

# Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

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# The Anti- Expressway Campaign to date



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# Networking & reaching out to other organisations and villages

## Expressway Action Group



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Buckinghamshire  
Oxfordshire



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

**NEED**  
**NOT**  
**GREED**



giving  
nature  
a home



**Friends of the Earth**



**NEA, No Expressway Alliance**

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*No new Expressway – here, there, anywhere.*

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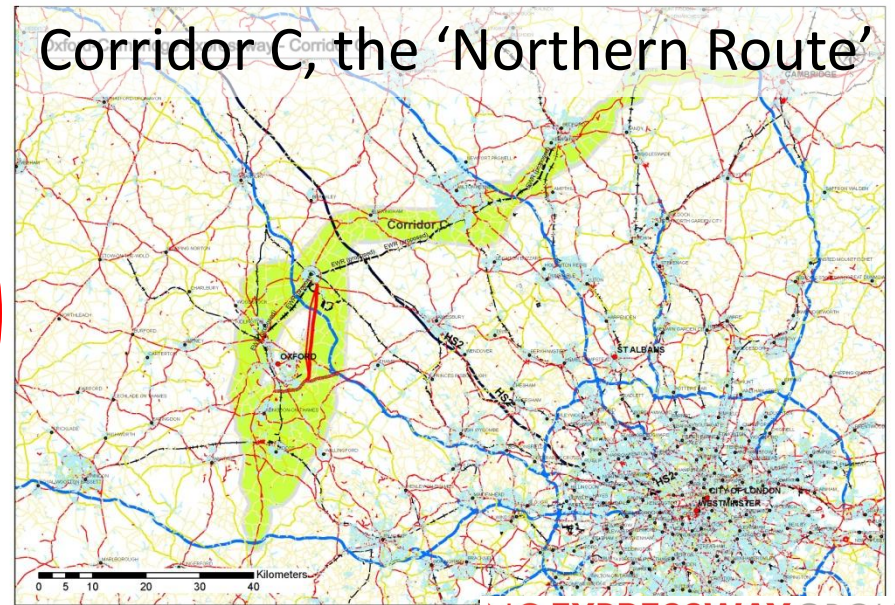
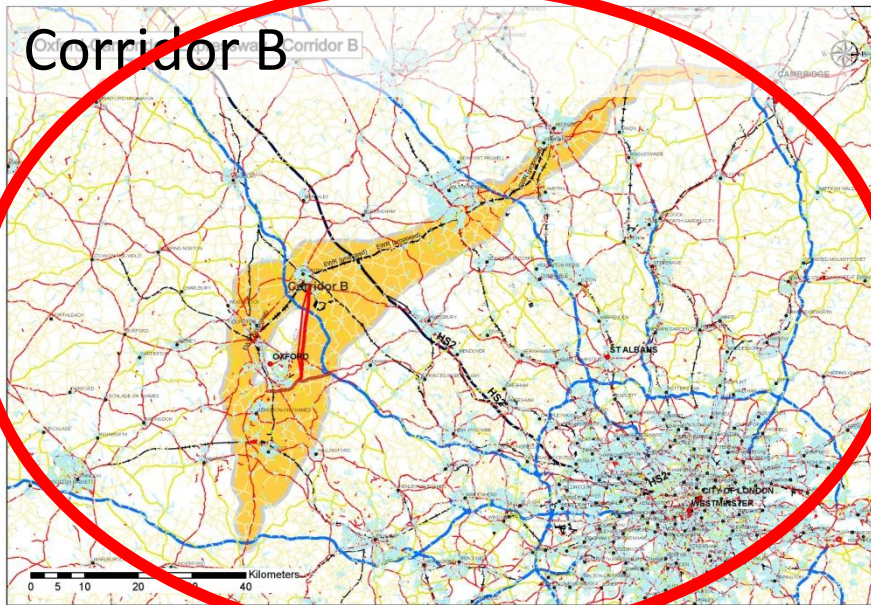
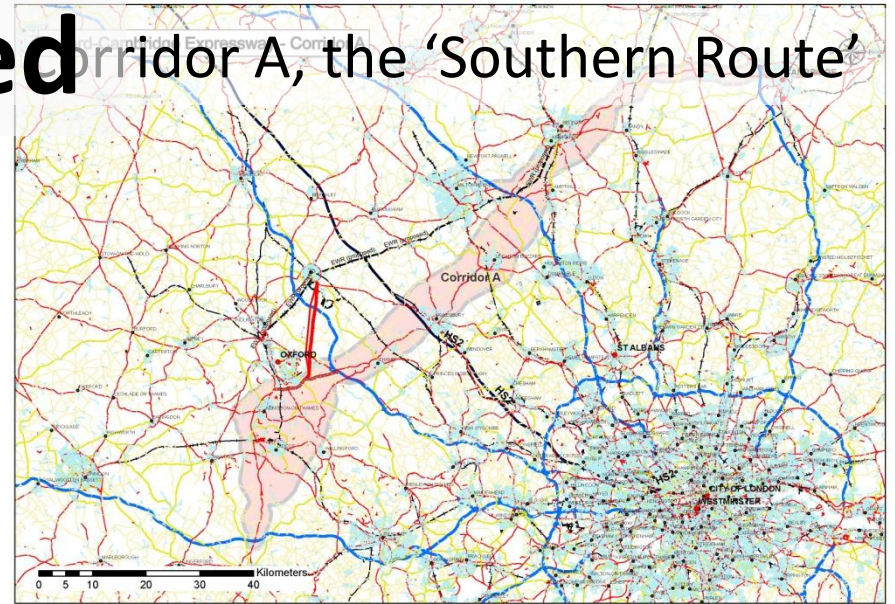
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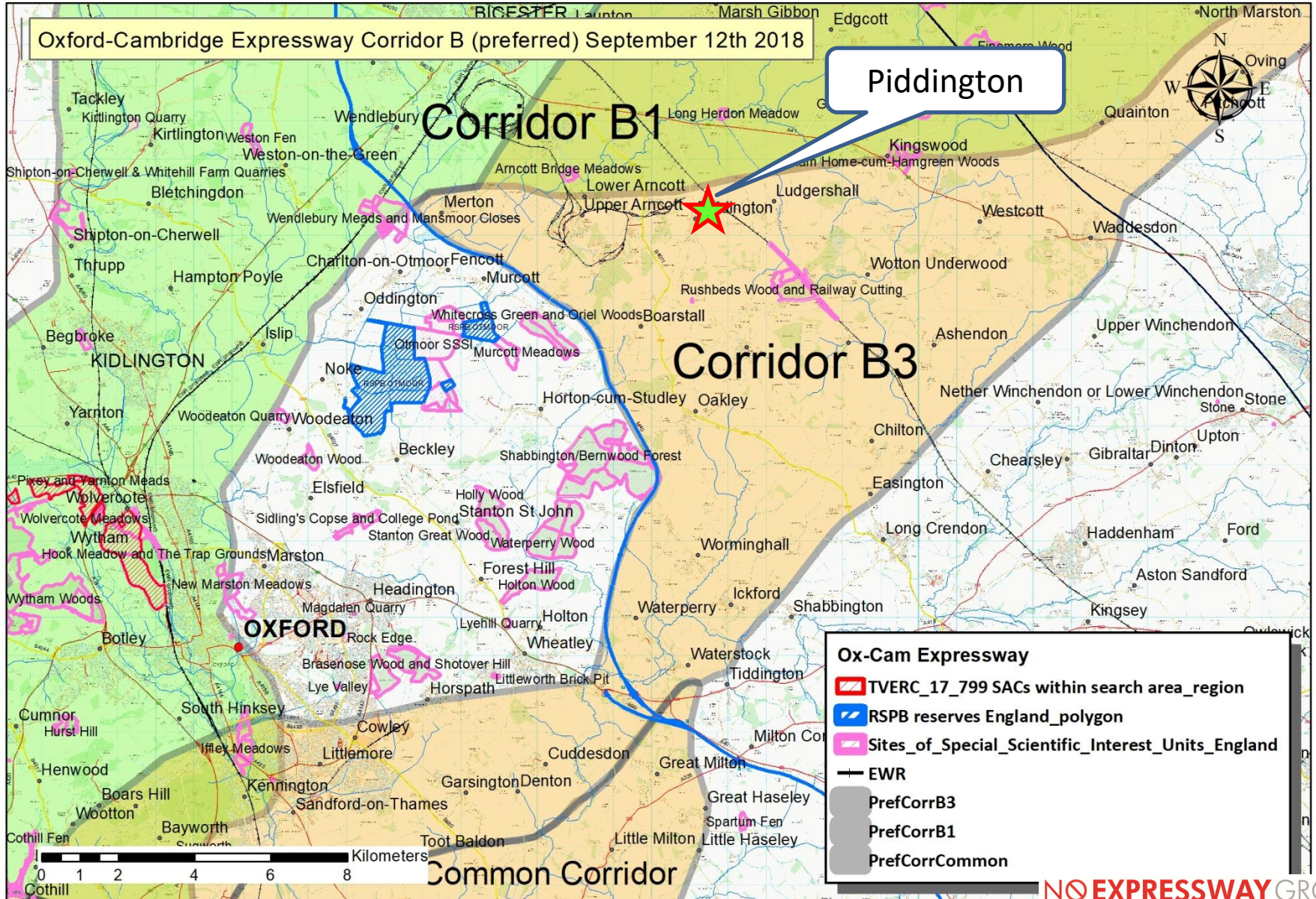
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# Corridor Announced

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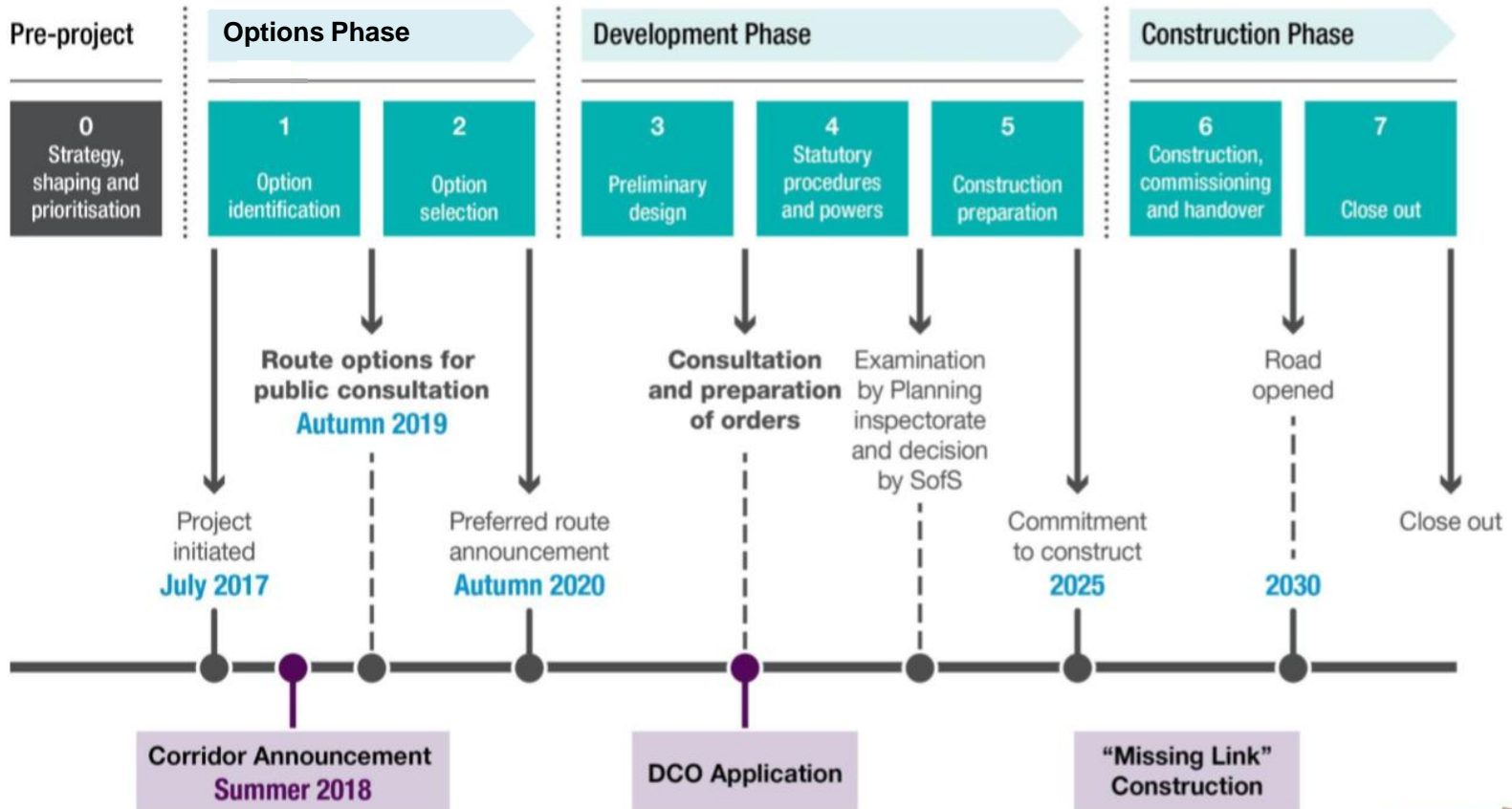


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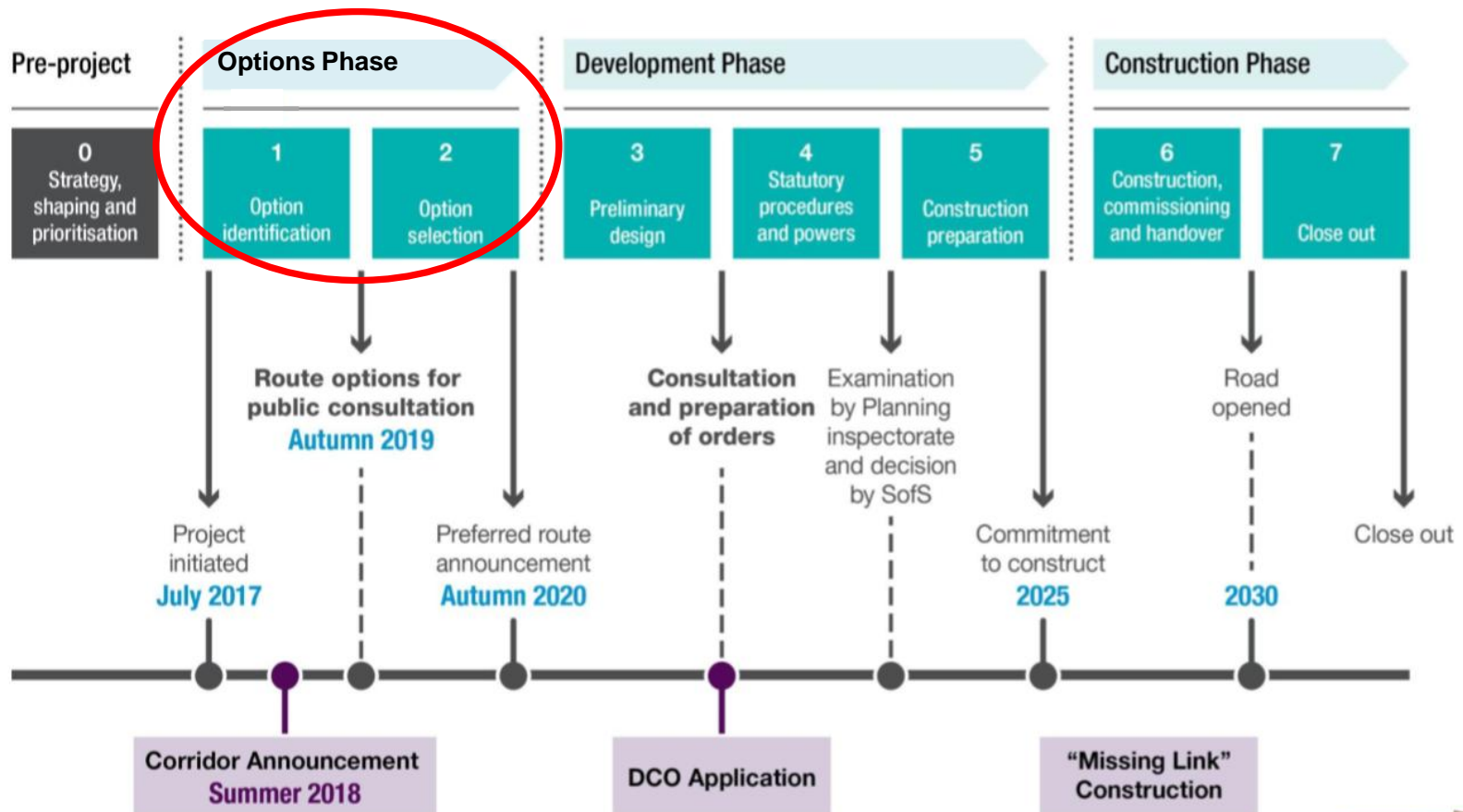
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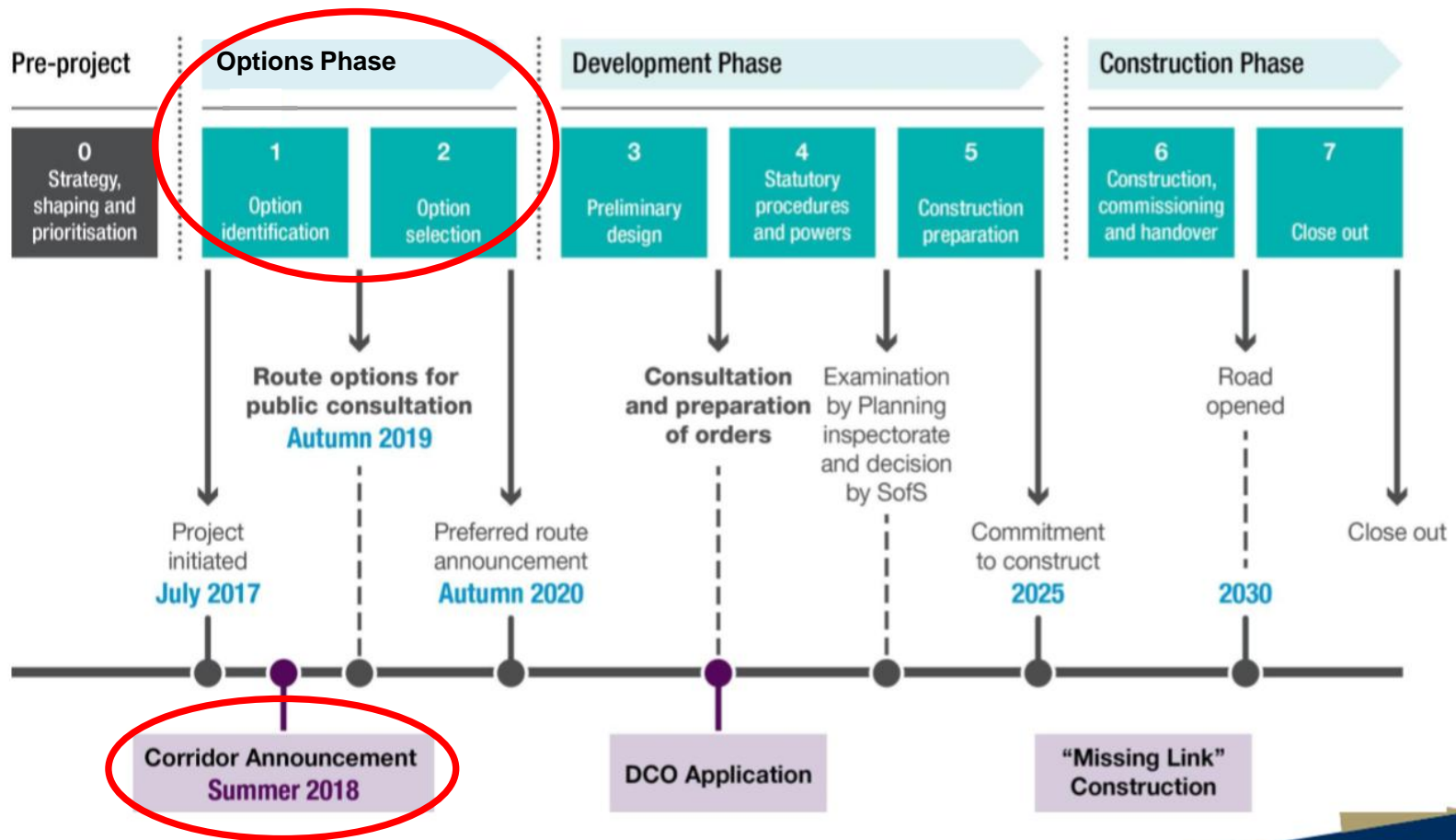
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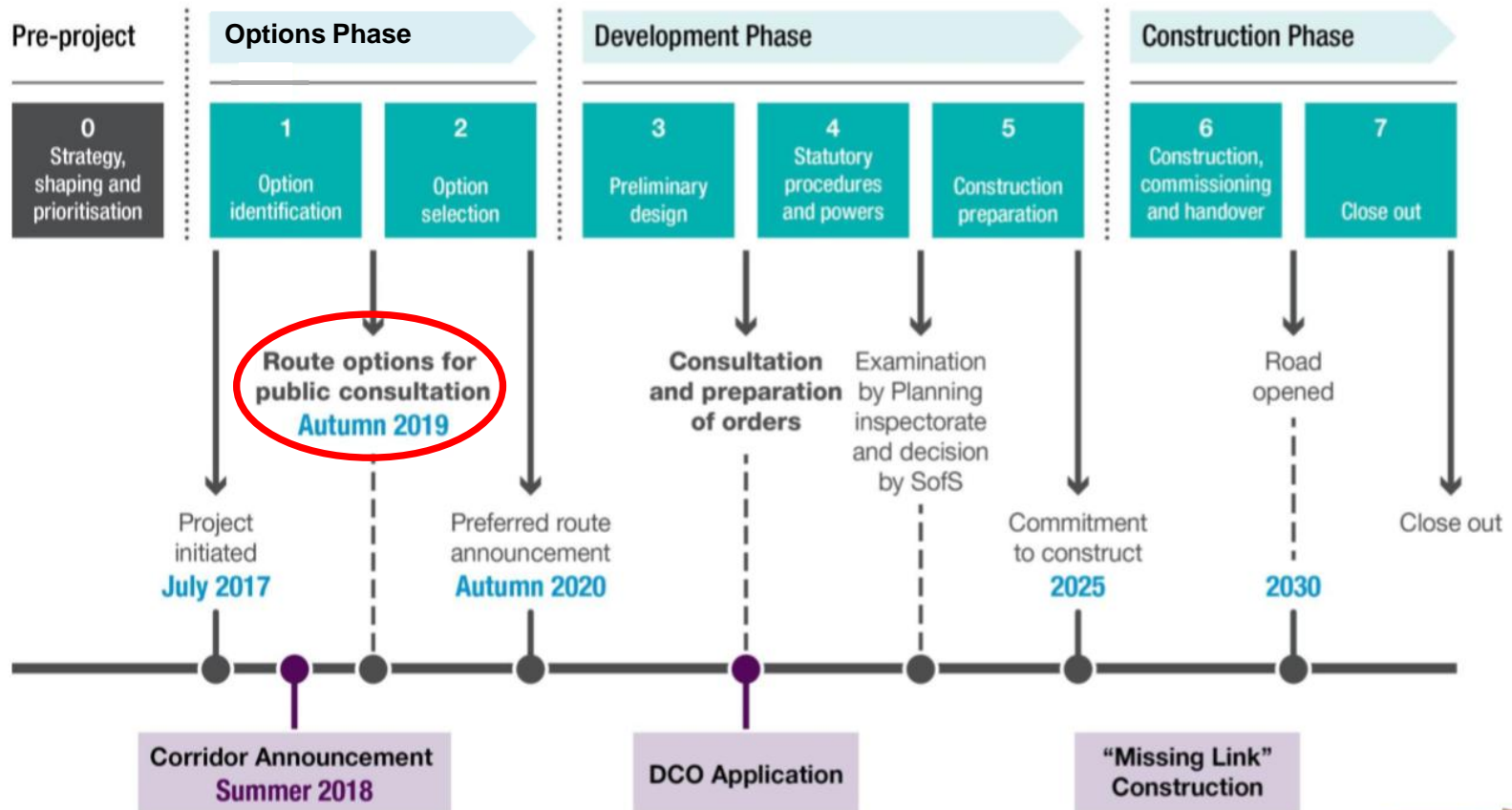
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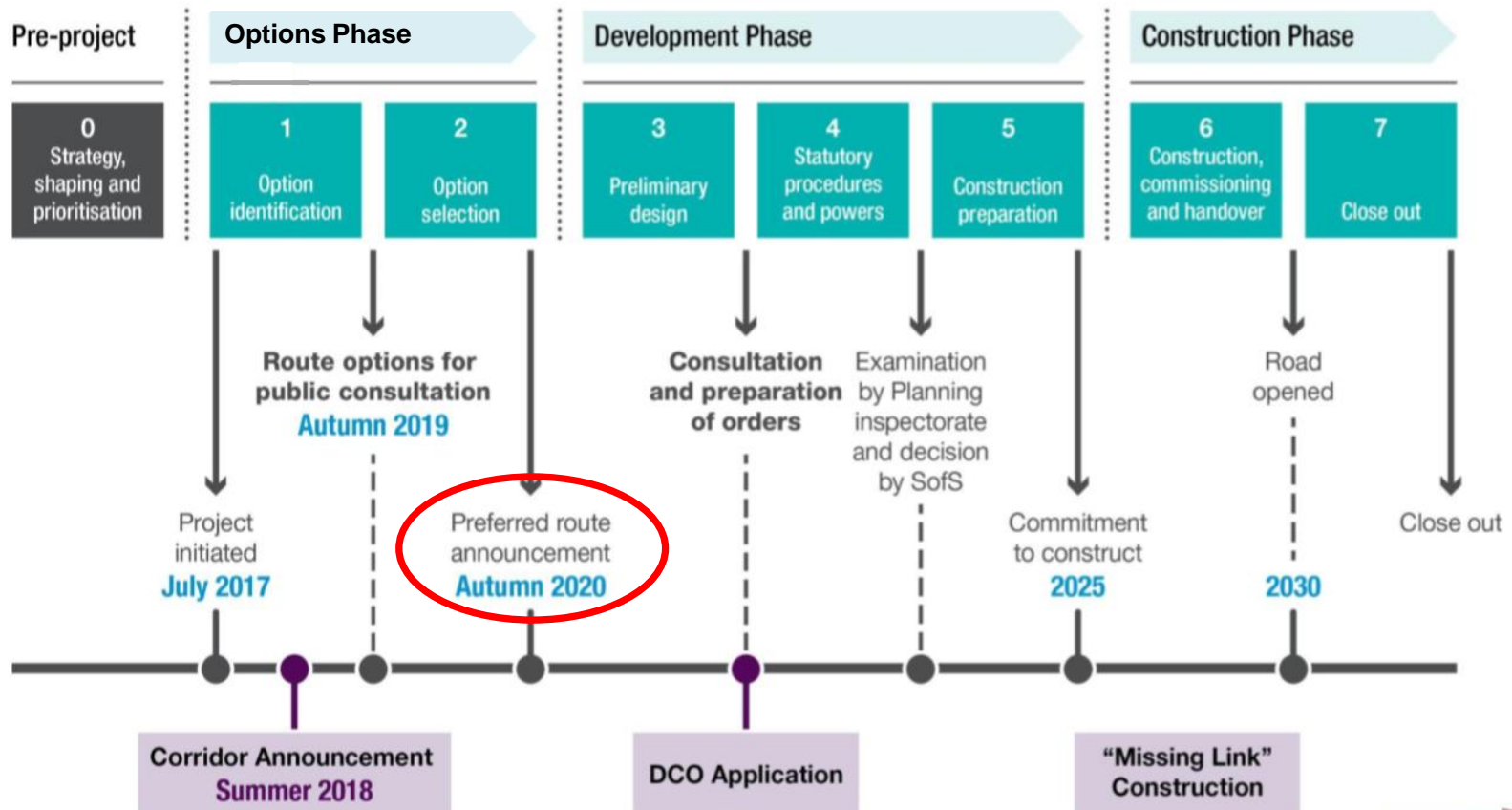
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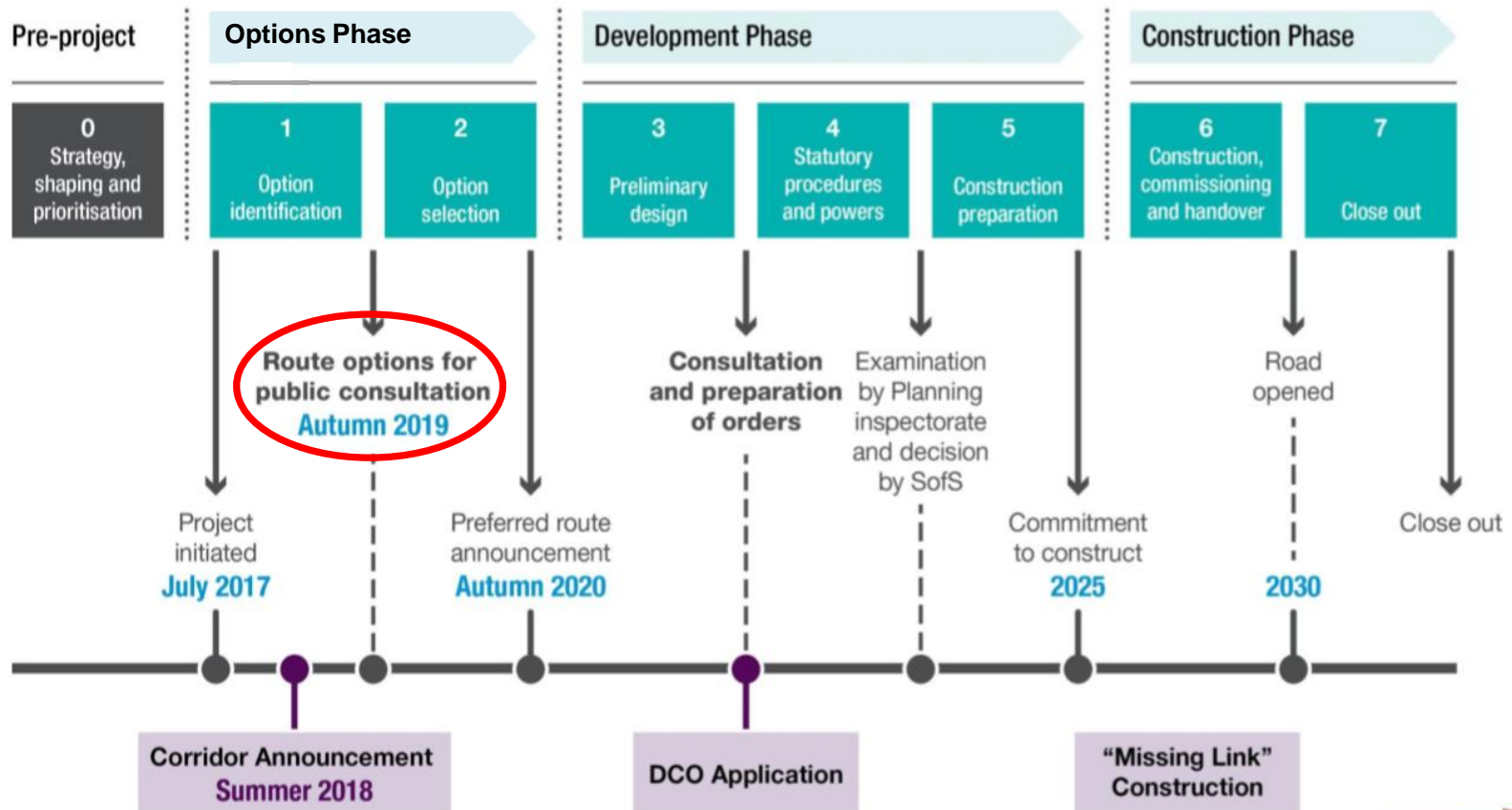
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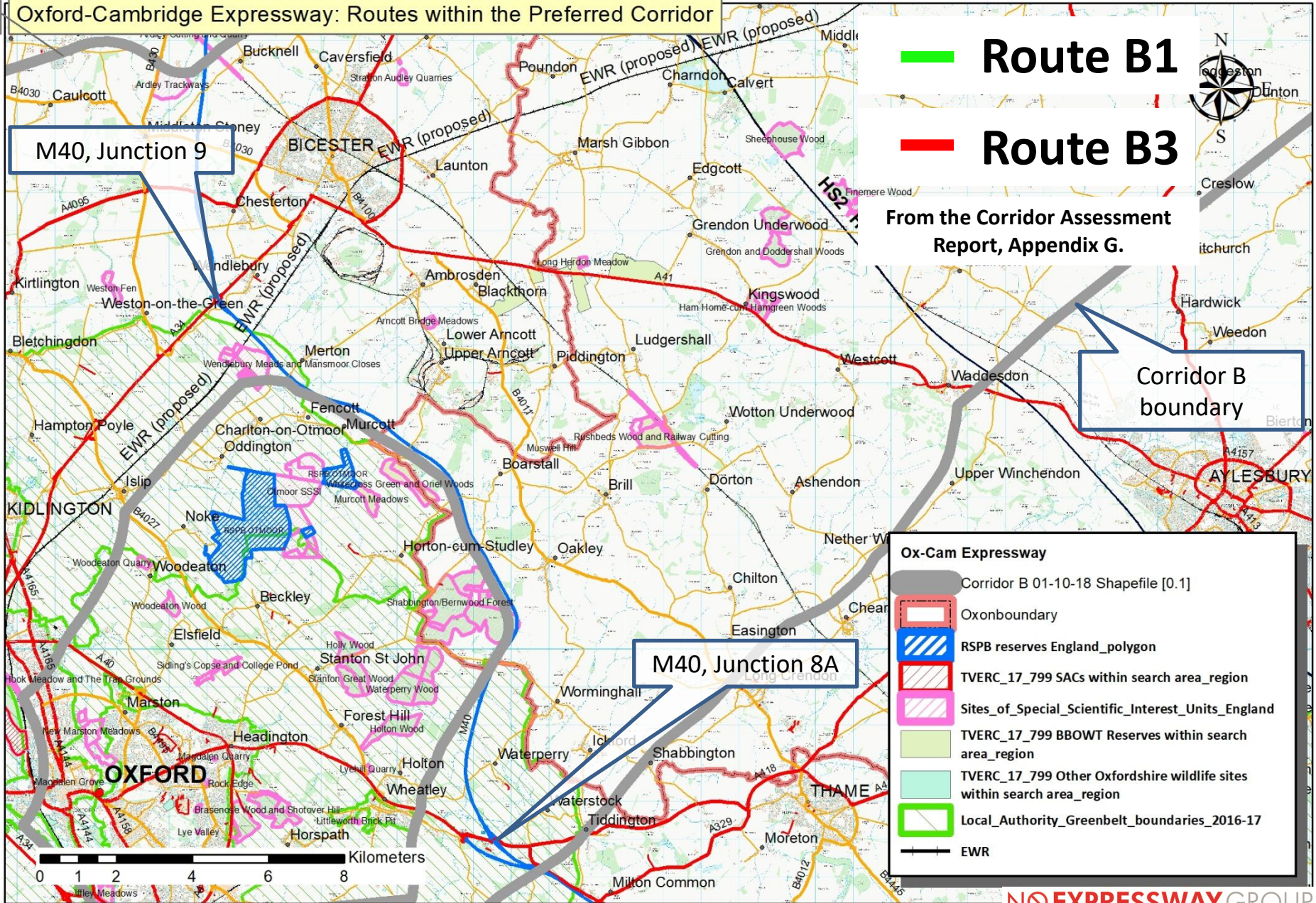


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



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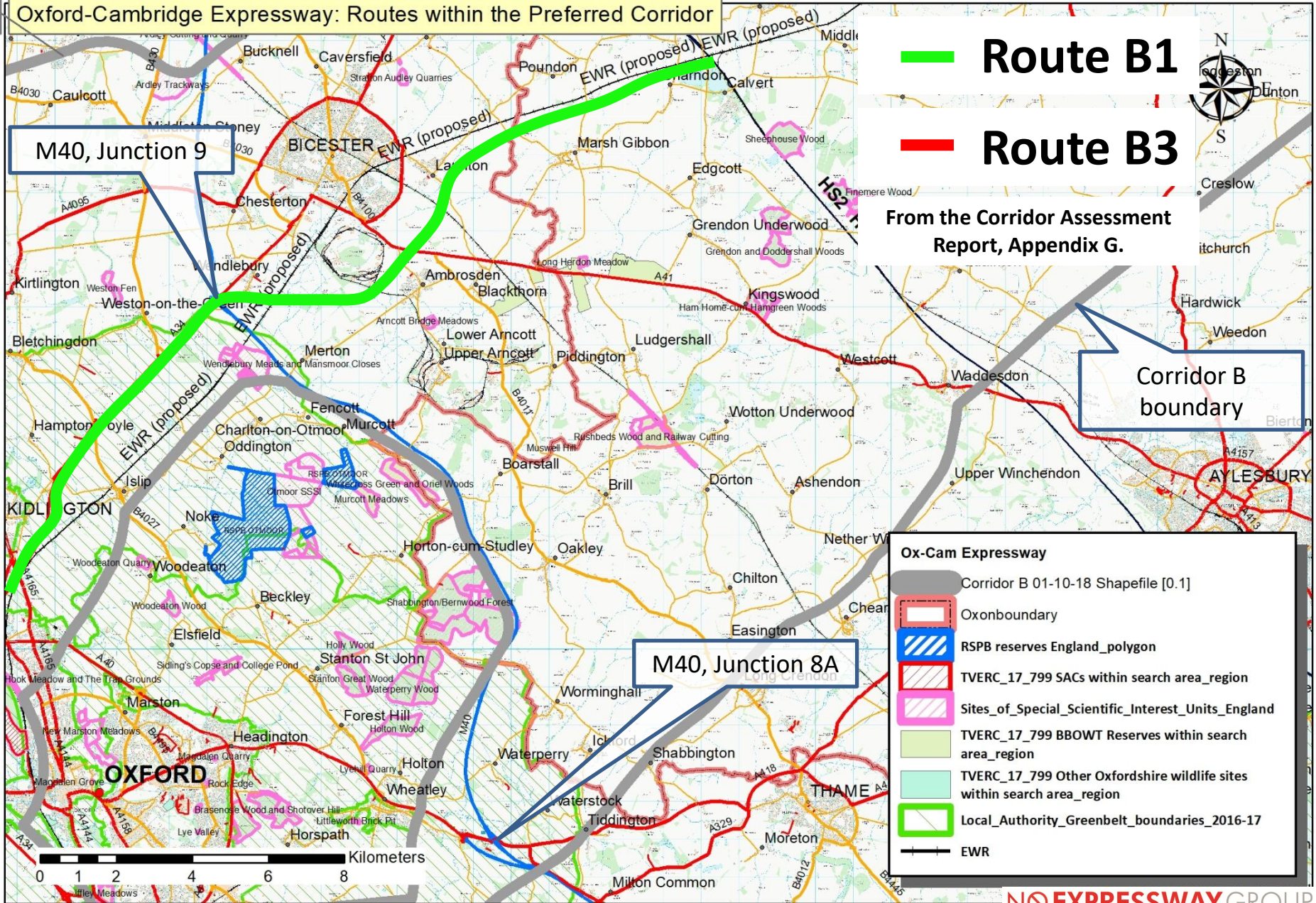
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





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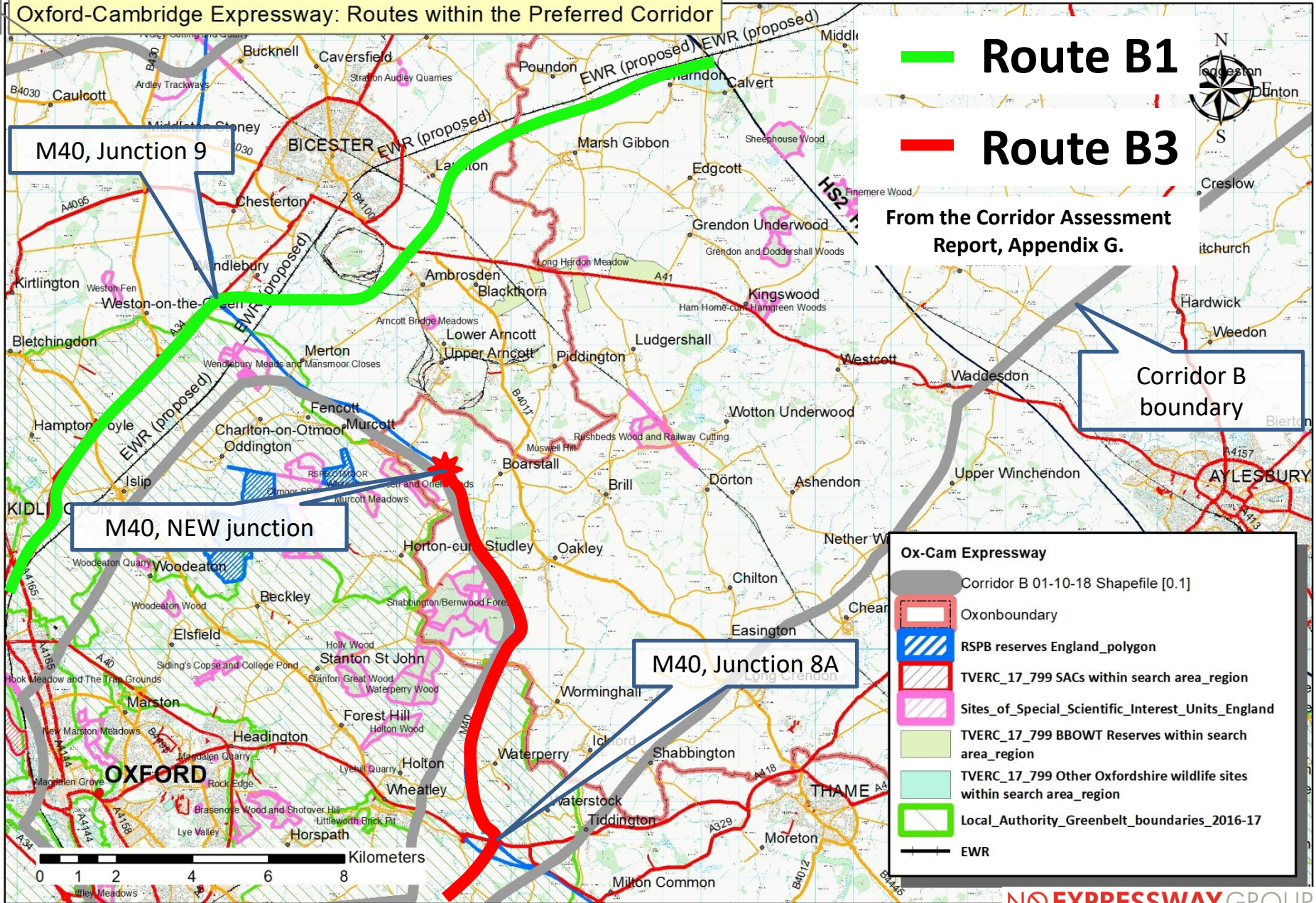
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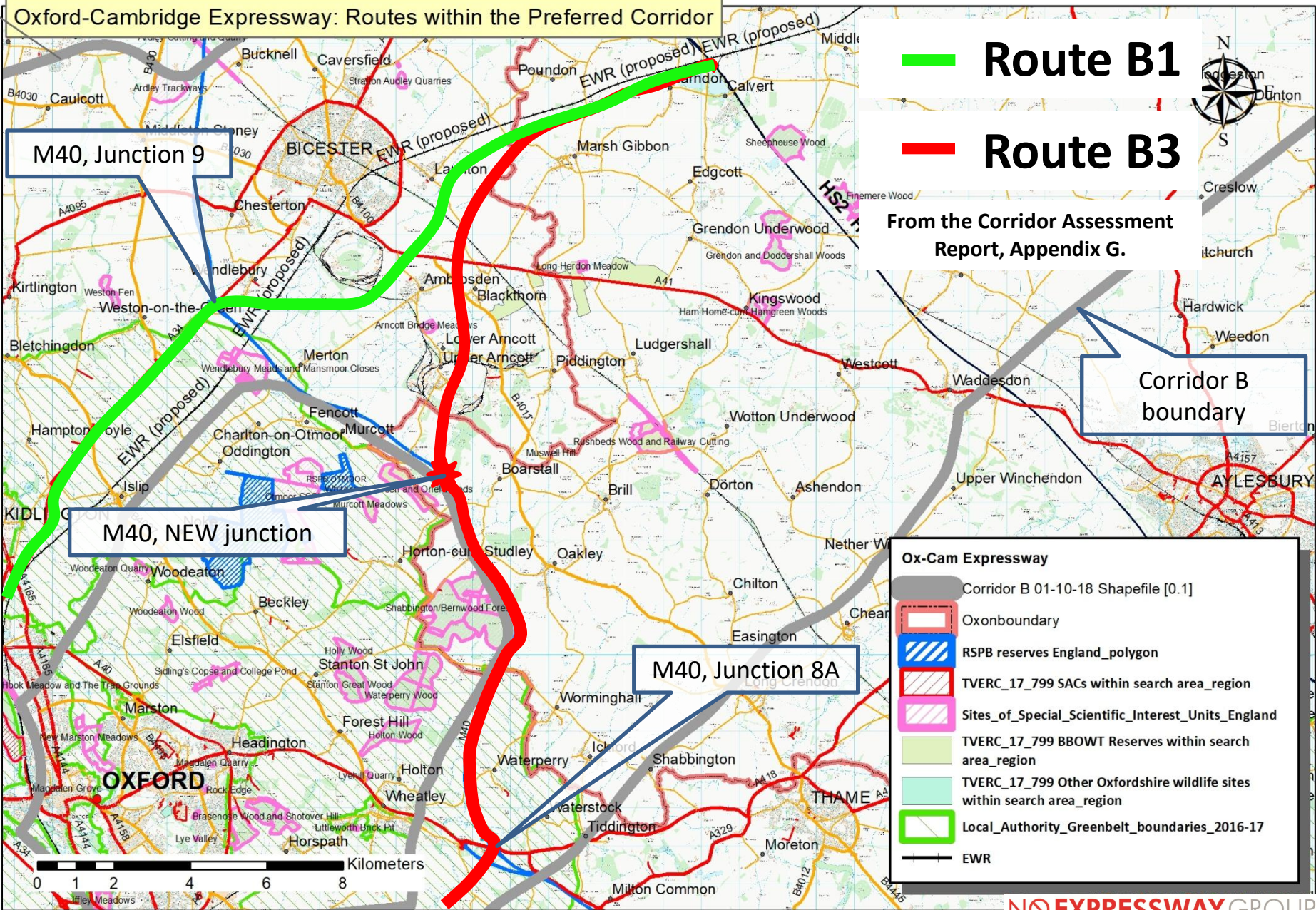


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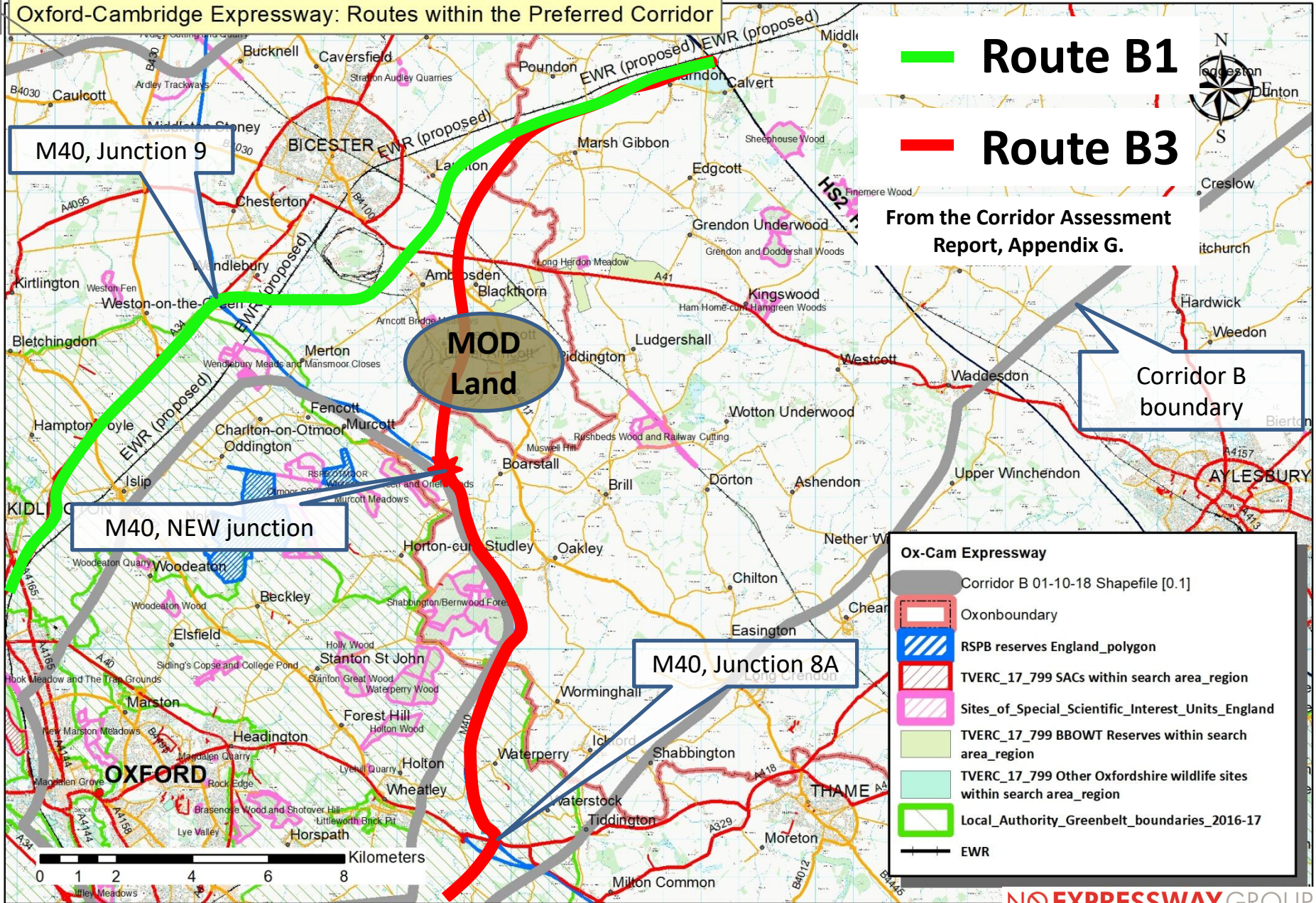


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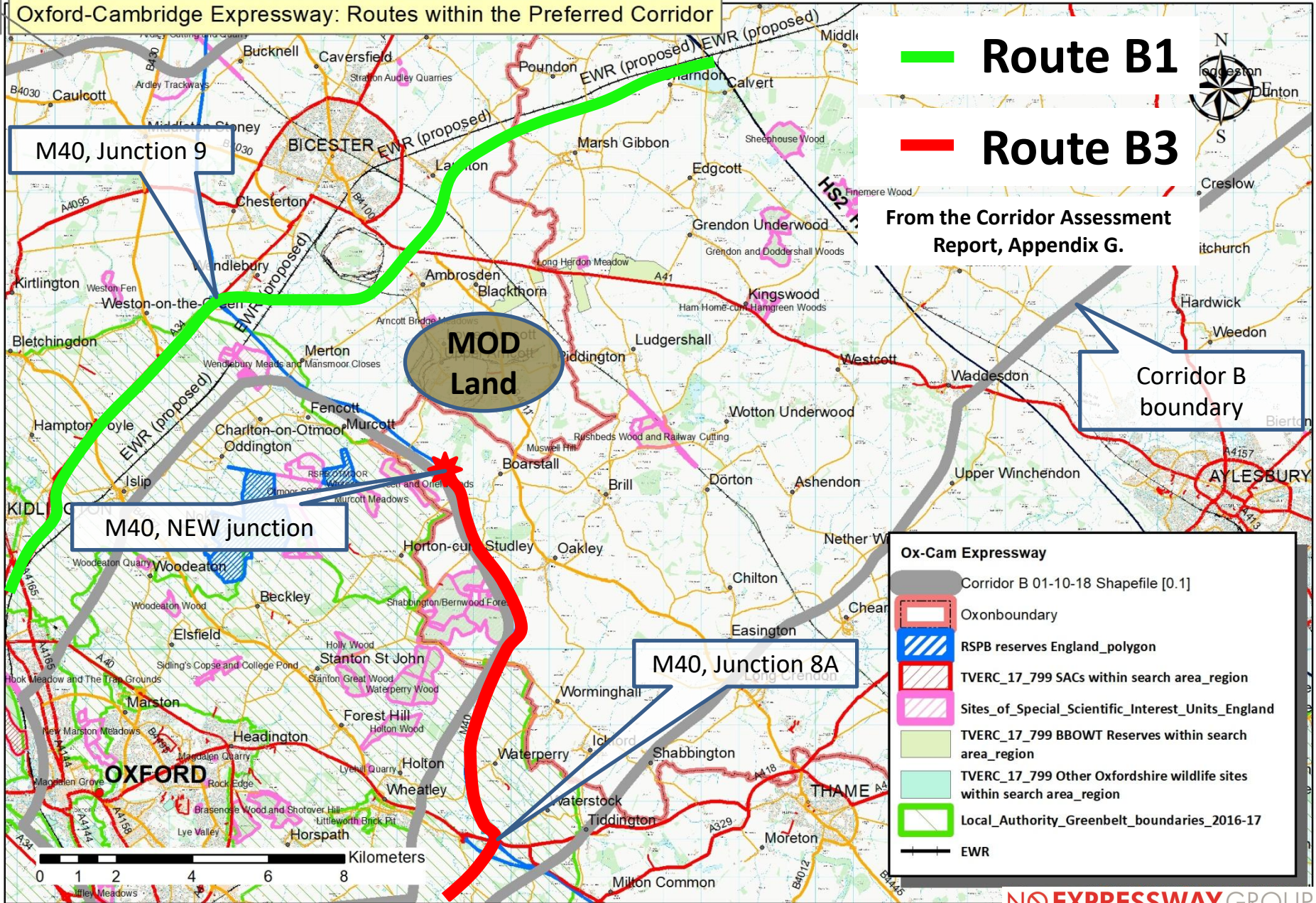
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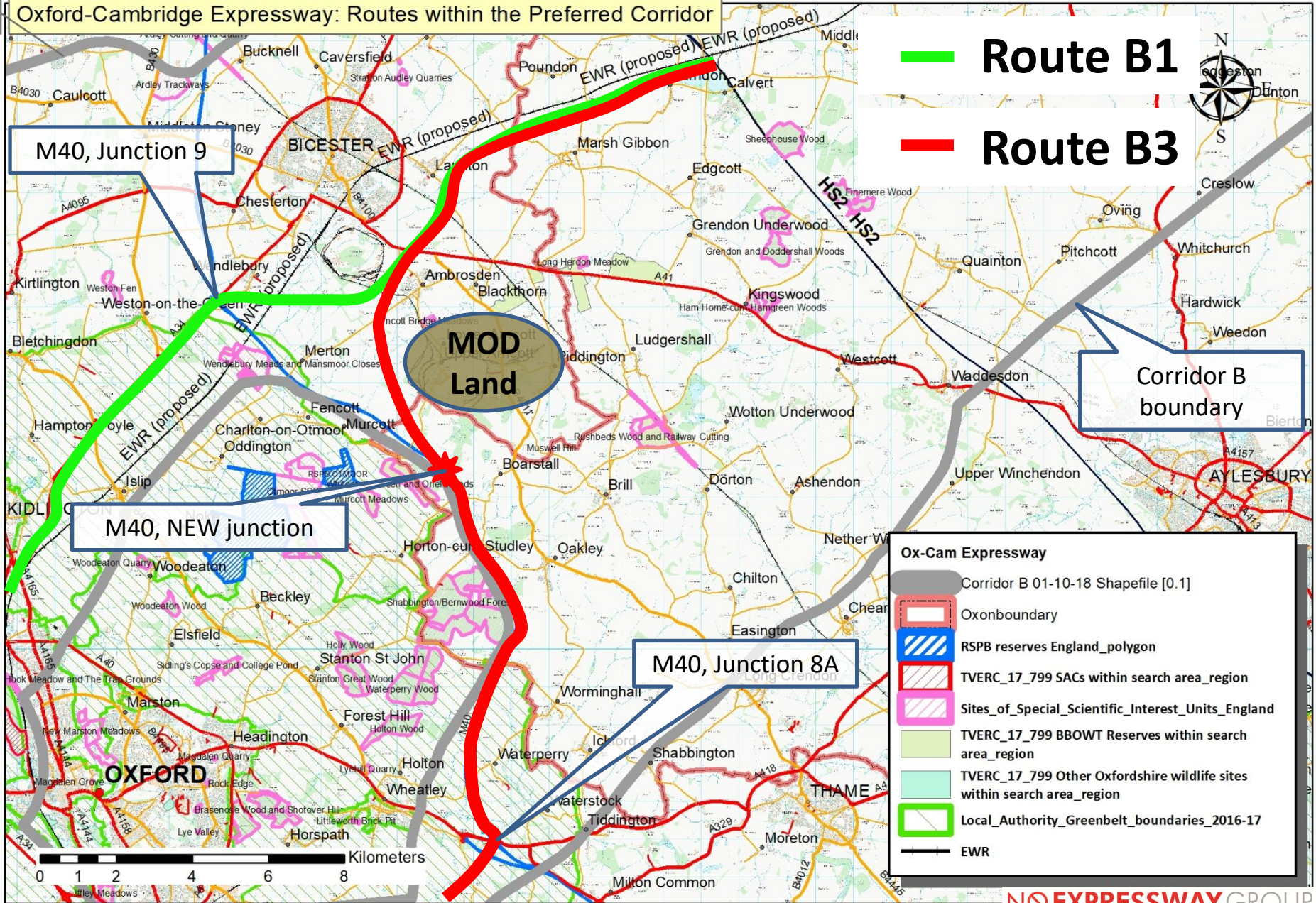
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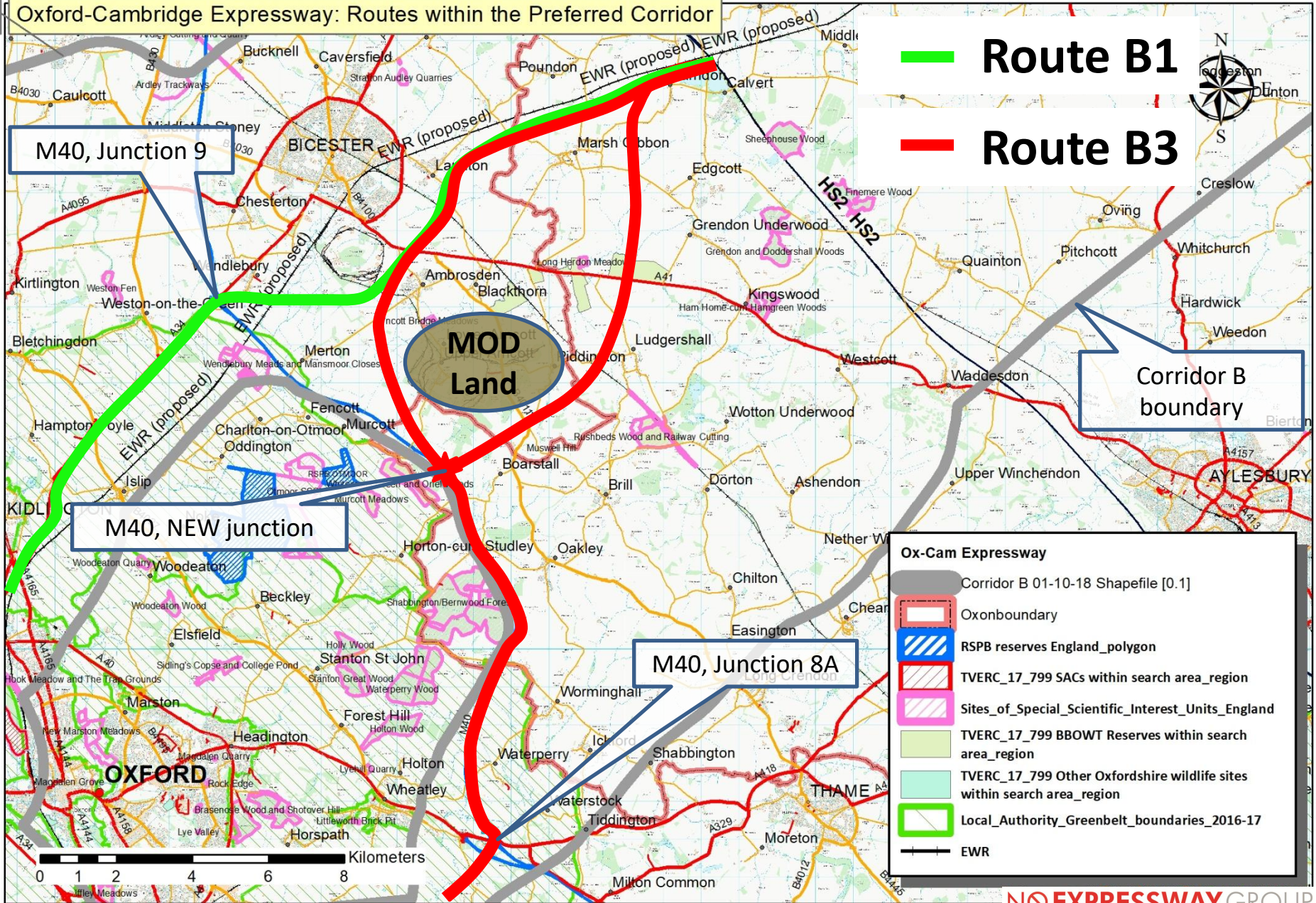
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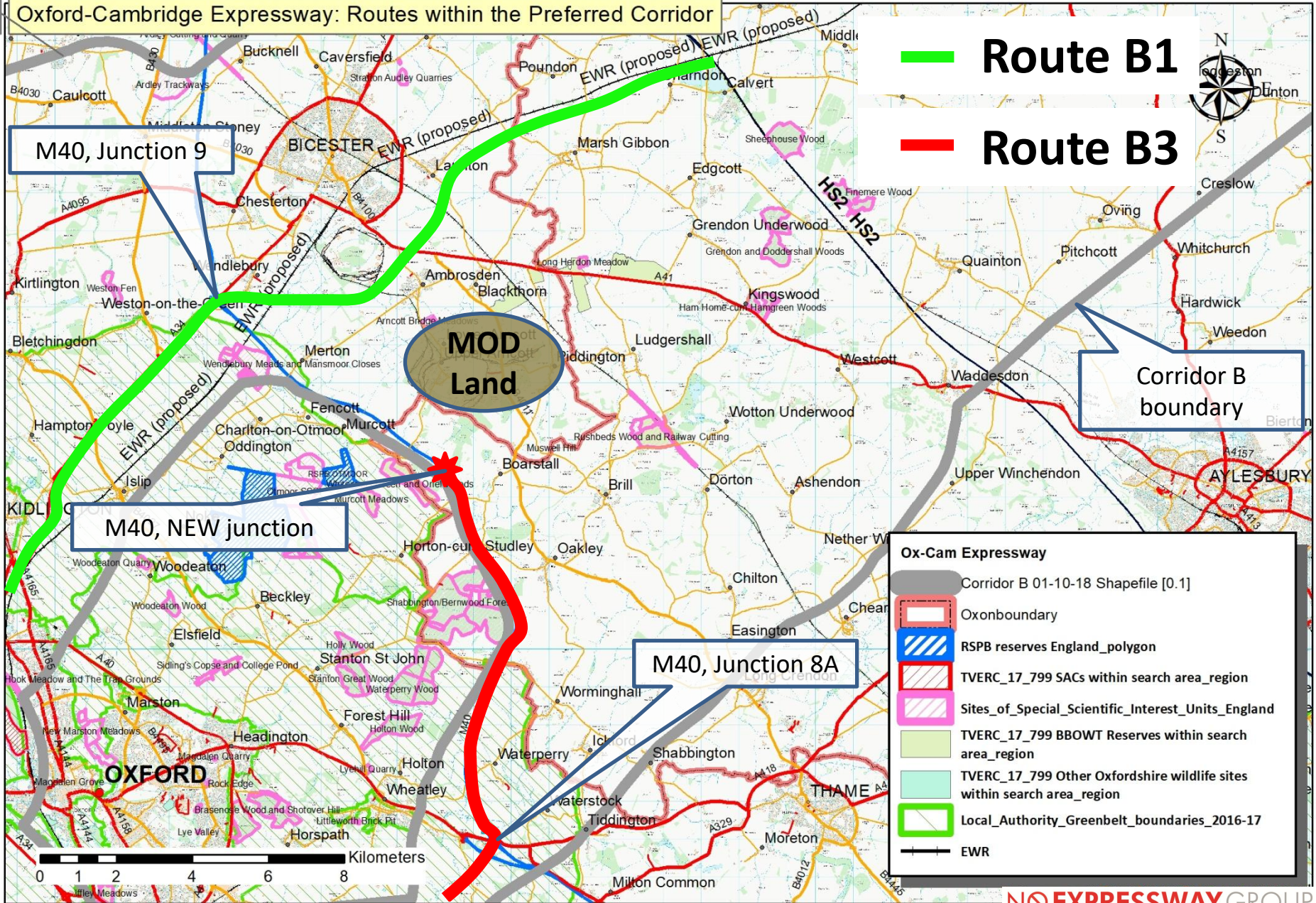
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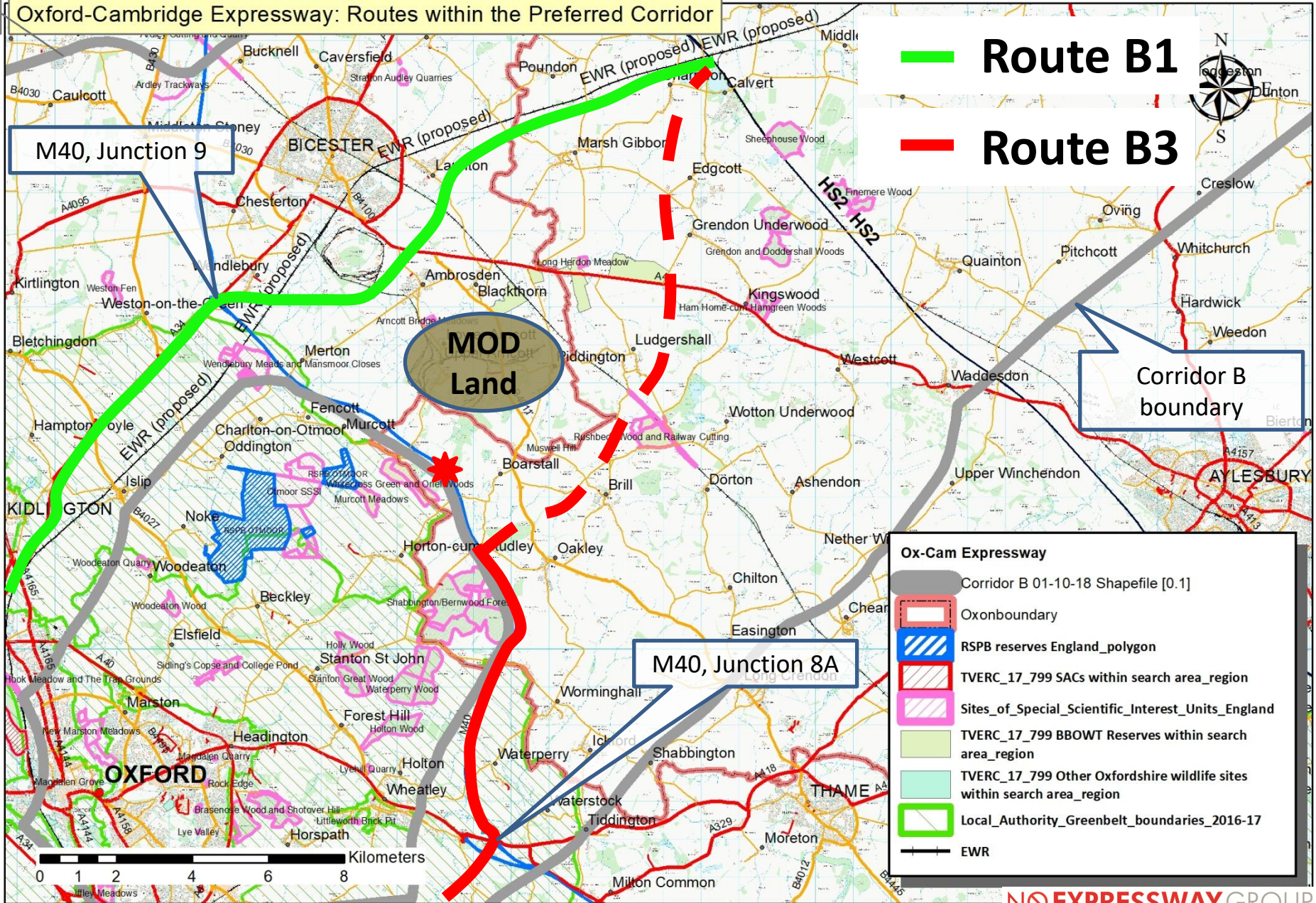
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


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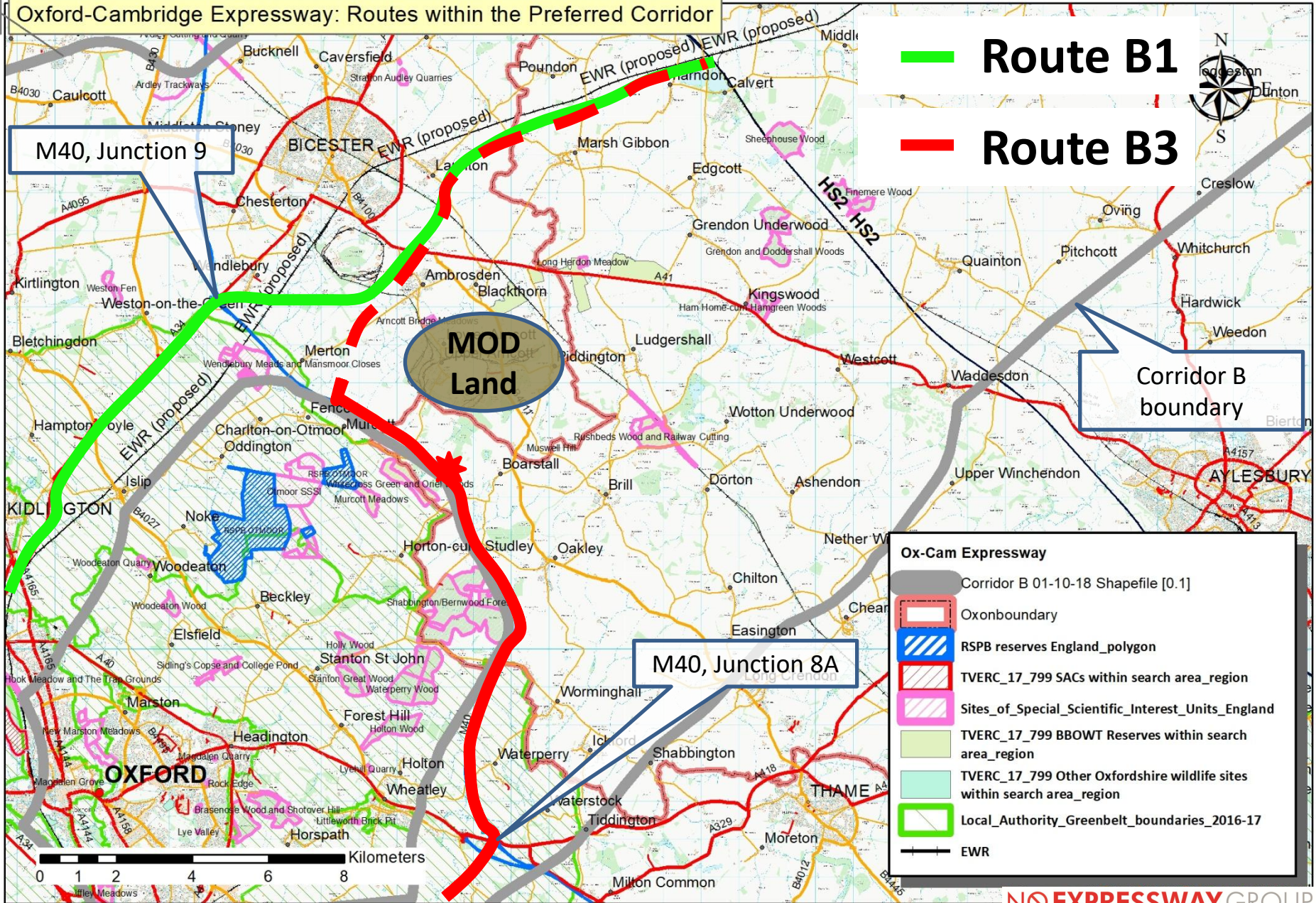
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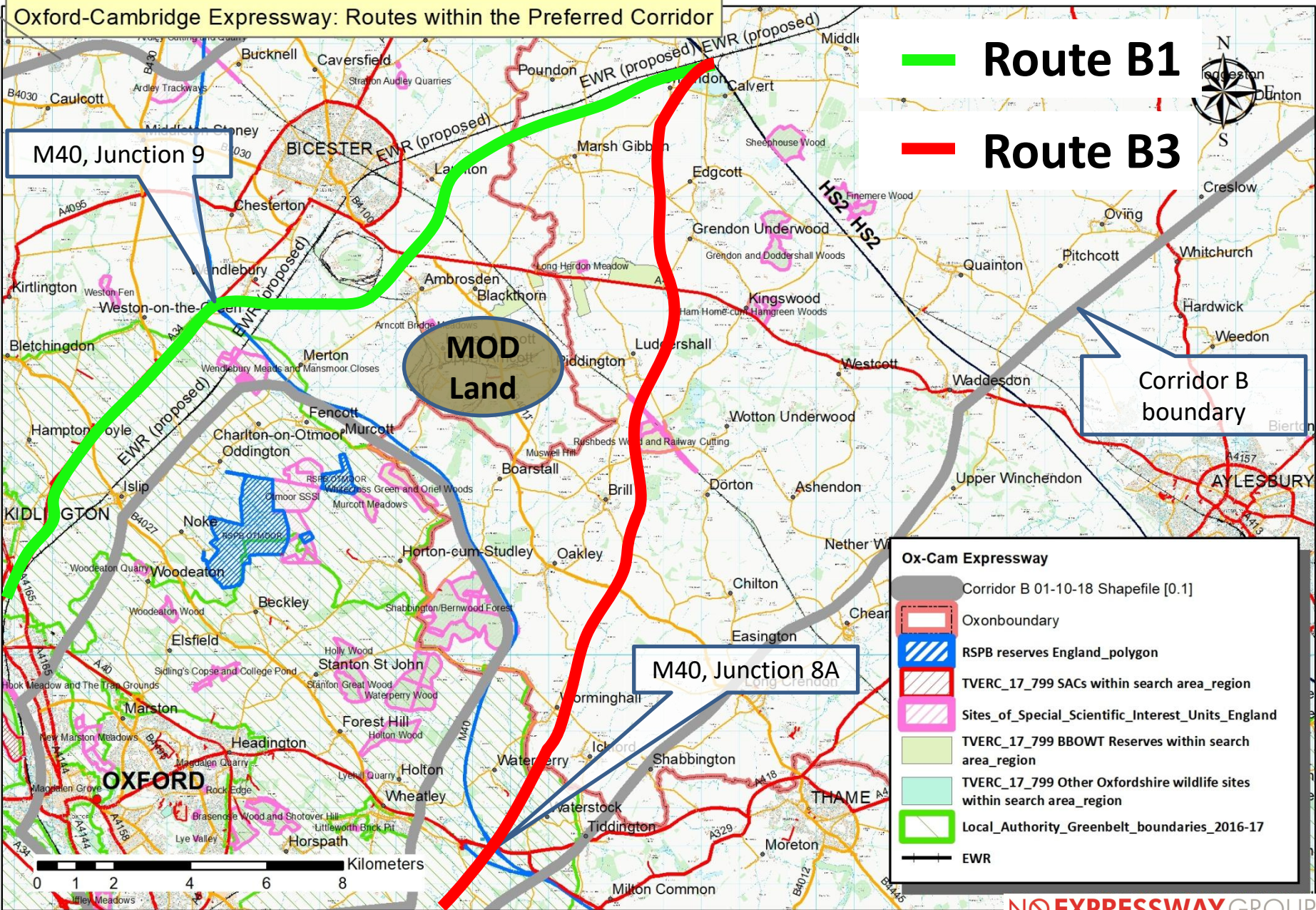


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based on the previous Savills/Arup/Econometrics analysis and their 'Transformational Scenario', were agreed as follows:

## TRANSFORMATIONAL + DEVELOPMENT ACCOMMODATED DUE TO PRESSURES FROM LAND CONSTRAINED MARKETS

23,000 + 7,000  
homes per year



3,500 equivalent

782,000 to 1,020,000  
additional homes

1,462,000 up to 1,900,000  
additional people

The drawing alongside illustrates this quantum of development, broken down into each of the four sub-areas used within the previous reports.

The areas are shown scaled at an overall development density of 3,500 people/km<sup>2</sup>, including development in the pipeline.

While such a rate of growth is not unusual in the context of the last 100 years, it is a significant challenge in absolute terms, not least given the scale of urbanisation that has already occurred in this region of the country.

Development at a density typical of much twentieth century growth (3,500 p/km<sup>2</sup> serves as a proxy for this), and as indicated by the scaled areas shown here, would mean a significant reduction in areas of open countryside.

More efficient use of land through increasing development above this relatively low level, and the careful and co-ordinated location of new development, are therefore key challenges if this scale of growth is to be acceptable, while preserving the overall character and quality of the area.

## SCENARIO TO 2050

New areas of settlement at a scale of 3,500 people / km<sup>2</sup> with approximate totals.

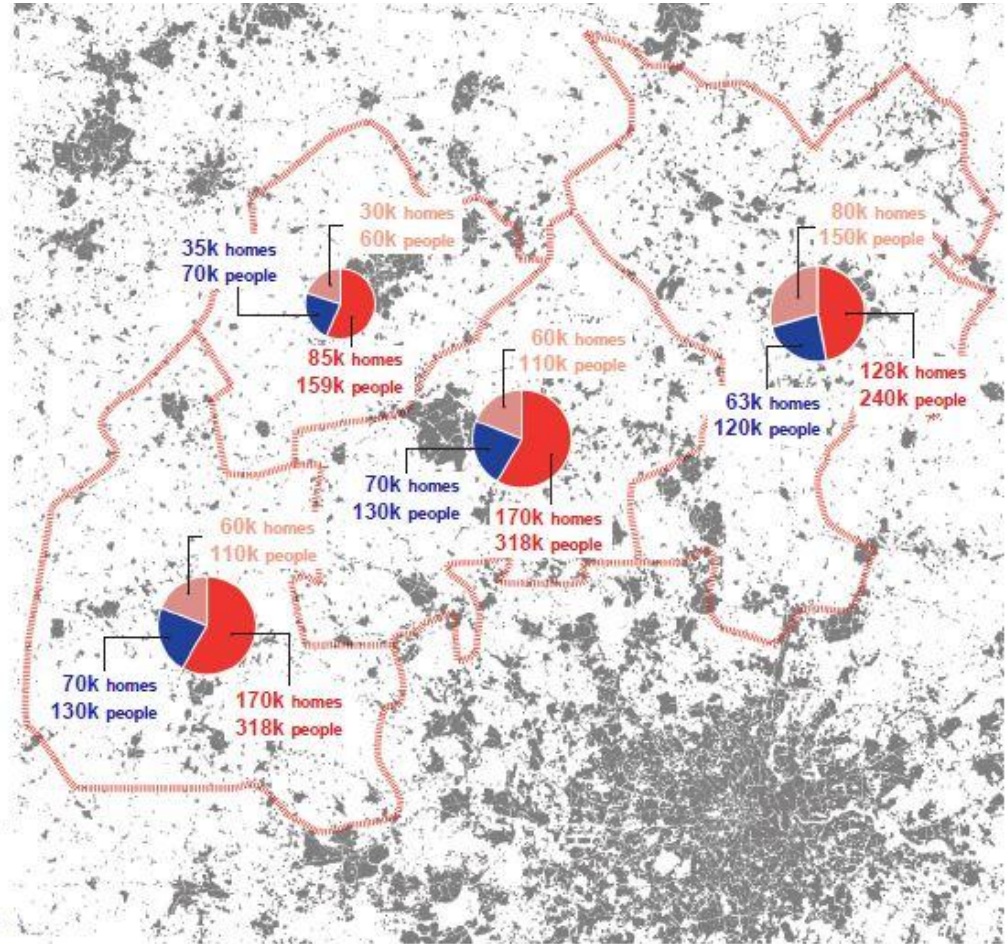
This drawing shows the additional urban area required for the transformational scenario at a settlement-wide density of 3,500 people/km<sup>2</sup>, distributed according to Savills/Arup/Cambridge Econometrics analysis.

The density is typical of much twentieth century growth and was selected based on a rounded average of the 'built-up density found across the corridor.

- Current known planned development\*
- Additional development required to meet the Transformational Scenario's Housing and Population Targets by 2050
- Development accommodated due to pressures from land constrained markets\*\*

\* Under construction, approved, in for planning, or allocated.

\*\*The distribution is indicative and follows a proportional trend according to the distribution of the 'Additional development required to meet Transformational Scenario's Housing and Population Targets by 2050'.





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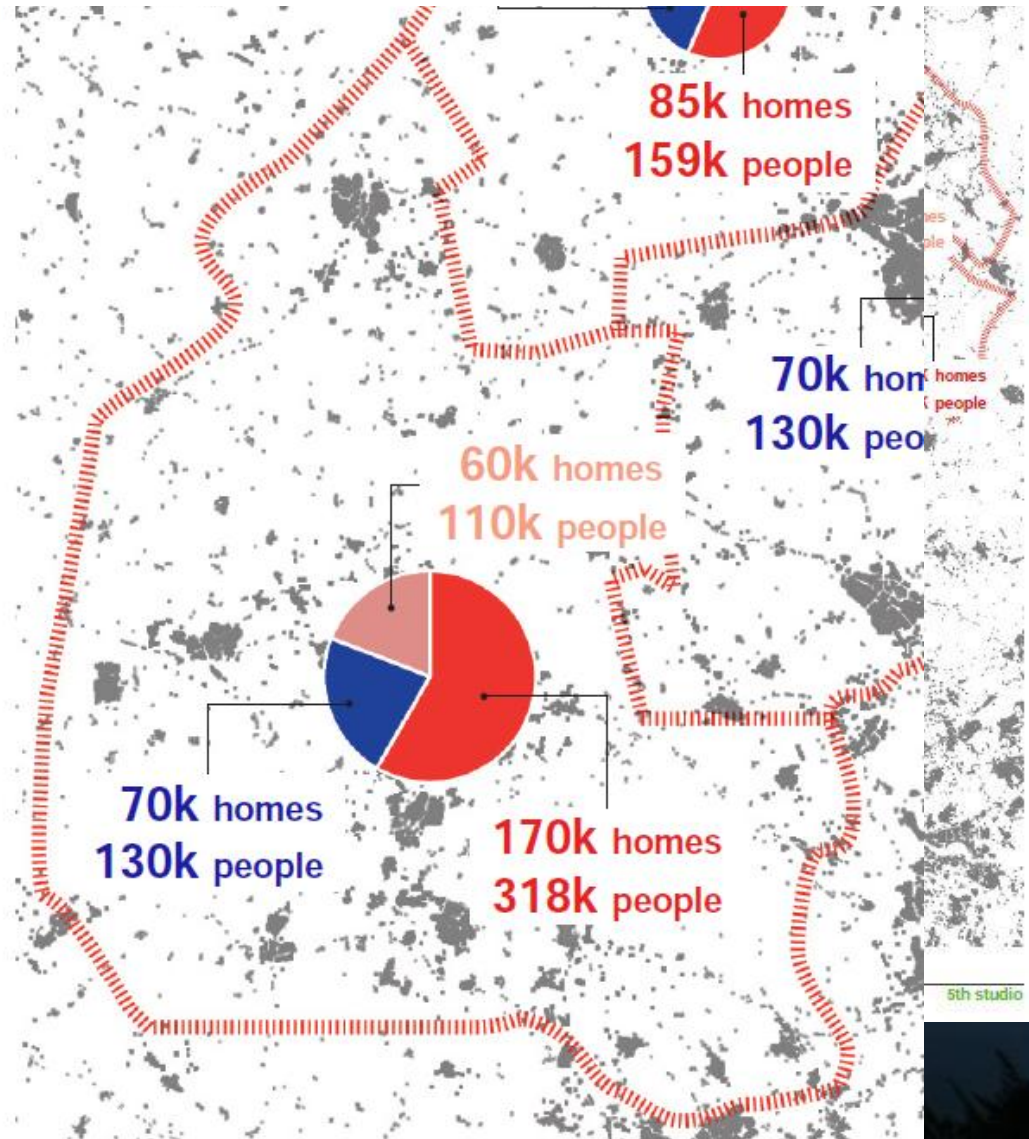
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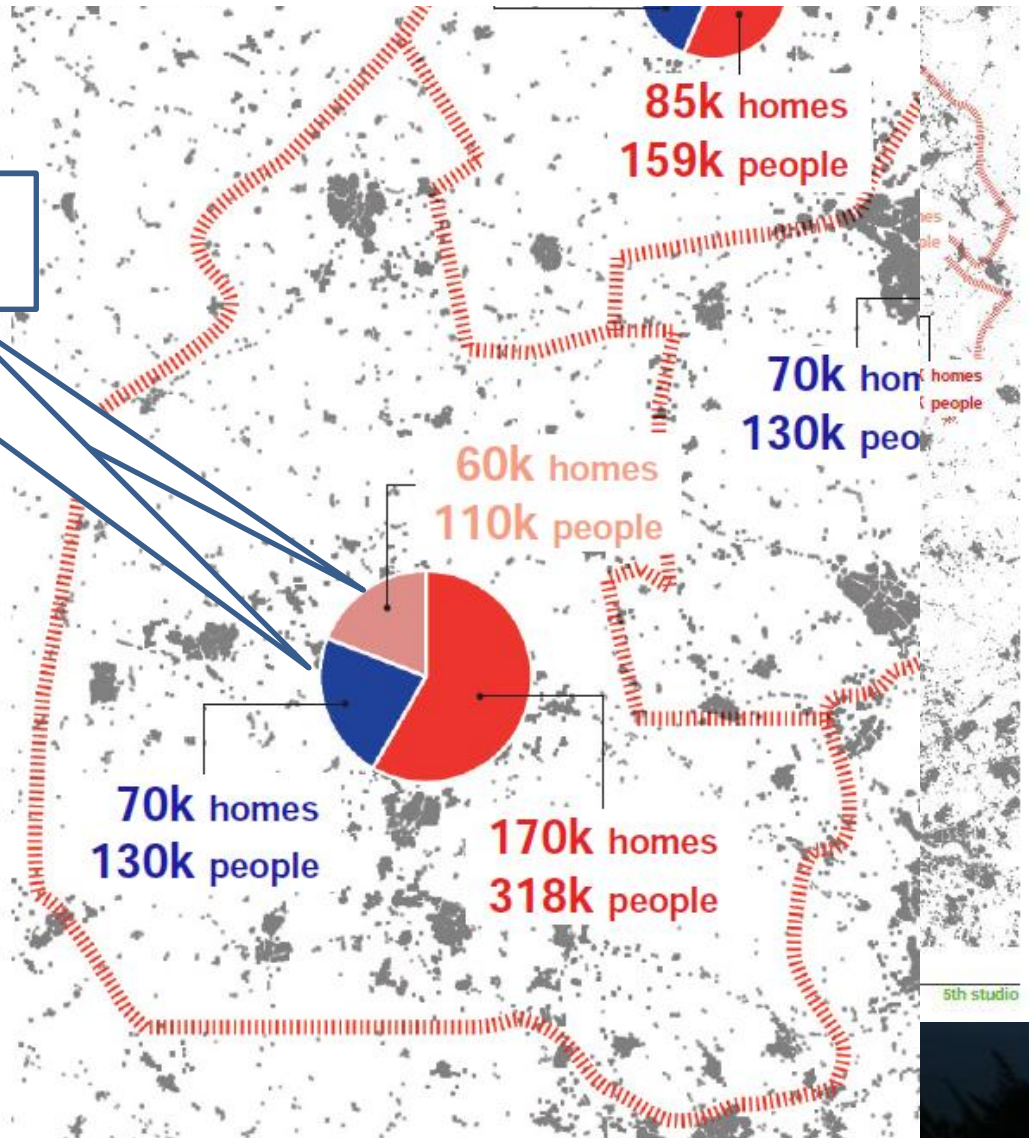


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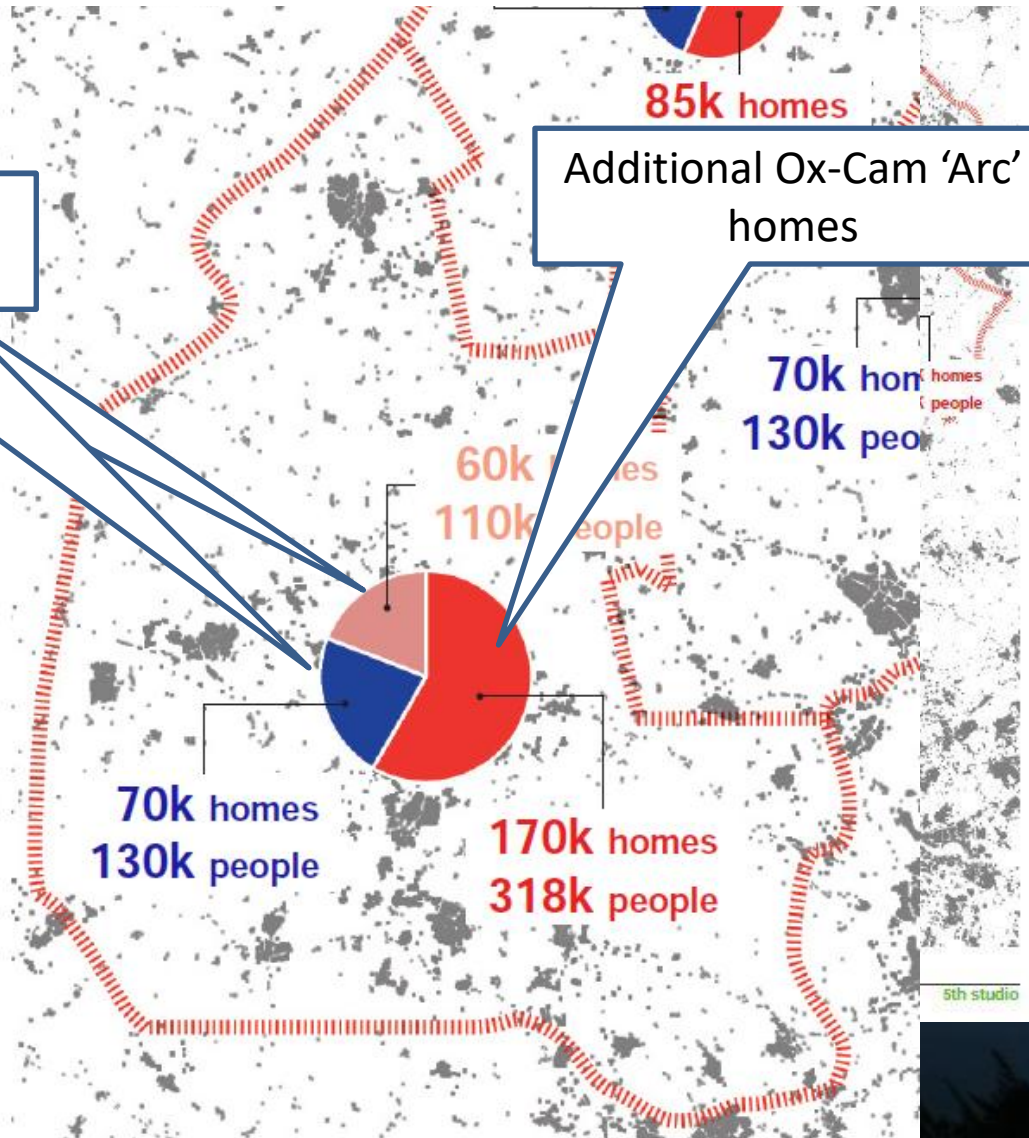
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Additional Ox-Cam 'Arc' homes

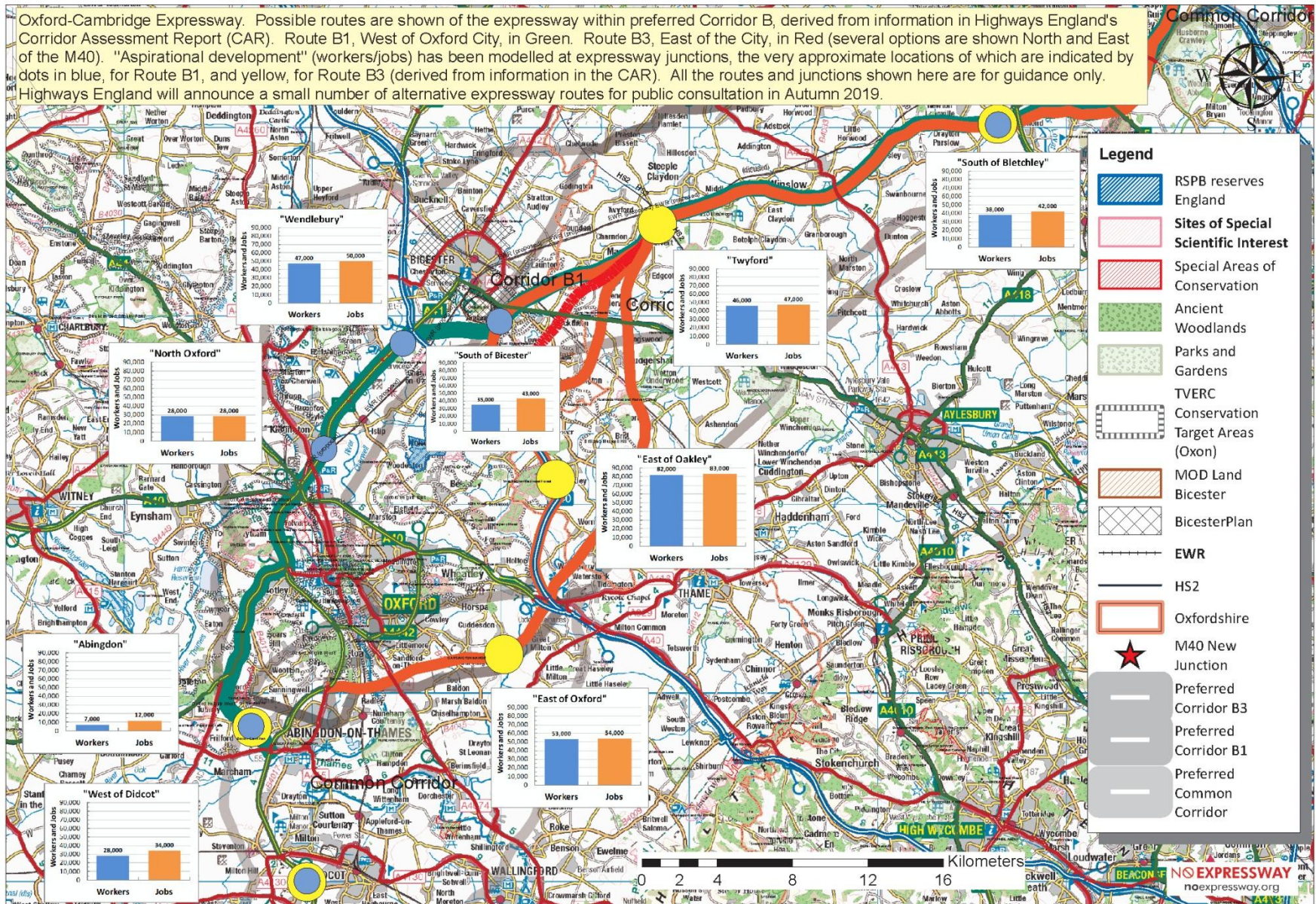
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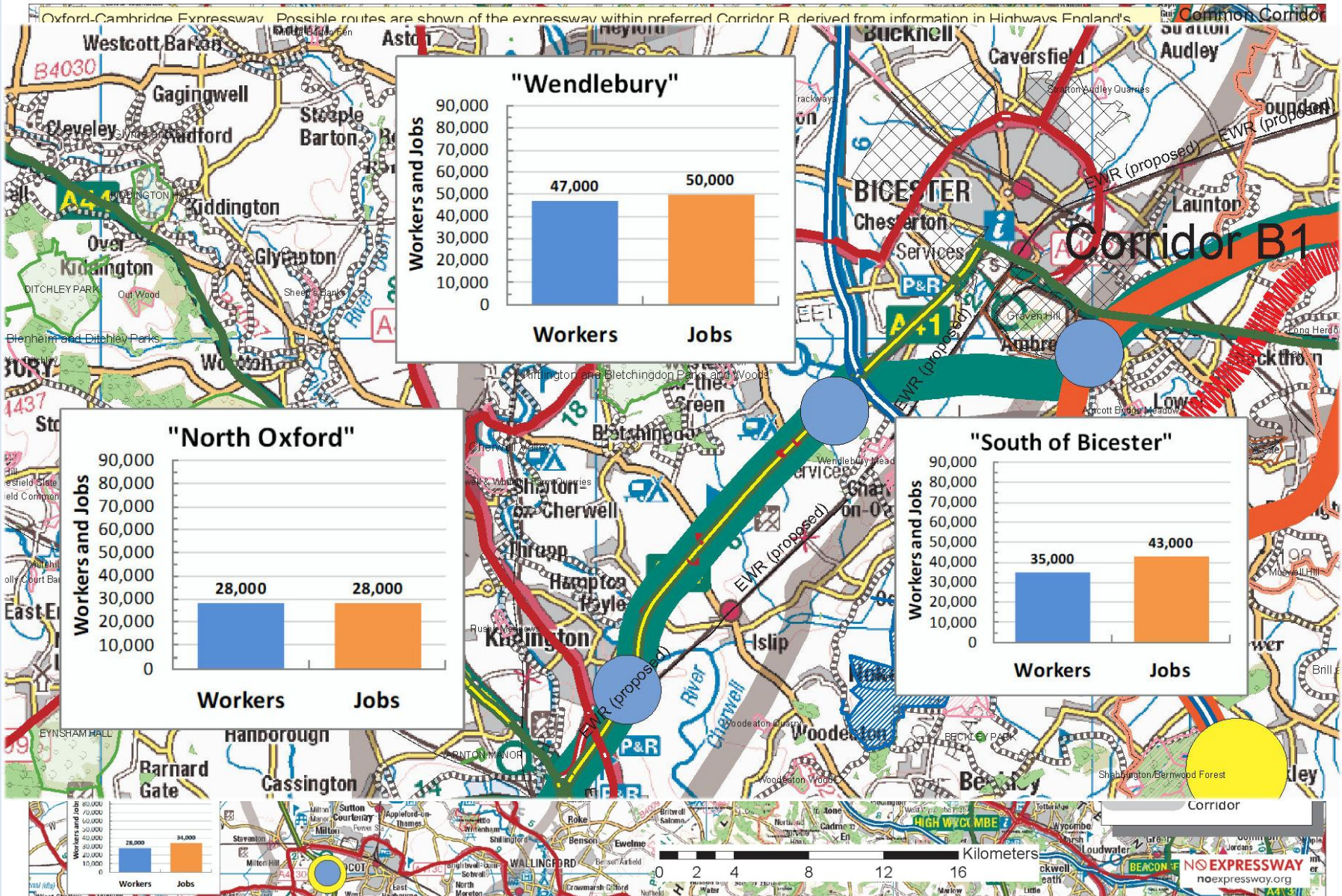
# ...how many new homes along the Expressway itself?

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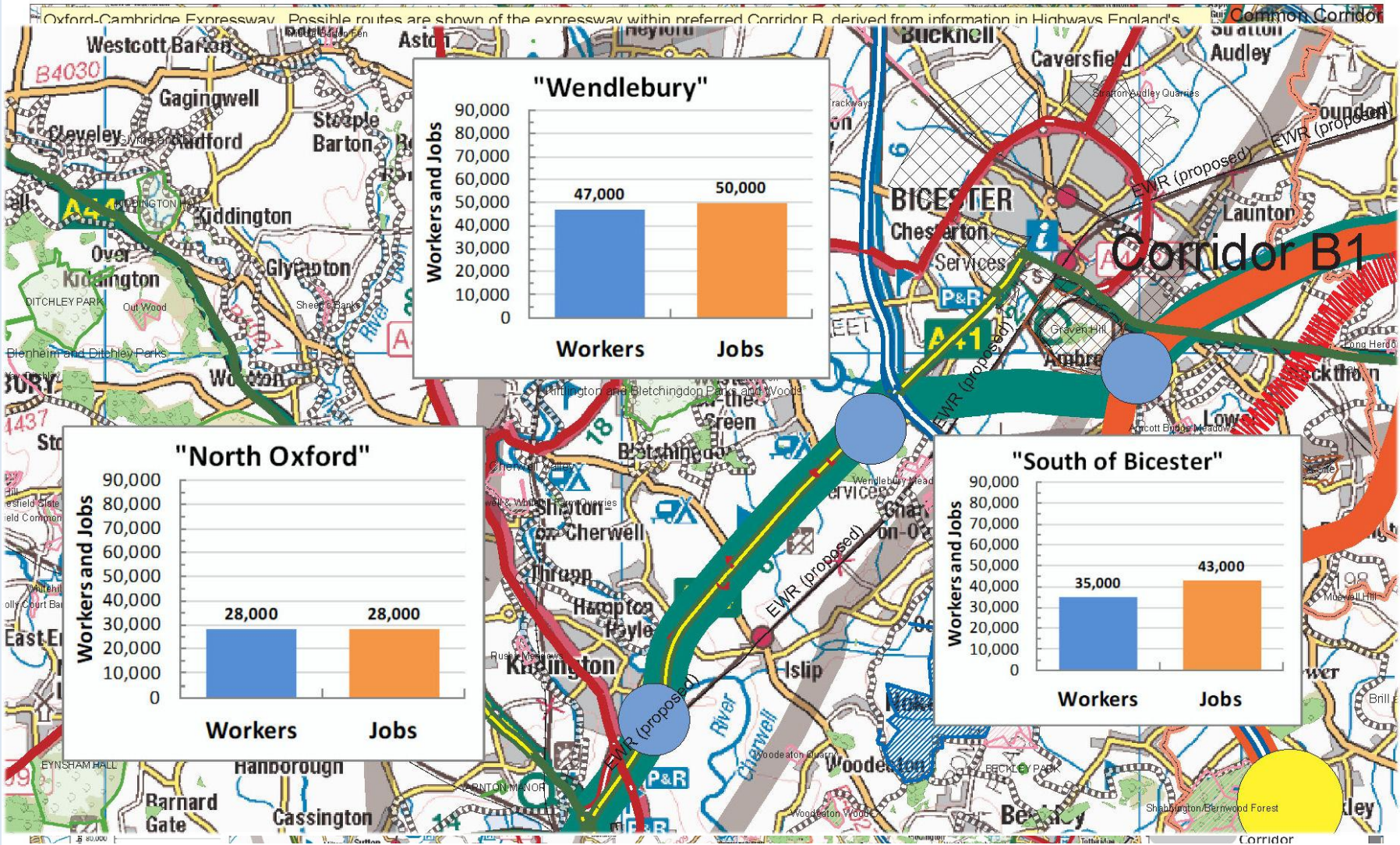


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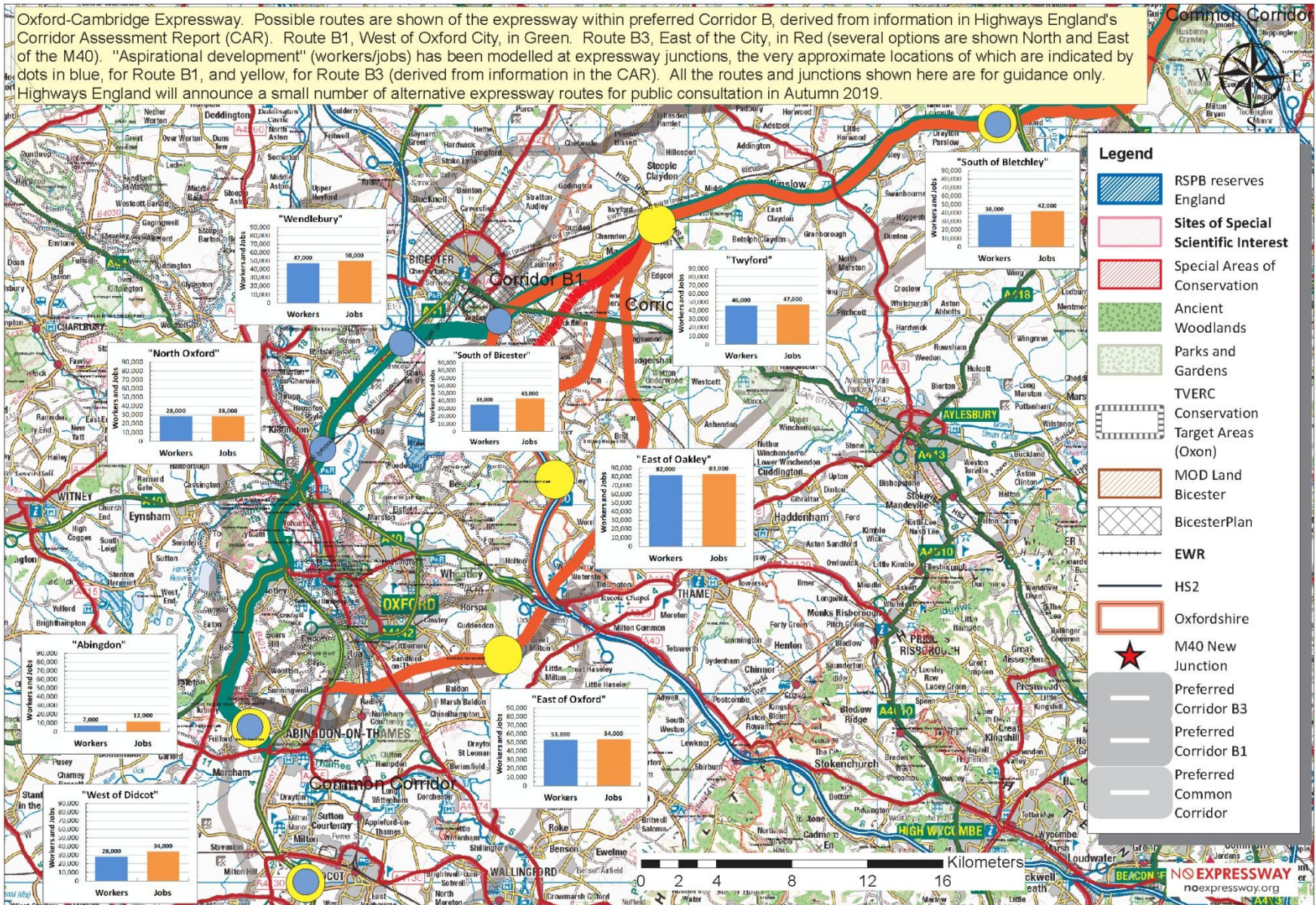
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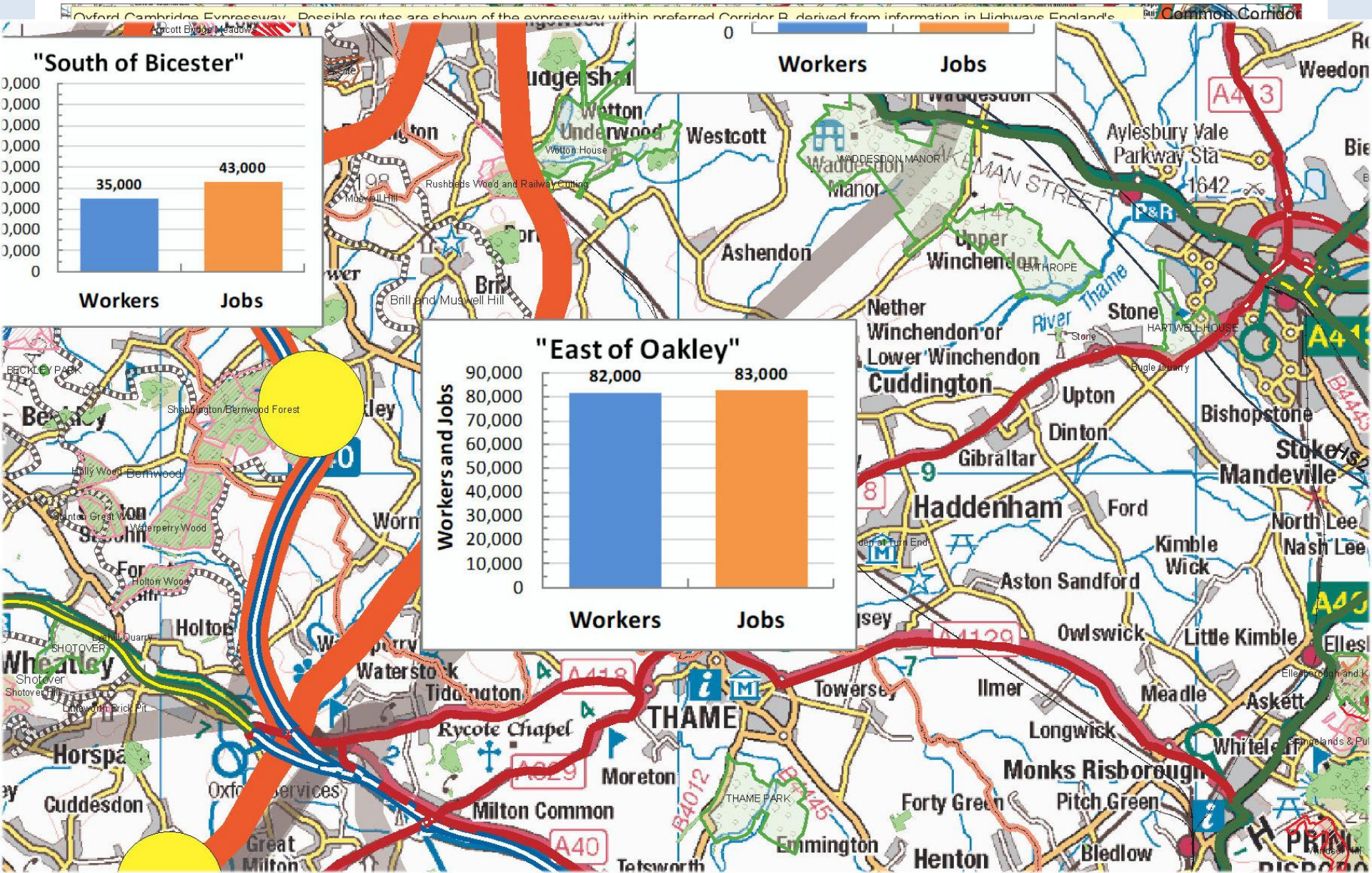
**That's 202,000 people (Oxford City has 154,600 2017 figure )**

# .....and the same again 'East of Oakley' ... 65,000 houses

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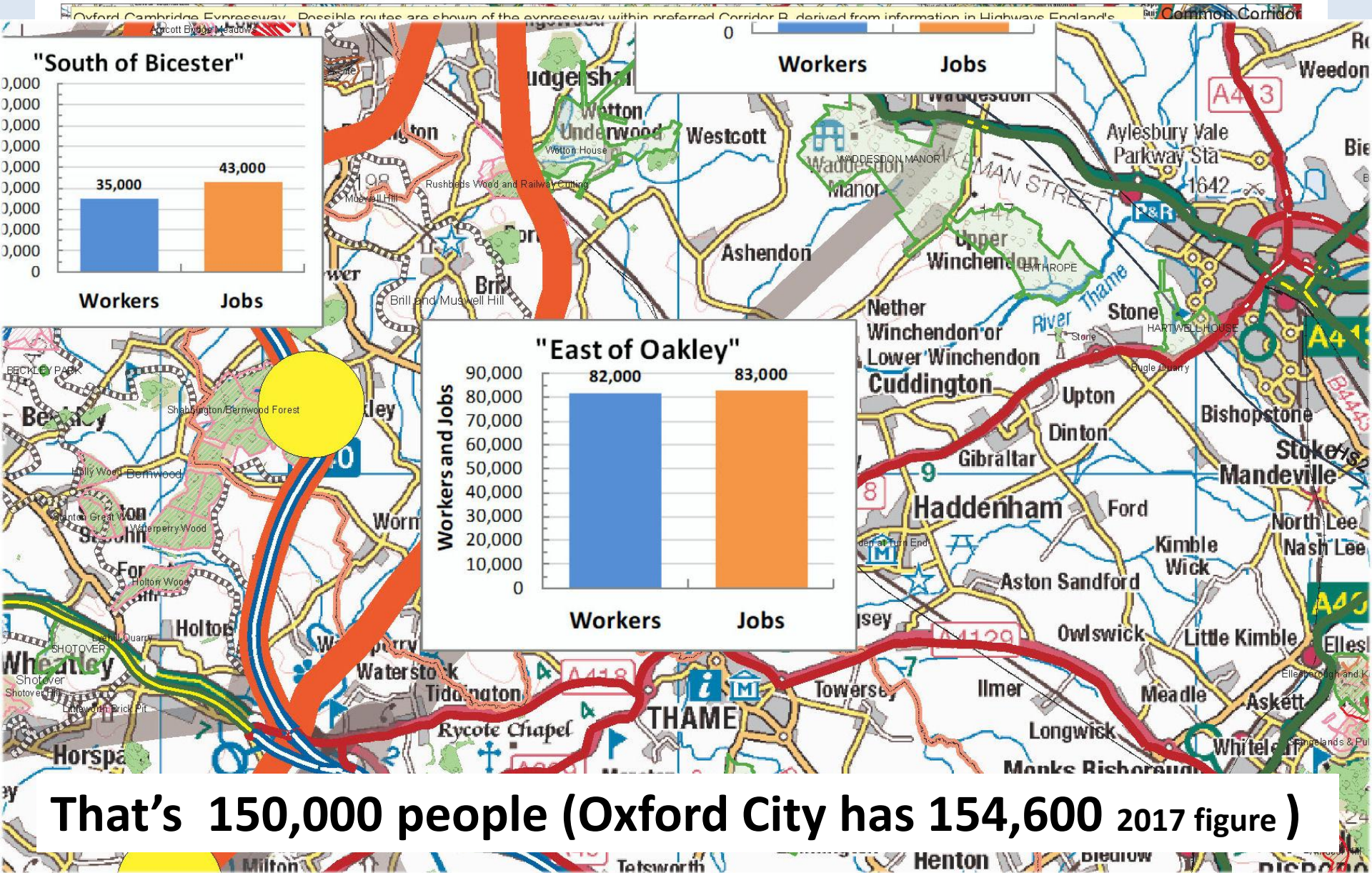


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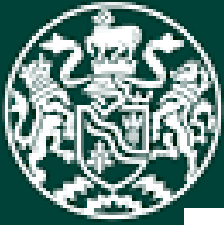
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**These Councils are supposed to  
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**They are supposed to be  
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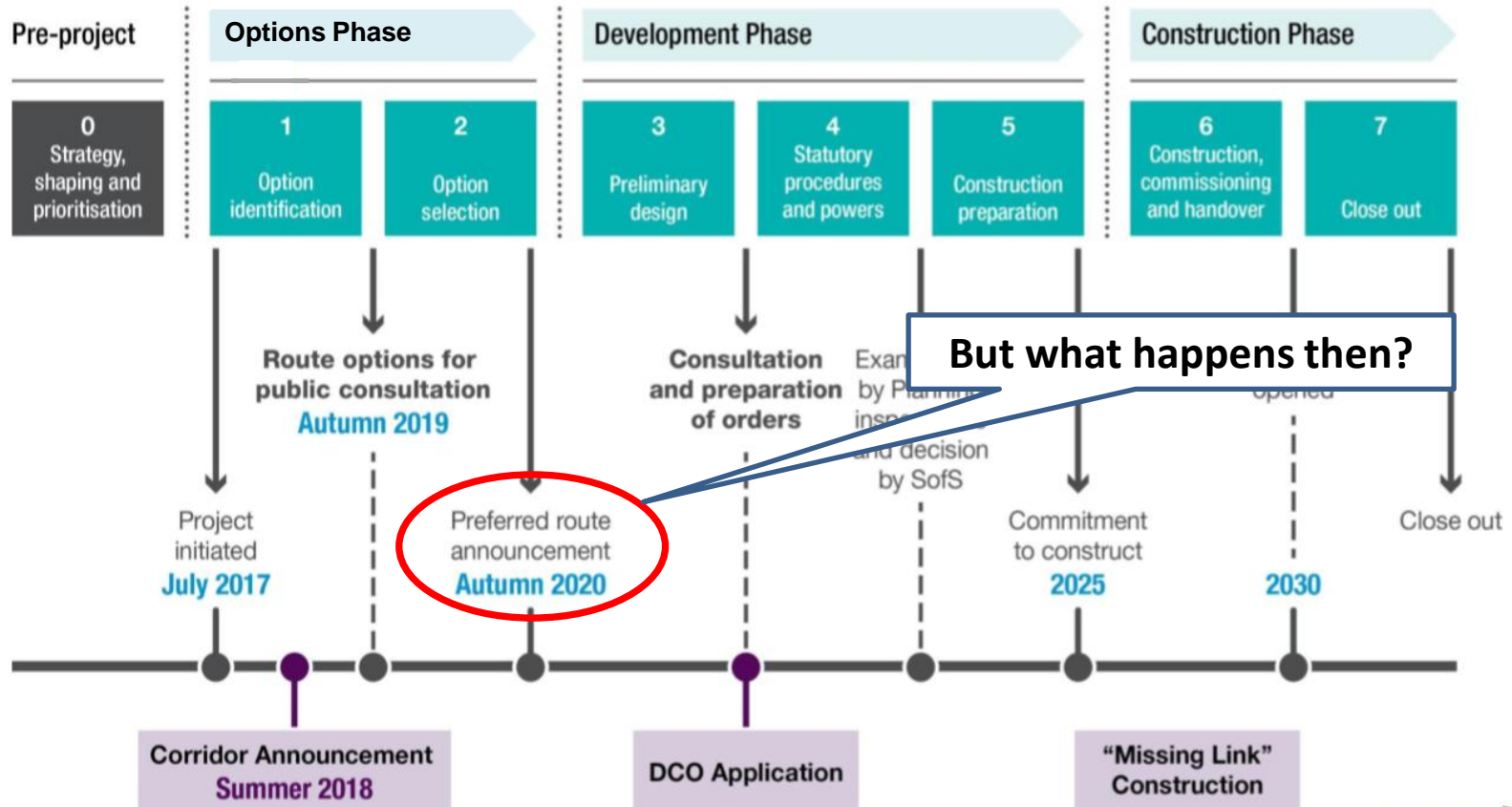
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# Highways England's timetable





# Highways England Major Project Milestones & Lifecycle



# So What Can You DO?

## 1. Make your voice heard!

**Write to Councillors, MPs and influential people in your neighbourhood.  
Make this issue toxic to the politicians.**

## 2. Spread the word

## 3. Use your network

## 4. Submit Environmental, Heritage, Wildlife and other information to Highways England (anyone can do this, not just registered Stakeholders).

## 5. If this scheme goes ahead, digging will start in 2025 for completion in 2030.