

# A120/A133 LINK ROAD & RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM

Housing Infrastructure Fund:  
Providing infrastructure to facilitate  
housing growth in North Essex





***“This bid is about delivering homes to create great places to live in a sustainable manner. Key to this is the provision of transport infrastructure - we want to ensure that the right infrastructure for all modes of transport is in place to support growth in the region.”***

**Cllr Kevin Bentley**, Essex County Council  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure

A new Garden Community is planned on the borders of Colchester and Tendring. Colchester is the largest employment centre in North Essex with significant housing and business growth.

With almost 50,000 people commuting into and out of the borough daily, congestion is already a major issue for the historic town’s residents and businesses.

More people commute into Colchester from Tendring than any other borough or district in Essex, and more than half of people leaving Tendring for work are commuting into Colchester.

The development of the new Garden Community on the border of Colchester and Tendring relies on investment in rapid transit and the new link road.



## Enabling the delivery of housing

Investing in infrastructure in North Essex will enable future sustainable growth and greater connectivity within Essex and beyond.

### What are we proposing?

**A rapid transit system** that will prioritise public transport on key routes in Colchester. It will enable housing growth and deliver transformational modal shift, allowing new and existing residents to benefit from frequent, high-quality, reliable transport connecting to the places they want to go. An example is the Belfast Rapid Transit Glider, pictured on the back page.

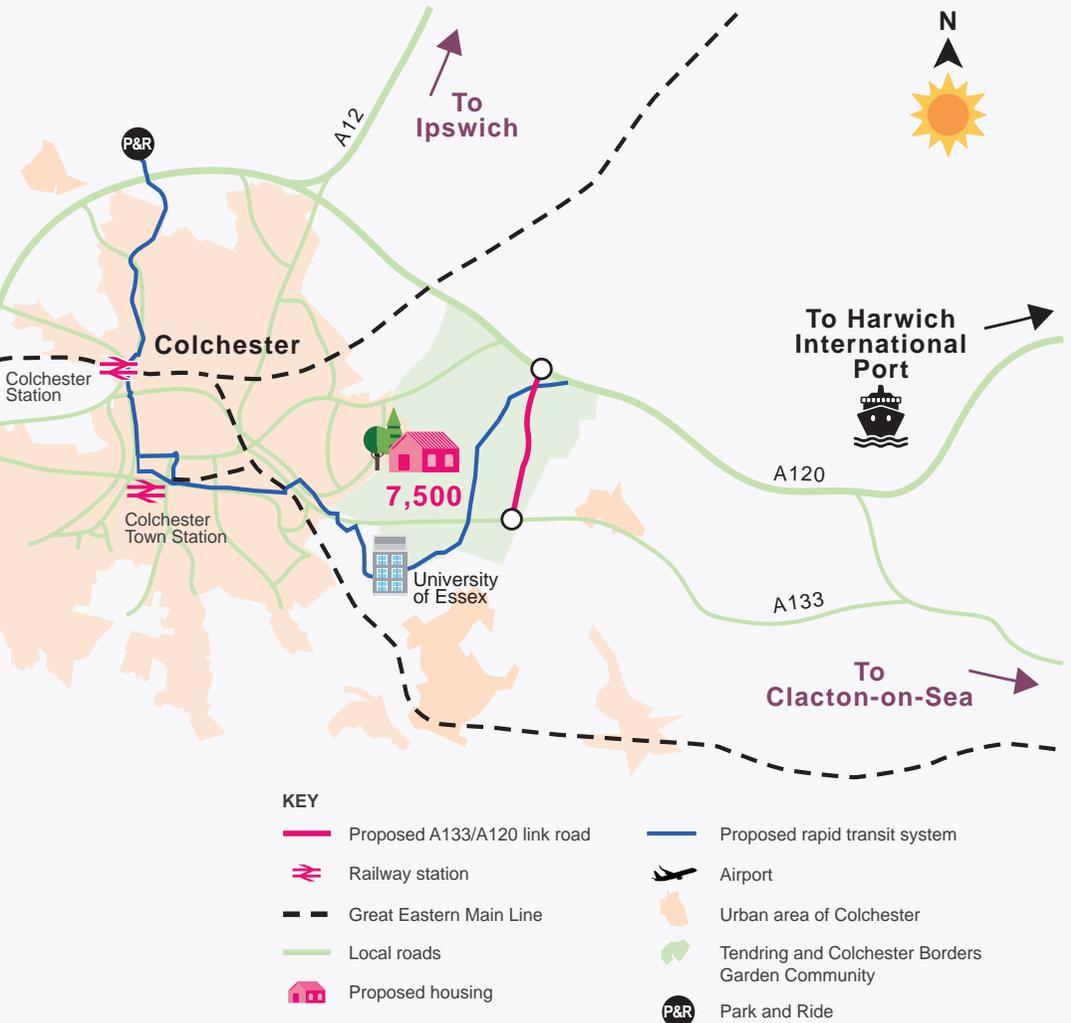
The system will service the new Park and Ride and help to better connect the planned Garden Community on the borders of Colchester and Tendring with the rest of the town.

**Linking the A120 and A133 with a new road** will unlock land to provide housing and will improve connectivity locally and within the wider region. It will also serve new park and ride sites and relieve traffic going to the University of Essex and its Knowledge Gateway technology and research park. Both are major employers and key contributors to the UK economy.



## What will this do for housing growth?

The provision of the link road and rapid transit system is essential to meet local housing need. It will **unlock the development of up to 7,500 homes** and improve connectivity locally and within the wider East of England, future-proofing the capacity of both the A133 and A120.



# Key Benefits

Supporting housing growth - the population of Greater Essex is expected to rise **by 300,000 by 2036**

**Up to 7,500 homes** could be built in the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community development **by 2047**

Rapid transit will reduce traffic and keep Colchester moving - the Crawley Fastway removed **19% of traffic with 90% user satisfaction**



Alleviating issues for commuters - **38% of commuting into Colchester Borough is from Tendring**

**Four out of five of these journeys are by car**

Helping relieve congestion which negatively affects the economy - **35% of businesses are concerned** about current levels of local traffic congestion



## The case for Government funding

Essex is a growing, attractive and competitive place for people to live and for business to locate. In the next 20 years there will be a need for 180,000 new homes in Greater Essex. Colchester and Tendring borders enjoy a buoyant housing market with major plans for housing and economic growth. It is vital that infrastructure keeps pace with this growth.

Investing in the A120/A133 link road and rapid transit system will unlock vital development opportunities for sustainable housing and associated amenities. We need this investment upfront.

This infrastructure will enable the network to be more flexible and resilient for new and existing residents, which will help Essex to continue to be an effective gateway to Europe through its ports and airports in the years to come.

**£99 million**  
is required to fund  
the A120/A133 link  
road and Rapid  
Transit System