

Why more transport interchanges?

The demand for travel in the UK is increasing and building more and more roads will not solve the long term problem.

Motorists need to be encouraged to switch from cars to public transport. One key area for improvement, to make public transport more attractive is the interchange – where drivers leave their cars and take other forms of transport

Why go Underground?

Surface interchanges can sprawl over the landscape or effect the local environment.

Building these interchanges wholly or partly underground will:

- Protect our environment, and
- Allow construction in key locations where surface sites are not available.

What do you think?

The Government's Highways Agency has published a Consultative Document outlining the principle and seeking views on the key considerations involved in putting transport interchanges underground.

This is your chance to make your views known.

The Study

The Highways Agency commissioned Brown & Root Services to study the key considerations relating to underground interchanges and to produce computer virtual reality models to show what these might look like.

Consultation

A Consultation Document entitled "Changing Journeys – The Development of Underground Interchanges" is available from:

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Underground Interchanges can work for

OPERATORS

Requiring the purchase of only small areas of land, they can be sited at prime locations in towns and cities.

Economic viability can be assisted by:

- Using part underground/part surface designs
- Using existing excavations, such as quarries
- Reducing excavation by the efficient use of space underground
- Making use of other sources of income such as business and recreational facilities.



Underground Interchanges can work for

PASSENGERS

Located where they are needed, the imaginative use of underground space can:

- Be welcoming with large open environments
- Be easy to use and allow you to see where to go next
- Be safe and know that your car is secure
- Reduce your walking distances

A pleasant environment is guaranteed, whatever the outside weather.



Underground Interchanges can work for

GOVERNMENT

Placing Interchanges at key locations will help to get people off the roads and onto public transport.

This would:

- Protect the environment, the landscape and our heritage
- Reduce road accidents
- Improve access for those without cars

Underground interchanges can make a valuable contribution to an Integrated Transport Policy.