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MIDLANDS MATTERS - ISSUE 15



Welcome to Issue 15 of Midlands Matters, our Partnership newsletter, which gives me an important opportunity to focus on one of the most urgent issues facing our society - climate change.

The Government's recent Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution sets out the nation's approach to build back better, support green jobs and accelerate our path to net zero.

Over the last 18 months, over two hundred partner organisations and many more regional leaders have informed the development of the consultation draft of our own Ten Point Plan for Green Growth in the Midlands Engine.

I would like to thank everyone - from key business leaders and academics to local government leaders and enviro-specialists - who has contributed their time and expertise. Together, we are setting out how we can drive collective action today to safeguard the environment for future generations - and how we will capitalise on the wealth of economic opportunities presented by the shift to low carbon.

It gives me great pleasure to now invite all our regional partners to offer further insights as we work towards finalising our Ten Point Plan for Green Growth.

We are developing our plan in collaboration and we will implement it in collaboration, because together we are greater than the sum of our parts - a powerful partnership force able to harness each other's expertise and strengths as we galvanise our efforts at pace to shape our green future.

The Midlands is already leading the national Green Growth agenda. Now is the time to act, accelerate and achieve even more ... together.

Sir John Peace, Chairman, Midlands Engine



Consultation now open for Ten Point Plan for Green Growth in the Midlands Engine

Contribute your views and ambitions as partners from right across our region continue to shape a shared vision for Midlands net zero.

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Midlands Engine Intelligence Community delves into Megatrends at latest meeting

Discussion featured the distribution and targeting of public sector funding, updates from PHE and more.

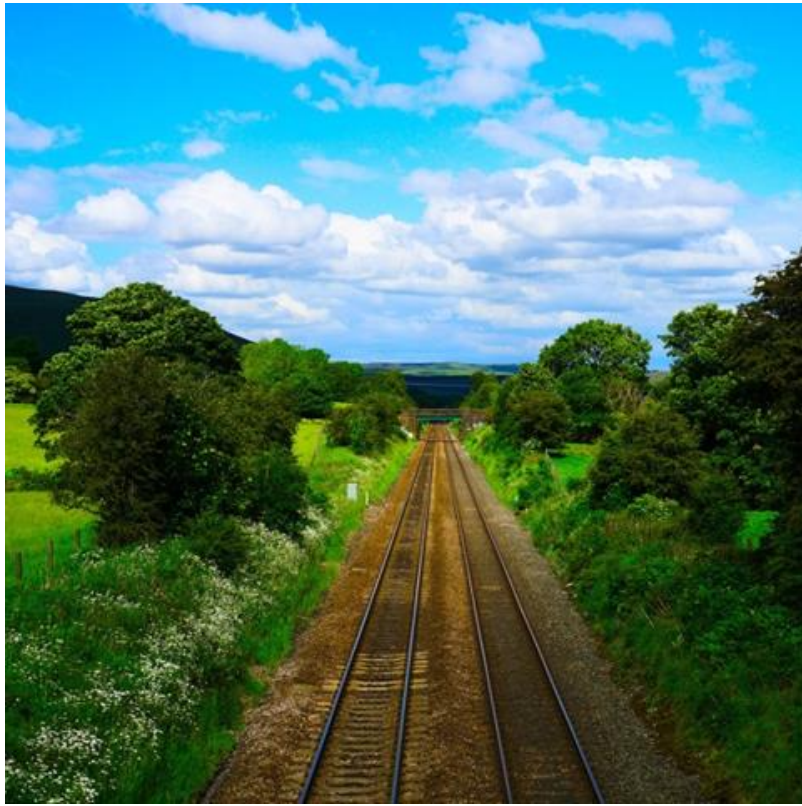
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Shropshire and Black Country 'rail revolution' could power up our region

Recent Midlands Connect study released outlines £500 million of benefits to the economy from rail route upgrades.

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Plans for direct rail links between three cities mean extra capacity and convenience for rail users across our region.

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Richard Carr joins East Midlands Development Corporation having steered multi-billion-pound projects across the country.

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Fund focuses on net zero**

Funding helps Midlands SMEs reduce carbon footprint and support development of innovative solutions to tackle climate emergency.

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Project completion is major milestone after three years' construction and £90m investment.

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Coventry University targets hydrogen fuel-cell opportunities

University is building a world-class hydrogen fuel-cell development facility to support UK leadership in sustainable mobility.

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