



**WalkwayRailwayYourway  
The Story So Far**

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**“There is no security in this life, just opportunity”**

*General Douglas MacArthur, 1944*

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## **MAGOR : Magor Action Group On Rail Formed May 2012**

### **OUR MISSION**

- To open Magor & Undy Walkway as the gateway to the national rail network.

### **OUR OBJECTIVE**

- To re-open Magor & Undy Walkway as part of a community amenity hub(MUCH) to serve the community of Magor with Undy

### **OUR UNIQUE SELLING POINT**

- Magor & Undy Walkway Station can accessed by foot/bicycle/public transport from any part of the community in less than 20 minutes.

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## History

- **MAGOR - formed 2012, constituted, launched March 2013, Committee of 7 + associate members, 200+ supporters.**
- **Active support of -**
  - **The Community, both schools, local businesses**
  - **MP, AMs, Councils (county and community)**
  - **RMT Railfuture Future Generations Sustrans**
  - **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2XmoJcQ0hs&t=10s>**
- **Acknowledged by Network Rail, First Great Western and Arriva TW Keolis Amey.**
- **Station on the City-Region metro map.**
- **Elevated to priority 4 of 27 projects MCC Strategic Transport Plan.**
- **Walkway concept established as a brand**
- **Crowdfunder Bid**



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- **Potential of Magor & Undy Walkway Station**

- Community adopted asset
- Contributes to reducing carbon emissions
- Contributes to road safety
- Contributes to wellbeing of people

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- **Benefits**

- **Money**

- 'Bang for buck' BCR £1.80 rising to £2.00 (Mott Macdonald)
    - Could Save Magor/Undy commuters average of £750 PA
    - Attract new business

- **Convenience**

- Integrated multi-modal link-  
trains/pedestrians/cyclists/buses/taxis/(cars)

- **Time**

- Savings For travellers

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- **Compelling Reasons for Magor & Undy Walkway Station**
  - Magor & Undy Walkway an 'holistic' transport solution for Severnside
  - Put Magor with Undy on the national rail network map
  - Magor and Undy area 48% travel out of the area to work
  - Supports 'Active Travel (Wales) Act improving facilities and routes for walkers and cyclists
  - Population - 6500 with a further 500+ houses proposed.
  - 126% passenger growth on the route in last 10 years.
  - Preferred site could be a Community Hub, Community Centre/offices, ticketing/catering, gym, toilets= revenue generation for our community.





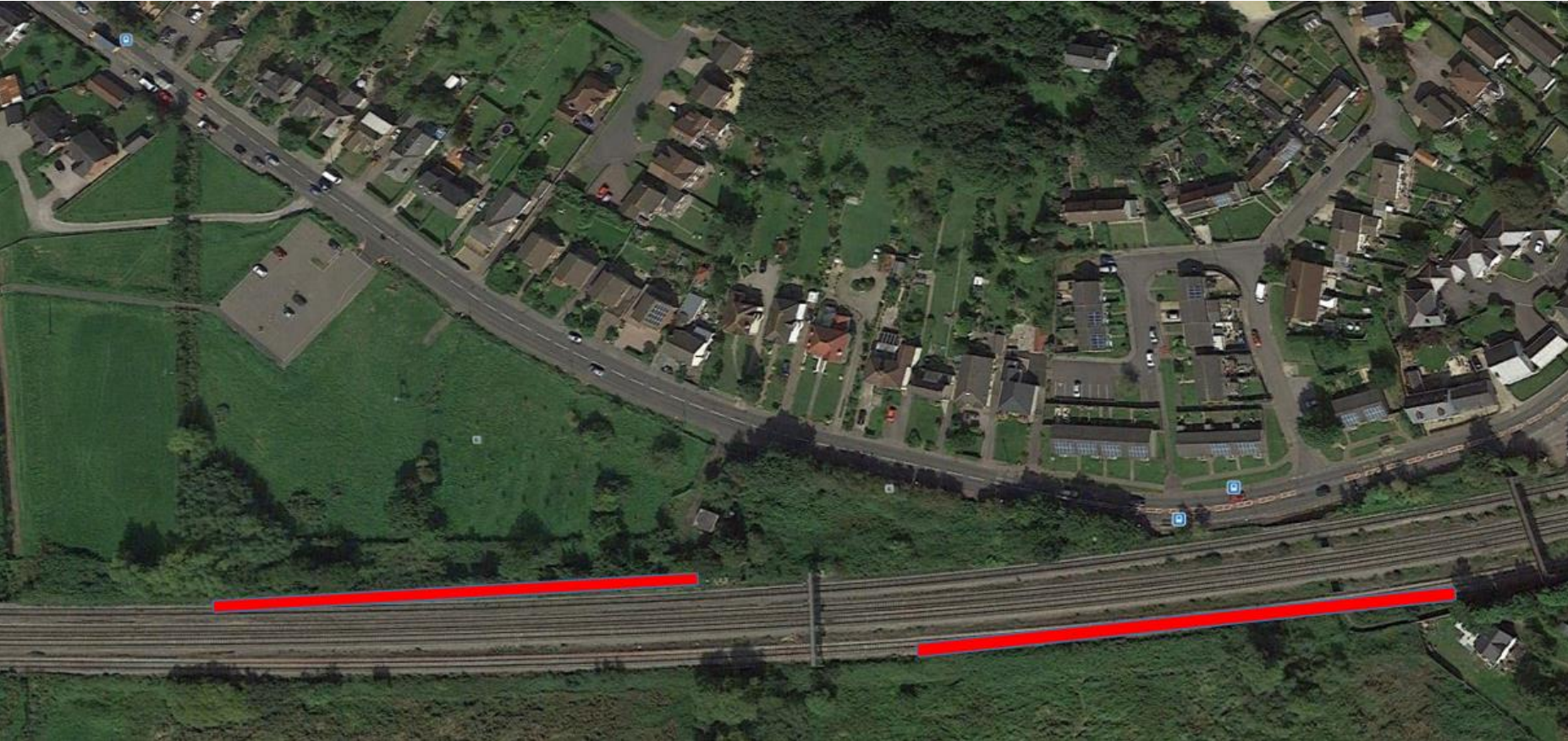
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- Potential to capture west bound travellers, who currently use cars because of the counter-intuitive drive to Severn Tunnel
- Offers an alternative to road transport for in-coming distribution centre workers (2000+)
- Attract tourists to visit our popular historic, beautiful nature and coastal sites.
- Potential to reduce the traffic movements on the B4245 by up to 60,000 vehicles pa.
- Integrates modes of transport by e.g. buses, taxis and cycles
- Magor & Undy Walkway Station would be on outside 'relief lines' allowing platforms to be built out from the railway.



# STATION POTENTIAL LOCATION







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- **Where are we now**
  - **GRIP1 & 2 Study Completed**
  - **GRIP3 Stages 1 & 2 - Initiate 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**
  - **Target Date for Completion of GRIP3 December 2018**

# MAGOR PROGRESS



- **Recent History / Progress**
- **April 2016** - [GRIP 1](#) and [GRIP 2](#) studies completed by Mott MacDonald - with very promising conclusions
- **November 2016** - [Application made to UK government's New station Fund](#)
- **January 2017** - Met, briefed and gained interest from the companies bidding for the Wales and Border / METRO franchise
- **March 2017** - [Demand and Economic Forecast](#) - Technical Note produced by Mott MacDonald as part of GRIP 3
- **July 2017** - Learnt that we had [not been successful with our 'New Station Fund'](#) bid but informed that DfT wished to meet us to discuss
- **October 2017** - [Met DfT](#) who told us that they were very impressed with our New Station Fund bid and that we should resubmit as soon as GRIP 3 is complete.

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- **December 2017** - Welsh Assembly Government awards MCC funding to complete GRIP3
- **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018** - [Met with Network Rail](#), Mott MacDonald, Arriva Trains Wales, and MCC in Cardiff in 'workshop style' to finalise the requirements to complete the remaining phases of GRIP 3 (Option Selection)
- **31<sup>st</sup> January** - [Met with James Price](#) (Chief Executive of Transport for Wales) and his colleague Andrew Bold, to discuss the proposals for 'Magor and Undy Walkway Station' and its progress along the 'GRIP Track'. He was supportive and agreed to visit Magor and Undy site
- **7<sup>th</sup> February** - updated Monmouthshire County Council's Strategic Transport Group (STG). Congratulated on the great progress being made by the group
- **6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February** - Community Hub and Walkway station '[Resident engagement sessions](#)'.
- **5<sup>th</sup> February** - [Met Dr. Eurgane Powell](#) and Abby Dickenson, officers from the Future Generations (Wales). Quote from Dr. Powell - "Very inspirational to see the great work you're doing. I'm sure we'll be in touch again as your project progresses". See article written for them in **Appendix A** (now slightly updated to include the new strap-line)
- **23<sup>rd</sup> February** - return to the Mott MacDonald offices, along with Christian Schmidt of MCC, to ensure progress being made towards completing GRIP 3.



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- **1<sup>st</sup> March** - Met Roger Hoggins (Head of Operations, MCC) He agrees to commission a Joint traffic/access study for the Magor and Undy Walkway Station and the proposed Community Centre.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Mott Macdonald lay out GRIP 3 priorities and plans
- **9<sup>th</sup> March** - James Price (TfW) visits Magor and Undy site. Agrees to maintain liaison as we progress through GRIP 3
- **19<sup>th</sup> March** - Meeting with Gwyn Smith of Sustrans - Quote from Gwyn - "It was great to meet you and Ted last week and to hear about the progress made. We (Sustrans) have been commissioned by RCT council to carry out more modelling work on where best to spend money on infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling to stations. This should refine the work we have already done and once complete I will share with you. I will also investigate if we can plug the proposed Magor station into the modelling"
- **19<sup>th</sup> April** - Meeting with Mott MacDonald - GRIP 3 progress - 2<sup>nd</sup> part of GRIP 3 (Options Report) draft report issued for review and comments

# MAGOR TO DO PRIORITIE



- Complete GRIP 3 December 2018
- Submit New Station Fund Bid: 2019
- Work with Amey Keolis & GWR
- Raise Funding for GRIP 4



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