

Appendix A – LGF Project Background Information

Name of Project	Beaulieu Park Station, Chelmsford Essex County Council
Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocation	£12m – Awarded in February 2019
Description of what Project delivers	<p>The new station is being proposed on the existing Great Eastern Main Line (GEML) on the eastern side of Beaulieu, 3 miles north east of Chelmsford, located adjacent to the A12/A138/B1137 junction 19 to serve the growth in North Chelmsford as well as wider growth in parts of Maldon, Braintree and Uttlesford districts not well served by rail.</p> <p>Full detailed planning permission was granted by Chelmsford City Council in June 2022. The station will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three platforms with a central loop line and new tracks to enable stopping services to call at the station while allowing fast trains to pass through unimpeded. • A footbridge between platforms with lifts. • Single storey station building with retail units, staff and welfare facilities, public toilets and concourse area. • Surface level ‘premium’ car parking for 243 cars and secondary surface level car park for 460 cars. • 35 designated Blue Badge bays and 2 extended spaces. • 500 spaces for cycle parking and storage. • Parking for 50 motorcycles. • A bus interchange for 8 buses with provision for 8 parking spaces for rail replacement buses. • Dedicated taxi set down and pick up area with waiting shelter <p>The turnback / passing loop provides operational resilience and flexibility in a network that is heavily used and operating at near capacity. This scheme option gives Network Rail full operational ability to turn back trains in both directions and also allows trains to pass each other in both directions. The station is proposed to be a rail head and would be used to start / terminate some of the services that today start / terminate at Chelmsford, to distribute demand effectively and to allow for services to be timetabled effectively.</p> <p>The station will provide train services for residents and workers, support future business development and existing business activity, and will relieve pressure on Chelmsford station.</p>

Project benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceleration of planned new homes and jobs and their associated economic benefits • Facilitation of dependent development - new homes and jobs and their associated economic benefits which otherwise could not happen • Increase in fare box revenue for the railway • Reduced congestion at Chelmsford station • Reduced congestion in Chelmsford city centre at peak times (weekday and weekends) • Improved access to the rail network for residents and businesses in the Heart of Essex not well served by rail • Improved network resilience and reliability for train services using the Great Eastern Main Line. 																																
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Project constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing of the second Implementation Agreement between Essex County Council and Network Rail to allow J. Murphy 																																

	<p>and Sons to complete current works to completion. This expected to be completed by end July 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current contractual interface between Chelmsford North East Bypass and Beaulieu Park Station, which requires both projects to progress if HIF funding is to be drawn down. Conversations with Homes England continue and it is expected that a proposal will be submitted to Homes England for consideration.
Link to Project webpage	https://www.southeastlepp.com/project/beaulieu-park-railway-station/