

# A new station for Chelmsford

**Network Rail, in collaboration with Essex County Council, Chelmsford City Council and the developer Countryside Properties is working towards delivering a new railway station for Chelmsford.**

The provision of a new station at Beaulieu is a long-standing aspiration and was adopted in the City Council's Local Development Plan as a critical part of a major urban expansion of Chelmsford.

Outline planning permission for the proposed station and the Chelmsford North-east Bypass scheme was secured in 2013. Following this, Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council joined in partnership with Countryside Properties to jointly promote and facilitate design and construction of the scheme. Network Rail came onboard in 2015 to take on the job to design and construct the new station.

In August 2019, Essex County Council's bid to secure £219 million of funding from the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) was successful together with £34m contributions from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and developer Countryside Zest to deliver the wider scheme.



Figure 1 – Artists Impression

## What are the benefits?

Beaulieu Park station is expected to be the first new station added to the Great Eastern mainline for over 100 years. The new, three platform station is being designed to support the wider economic development of the area and its construction will include cycleways, pathways bike storage and car parking.

It will provide additional access to the railway with regular connections to the capital (only 40 minutes from London Liverpool Street station) and other destinations in the east of England. New tracks will enable stopping services to call at the station while allowing fast trains to pass through unimpeded.

With a targeted opening date of 2026, the new station will help to relieve pressure for the busy, Chelmsford station and help reduce car journeys into the city tackling congestion on local roads and reducing pollution.

# What is being proposed

Beaulieu Park station is part of a major £252m regeneration programme to transform road and rail infrastructure and support 14000 new homes in the Chelmsford to Braintree corridor. The new station will improve connectivity to Essex and the South East while supporting sustainable transport in the area and by reducing car journeys into the city.

Network Rail submitted a Reserved Matters application to Chelmsford City Council to seek approval for the station design in August 2021.

The new station is proposed to include:

- 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.
- Step free access to all platforms via 2 no lifts
- Ticketing facilities, with ticket vending machines and a gate line
- Accessible toilets, baby change facilities, waiting area and space for retail/catering
- Parking for over 700 cars, 5% of which to be designated Blue Badge bays, and motorcycle spaces, as well as dedicated parking for station staff, emergency services, and a dedicated space for service access.
- Pick up and drop off area with dedicated taxi bays
- A bus interchange including bus stands for local services

- 500 spaces for cycle parking and storage
- Pedestrian and cycle access routes to the station

Chelmsford City Council’s public consultation on this Reserved Matters application opened on 25/03/22 for anyone affected by the proposals to have their say on the station design.



Figure 2 – Artists Impression (landscape subject to detailed design)



Figure 3 – Artists Impression (landscape subject to further design)

# A station fit for the twenty first century



Figure 4 – Artists Impression



Figure 6 – Artists Impression



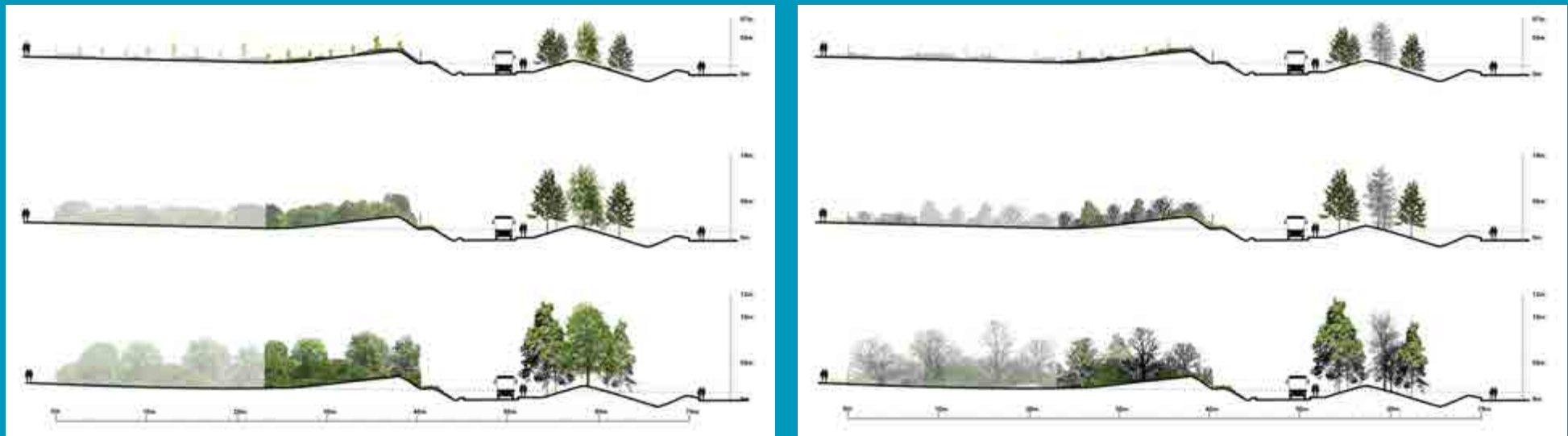
Figure 5 – Artists Impression



Figure 7 – Artists Impression

# The landscape

Landscape view section illustrating indicative woodland and ornamental planting growth from years 0-30



Spring



Summer

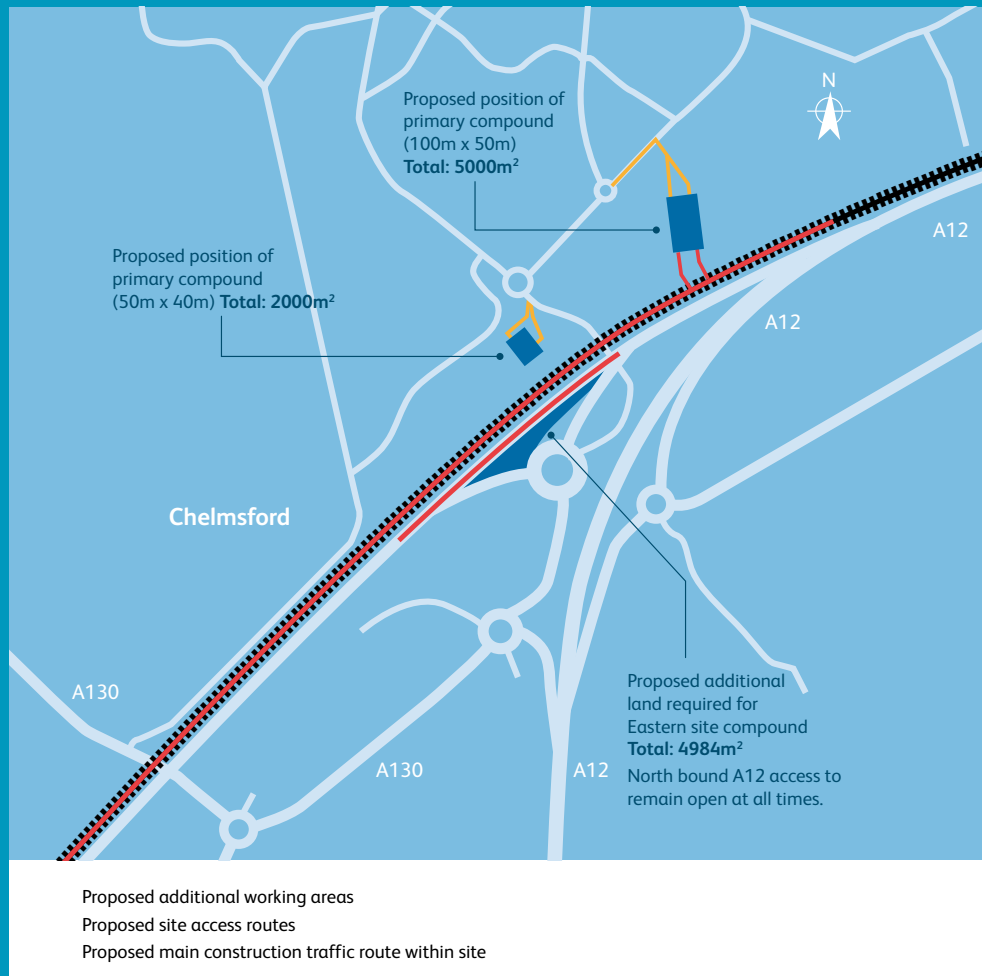


Autumn



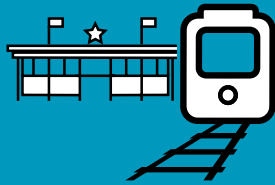
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# Construction compounds

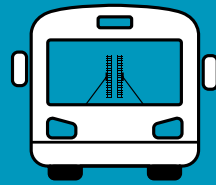


Three potential temporary land take areas to be used during the construction phase of the proposed scheme as shown.

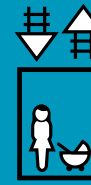
# Benefits



A brand-new station designed to serve the local community and the wider area



An interchange for local bus and taxi services



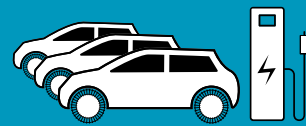
Lifts to serve all platforms along with a number of other benefits for the less able



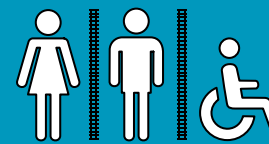
Retail units within the station building and on the platforms



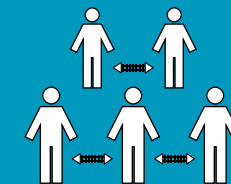
Cycle parking and storage facilities for up to 500 bicycles



Parking for 750 cars, designated spaces for blue-badge holders and the provision for electric car charging points



Passenger welfare and toilet facilities, within the station building and on the platforms

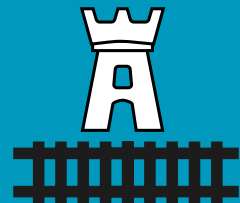


Easing passenger congestion at Chelmsford station and traffic in Chelmsford city centre

# Managing impacts



Noise and vibration



Cultural heritage



Flood risk and water resources



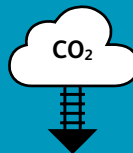
Socio-economics



Flood risk and water resources



Material assets and waste



Air Quality



Ecology and nature conservation



Ground conditions and land contamination

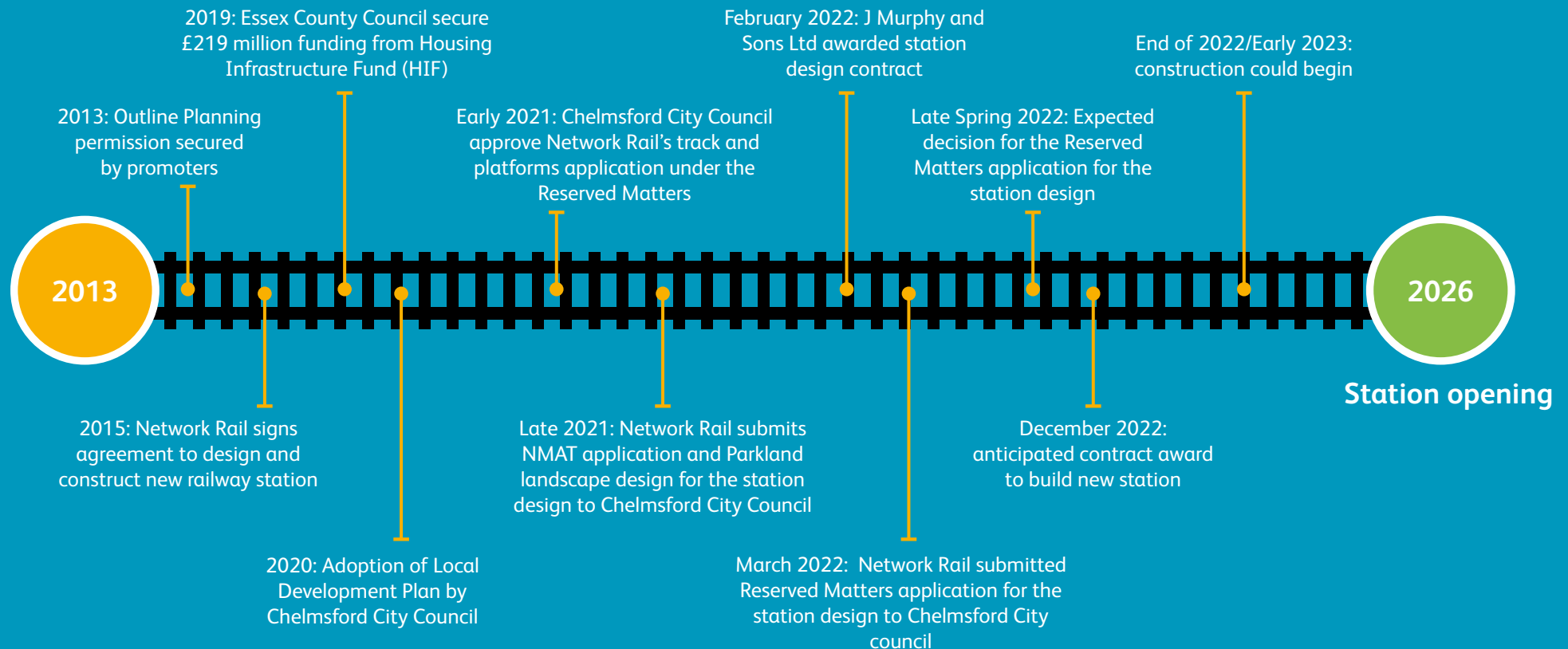


Townscape and visual



Flood risk and water resources

# Proposed target timeline



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