

Appendix G Exhibition Information Boards

East Reading Mass Rapid Transit Route

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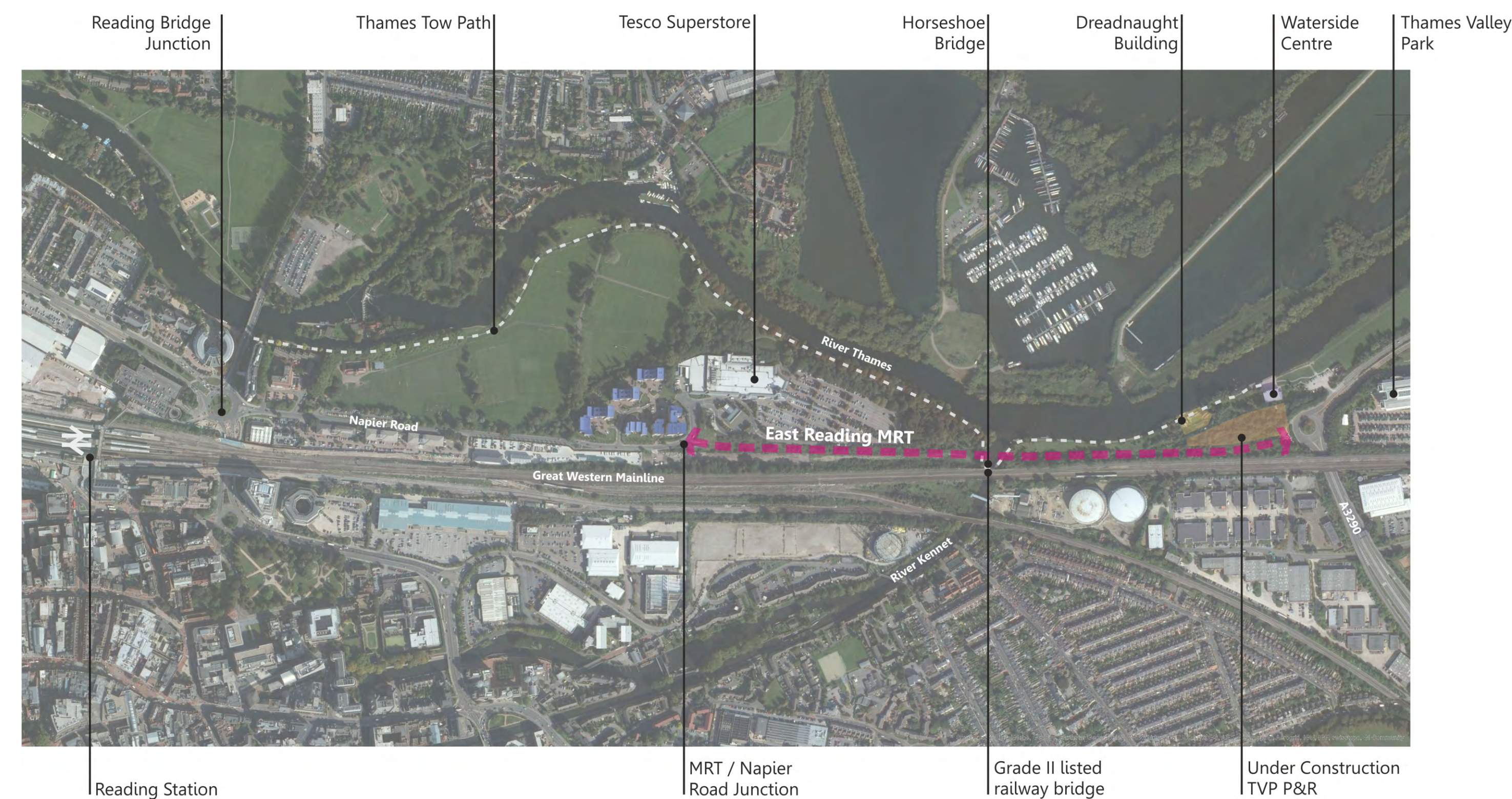
What is the East Reading Mass Rapid Transit Scheme?

The East Reading Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) scheme is a segregated fast track public transport, pedestrian and cycle route. It is designed to improve accessibility and support continued sustainable growth in Reading and Wokingham Boroughs and the wider area.

The MRT route will link the A3290 at Thames Valley Park, adjacent to the new Park & Ride facility under construction, to Napier Road, Reading town centre and the railway station.

The scheme is being promoted by Reading Borough Council (RBC), Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (TVB LEP).

Location



Proposed Route



Working with:



Illustrative Images of the Scheme



Planning & Transport Policy

This scheme is a long established element of RBC's and WBC's strategies to deliver sustainable economic growth and housing for Reading and Wokingham Boroughs. It is included in RBC's Corporate Plan, Core Strategy and Local Transport Plan. The scheme is also identified in WBC's Core Strategy, Managing Development Delivery, Local Plan, and Local Transport Plan; and TVB LEP's Strategic Economic Plan

Scheme Changes

This is a cross-boundary scheme which requires planning permission from both RBC and WBC. WBC resolved to refuse planning permission at the planning committee held on 25th June 2018 due to concern over harm to the character and appearance of the area and that the application would be contrary to Policies CP1, CP3 and CP11 of the Local Plan.

RBC, as applicant, has agreed to undertake public consultation on enhancements to the appearance of the scheme to address this concern. This exhibition forms the basis of that consultation. The feedback received will be used to inform a new planning application which will be submitted to both local planning authorities.