

Travelling longer distances

Transforming travel for the future

We are working to make sustainable long-distance travel easier and greener, connecting residents to major regional destinations. Some solutions will grow with the development of Sharpness Vale ensuring the long-term vision will revolutionise how we travel. Our plans for 2035 represent the first stepping stone on the journey for convenient and safe longer-distance trips.



Sustainable travel

By 2035, the Sharpness Vale Central Mobility Hub will become the gateway location for bus pick-up/ drop-off, secure cycle parking, electric vehicle charging points, and click and collect parcel lockers. The Hub will support:



- **Demand responsive coach services;** fleet size will grow as demand becomes greater for nearby employment locations across Gloucestershire and our Enterprise Park.



- **E-bike and pushbike hire;** although cycling will become the norm for people moving from A to B around Sharpness Vale, the Hub also enables longer-distance cycling. Part of our financial investment for transport is to contribute toward the cross-regional A38 cycling improvement scheme.

Changes to M5, Junction 14

The national highway network is considered at capacity with limited opportunity for further new homes in Stroud. Improvements will be carried out at J14 to enable us to deliver 1,000 homes by 2035. To deliver the proposals in the planning application and our vision for Sharpness by 2050, a combination of public and private investment is required, as shown in the table below.

M5 Junction 14 improvements	New homes unlocked	Funded by	Timeline
None	Negligible new homes	Not applicable	Current position
Improvements to A38/ slip roads/ traffic light signal timings/ other minor work	c. 1,000+ new homes at Sharpness Vale (figure also considers planned new homes in neighbouring local councils)	Sharpness Development LLP	By 2035
Flying gyratory/ additional land/ new bridges/ comprehensive refurbishment	The remaining balance of the planning application (1,750 homes) will deliver the growth identified in the Stroud District Council Local Plan, and, subject to technical work, a further 2,500 homes beyond the local plan period	Public investment with financial contributions from Sharpness LLP and other developers	Potentially 2040 – 2045



New Sharpness rail station

We will safeguard land for a rail station, which would enable one to be built should it be deemed viable for passenger services.

- Our technical work shows that the new rail service is viable, with greater community and sustainability benefits if planned as part of a wider regional network. This would include local stops like Sharpness, Berkeley Road, Bristol Road, and Stonehouse, alongside Cam, Dursley, and Charfield.
- A strategic approach would allow slower commuter trains to exit the network at Sharpness, keeping faster regional services uninterrupted.
- We are forming a stakeholder group, including key councils and Network Rail, to explore this broader strategic rail infrastructure.

The proposal for new rail services is **not** part of this planning application.