



## Transport Campaign Monthly Newsletter



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### Transport Policy Group

On 5th December, we held our first Transport Policy Group since June.

The policy group acted as a valuable update session for guests, with Stuart Everton and Sarah Spink delivering insightful presentations on the Black Country infrastructure plans and Midlands Connect respectively.

Please click [here](#) to email me if you would be interested in attending our next Transport Policy Group meeting.

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### Wolverhampton Interchange Project Investment

The West Midlands Combined Authority has officially signed off just under £50m worth of funding for the Wolverhampton interchange project. As well as improving connectivity in the Black Country, it will enable the delivery of 32,000 square feet of office, retail and leisure floor space, £80m of private sector funding and create 1,300 new jobs.



Please click [here](#) for more information.



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### Chancellor Requests New Study for National Infrastructure Commission

After the NIC's October report, Chancellor Hammond has written to Commission Chair Andrew Adonis, saying he "welcomed the progress made in your interim report published last month. I also look forward to the publication of your study on how infrastructure can make best use of new

technology." Philip Hammond also stated that "the study should work alongside the NIC's assessment of the country's long-term infrastructure needs for its National Infrastructure Assessment (NIA)."

Please click [here](#) to read the full article.

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### **[HS2 Report Outlines Need for Rebalancing of the Economy](#)**

HS2 Ltd have recently released a report entitled, 'Getting the Best Out of the Midlands'. Business and Local Authorities across the region have outlined that if delivered correctly, timely and within budget, HS2's increased connectivity for the Midlands could help close the gap between the best and worst performing regions.



Please click [here](#) to read the report.

### **[Ofcom Business Communication Survey](#)**

Cartesian is working on a research project to help Ofcom understand the connectivity needs of large businesses (+250 employees), and identify any areas where their oversight would be greatly beneficial to the market. As an example, Ofcom's 2016 review proposed changes that opened up access to BT's national Dark Fibre network, cut Ethernet prices and deliver quicker installs.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please get in touch with Lucia ([lucia.balcazar@cartesian.com](mailto:lucia.balcazar@cartesian.com)), and she can provide more details.