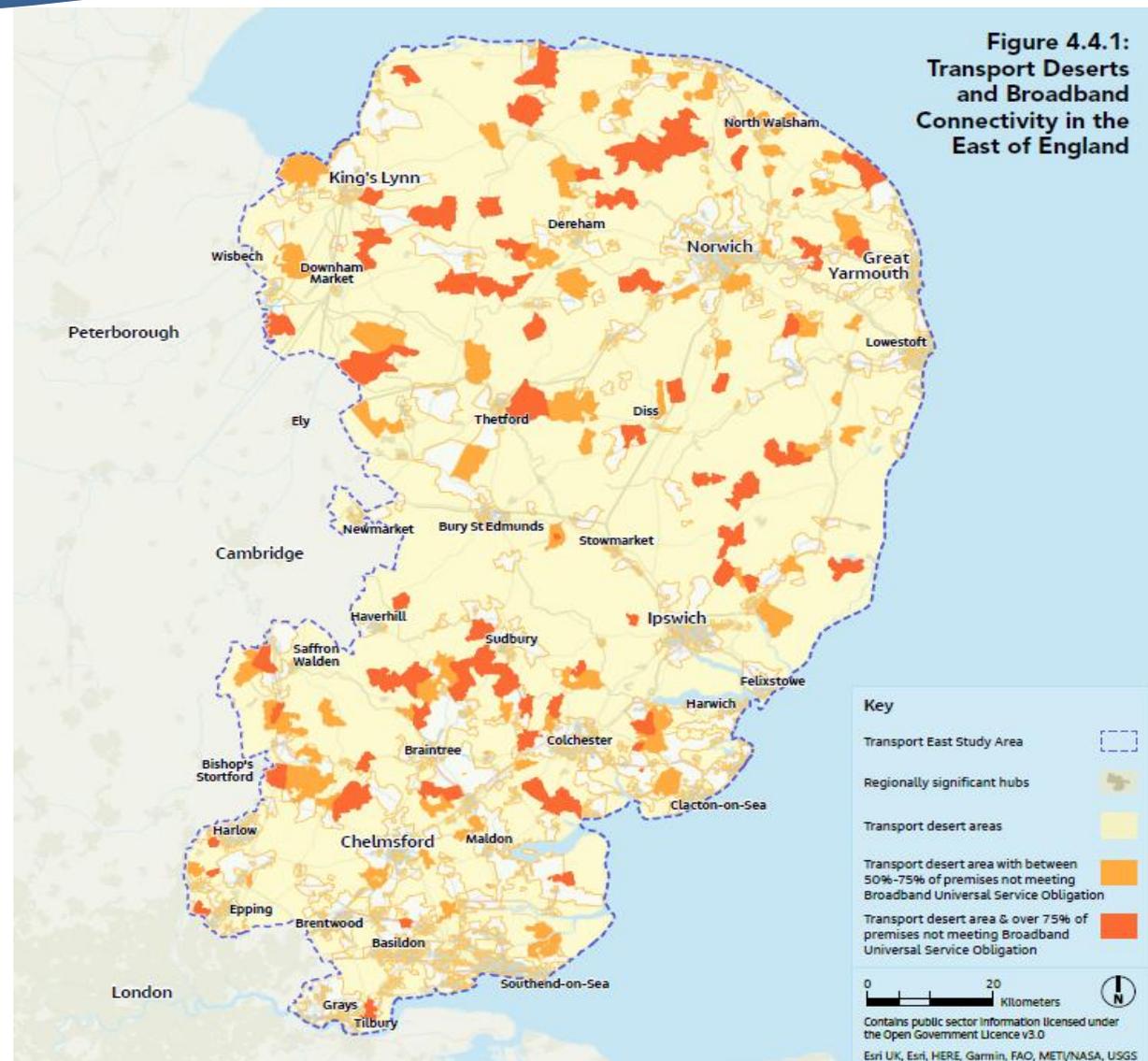
## Goal 7 Fully integrate transport

networks, services and operations across the Transport East region, through a customer focused approach, enabling seamless and safe end-to-end journeys by sustainable modes that are attractive to all people

**Connections**  
between our growing towns and cities that are as fast and frequent as all other regions in the UK.  
A realistic sustainable option for every person for every trip.

## Focus: Rural and Coastal Communities

- 1/3 of TE population lives in rural areas
- Significant ‘transport deserts’ where cannot access education, employment and services by sustainable modes
- Exacerbated by poor digital connections
- The Strategy establishes a **Centre of excellence for Rural Mobility** for the East



# Energising rural and coastal communities Pathway

A reinvented, sustainable coast and thriving rural communities for the 21st century

## Goal 8

**Increase accessibility to education, training, services and employment for rural communities**

8A

Better ways of taking people to places sustainably through switching modes and utilising alternative fuels where rural trips need to be made by car

8B

Supporting local communities to make more trips locally by encouraging more local provision of goods and services

8C

Support regional partners and the digital sector to provide alternative options to travel for people through better digital communications

## Goal 9

**Improve connectivity along our 500 miles of coastline**

and connect our coastal towns and communities to the rest of the region and UK, to support levelling-up, and boost our coastal industries, including Energy, Shipping and Tourism

**Delivering our ambition to become the UK's foremost all-energy coast. Levelling up the critical inequalities in our rural and coastal communities.**

**Eradicate all 'transport deserts' from the region. Every person to have access to ultra fast broadband. Faster connections from our coastal economies to the rest of the UK.**

# International Gateways



# Unlocking international gateways pathway

Better connecting our 13 ports and 3 international airports, helping UK businesses thrive and boosting the nation's economy

**Goal 10**  
**Improve connectivity, journey time and reliability**

for freight, passengers and employees to ports and airports

Connecting the UK to international markets and attracting Foreign Direct Investment

**Goal 11**  
**Move goods and people sustainably to ports and airports**  
by shifting modes



**Goal 12**  
**Increase use of alternative fuels**  
for both ports and airports

Large increase in mode share by rail, bus, coach and active travel to ports and airports

Net zero aviation and port side operations

Improved journey time reliability to ports and airports



### 3. Investment Priorities and work programme

# Strategic Investment Priorities

The Strategy includes immediate and longer term priorities to support **Suffolk's** businesses:



Strategic rail enhancements, including **Felixstowe to the Midlands (including Ely Junction and Haughley), Great Eastern Main Line, East-West Rail and connecting the coast**



Strategic roads investment, including: **A14, A12, Copdock interchange & A11 Fiveways**



More **investment and powers and freedoms** for our local authorities to deliver ambitious Local Transport Plans, including **walking, cycling and passenger transport**



Roll-out of alternative fuel charging infrastructure for passenger and goods vehicles in the East



Develop a pipeline of new strategic projects and programmes to deliver the strategy  
*(next slide)*

# Next generation of transport

Planning the next generation of transport projects



'Next generation' strategic analytical capability for transport in the East

Strategic plans for corridors and rural places

Plan the next generation of transport investment

Tackling complex transport policy challenges in the East



Transport user data & research

'People movement' model for the East

Transport decarbonisation toolkit

Roads advice to Secretary of State

6 x Multi-modal corridor connectivity studies

Rural Mobility Centre of Excellence

Rail & Mass Transit Network Plan

Regional Active Travel

Strategic EV charging infrastructure mapping

Establish 'expert' inquiry to tackle major challenges:

- *Paying for Transport*
- *Future of roads*
- *Social inclusion*

# Next step – getting involved

- Three year work programme established and funded by DfT
- Engagement with businesses is vital
- How to proceed? suggestions for this group...
  - ❑ Through our governance – via Chamber representatives (Paul Simon)
  - ❑ TE / Suffolk Chamber collaboration – e.g. Start-and-finish initiatives
  - ❑ Transport East work programme and sub-groups – *we welcome your involvement please!*
  - ❑ Joint advocacy – via our MP programme and the East of England All Party Parliamentary Group
  - ❑ Transport East Events and workshops (e.g. Transport East Summit)
  - ❑ Sharing resources (e.g. secondments etc)