

# Western Rail Link to Heathrow

## Consultation Summary 2016



# Consultation Overview

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- Pre-consultation meetings with local authorities, statutory bodies and community groups
- Consultation Strategy agreed with Local Authorities
- Press adverts in four local papers
- Promotional flyers delivered to 10,500 residents within consultation area
- Website live throughout consultation period where members of the public could leave feedback
- Exhibition preview night for councillors, planning officers, key stakeholders and industry partners
- 15 public exhibition events attended by over 350 people
- Over 950 responses from both public and stakeholders

# Pre-consultation briefings & Preview night



## Pre consultation briefing meetings :

- 14<sup>th</sup> December South Bucks District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council
- 15<sup>th</sup> December Slough Borough Council
- 8<sup>th</sup> January London Borough of Hillingdon

## Exhibition preview night event

Attended by approx. 30 people including:

- Rail industry partners
- Key local business groups
- Local Councillors and officers



# Promoting the consultation

- Advertisement in:
  - -Uxbridge & West Drayton Gazette (44,116 circulation)
  - -Slough & Windsor Express (42,459 circulation)
  - -Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead Midweek (37,271 circulation)
- Flyer drop to approximately 10,500 residents and businesses
- 26 promotional events held at key stations with prominent banner stands and flyer distribution

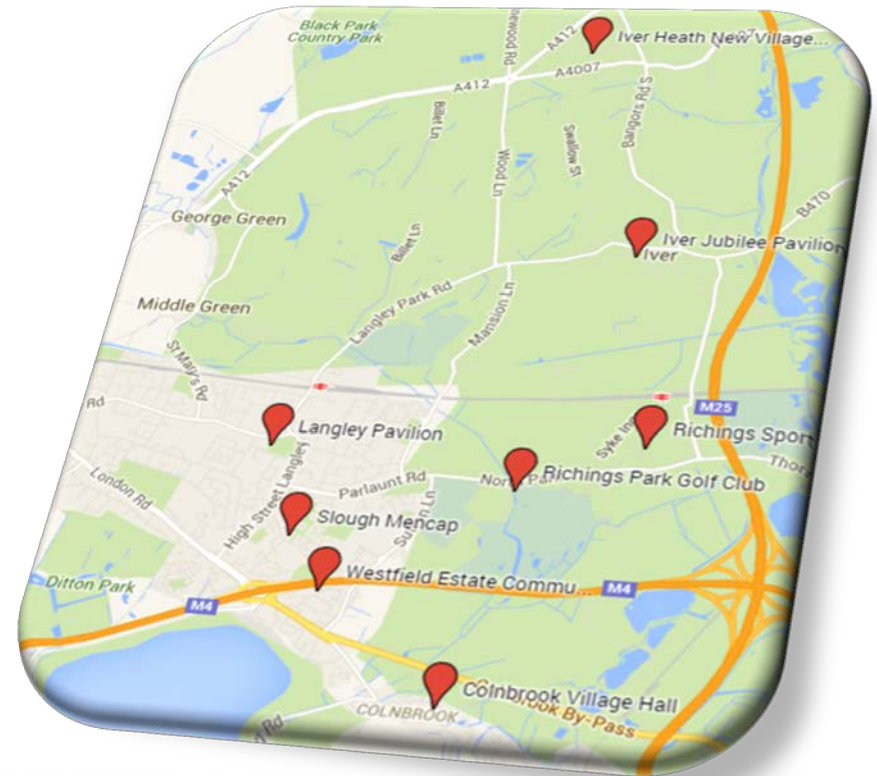




# Consultation Activity

- 15 consultation events over 5 weeks:

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> February | Richings Golf Club         |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Richings Golf Club         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> February | Richings Sports Club       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February | Colnbrook Village Hall     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> February | Iver Parish                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March     | Iver Parish                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March     | Iver Parish                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | Langley Pavillion          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March     | Langley Pavillion          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March     | Langley Mencap             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | Langley Mencap             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March     | Langley Mencap             |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | Colnbrook Westfield Centre |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March    | Colnbrook Westfield Centre |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | Iver Heath Village Hall    |

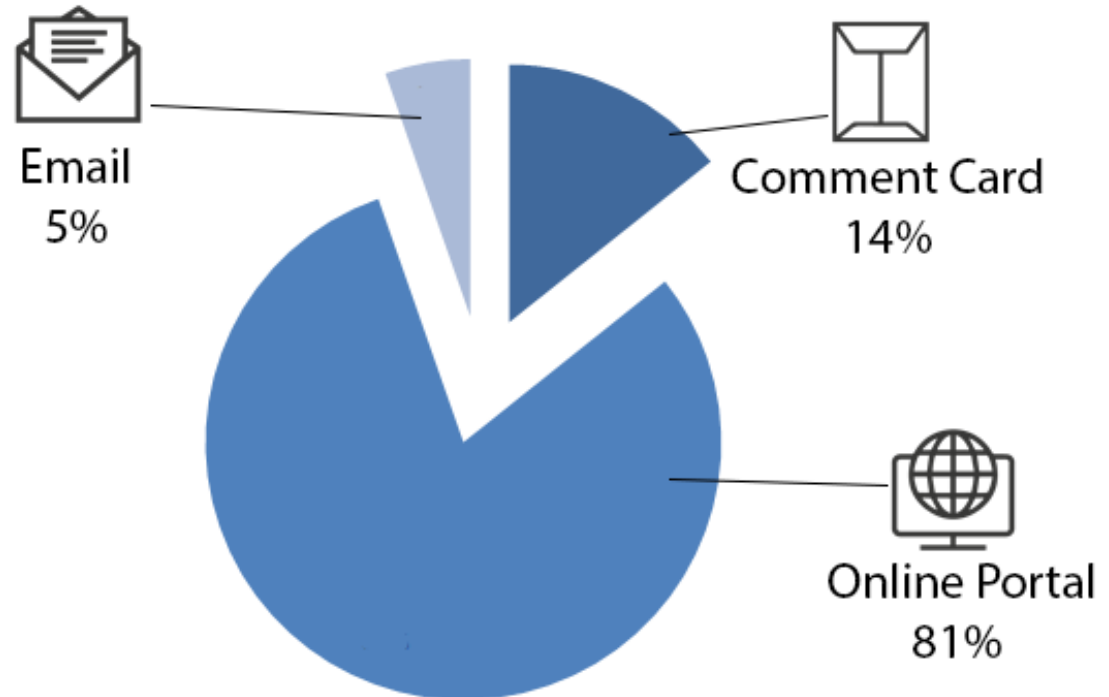


# Consultation feedback

# How did People Respond?

A total of 952 responses including:

- 765 online responses
- 136 comments cards
- 51 email responses

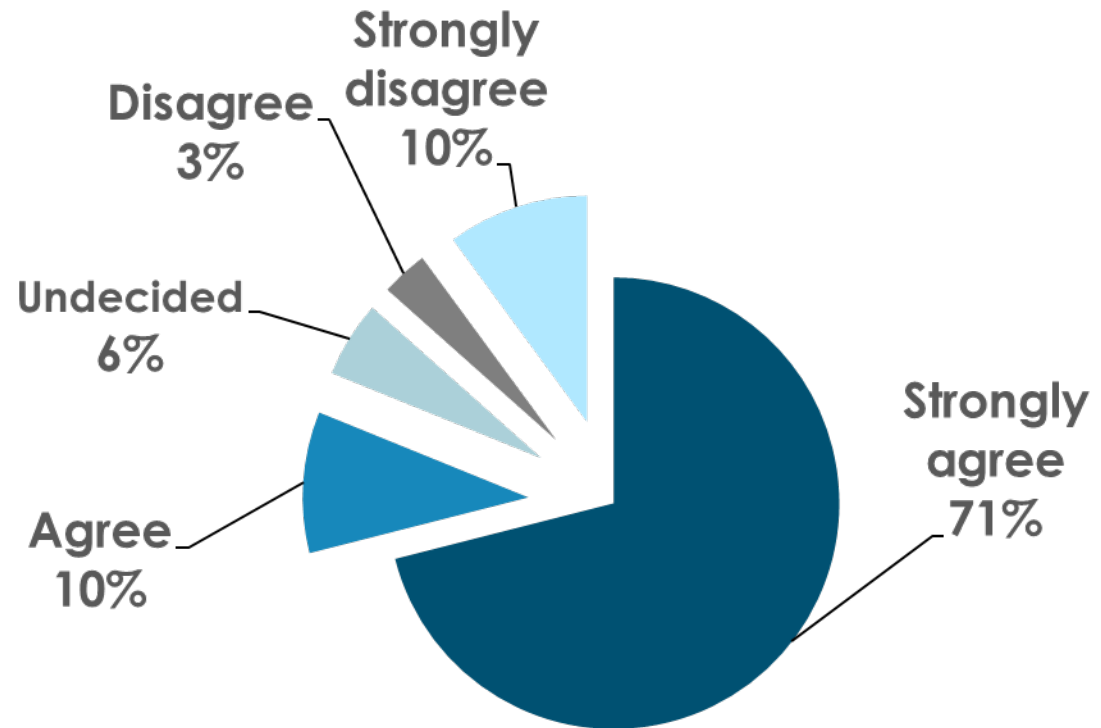


# Support for Network Rail's proposals



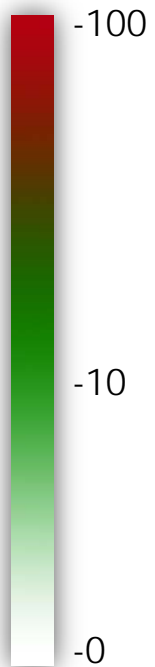
81% of people agreed strongly or agreed with Network Rail's plan

Do you agree with Network Rail's plans to improve access to Heathrow Airport from the West?

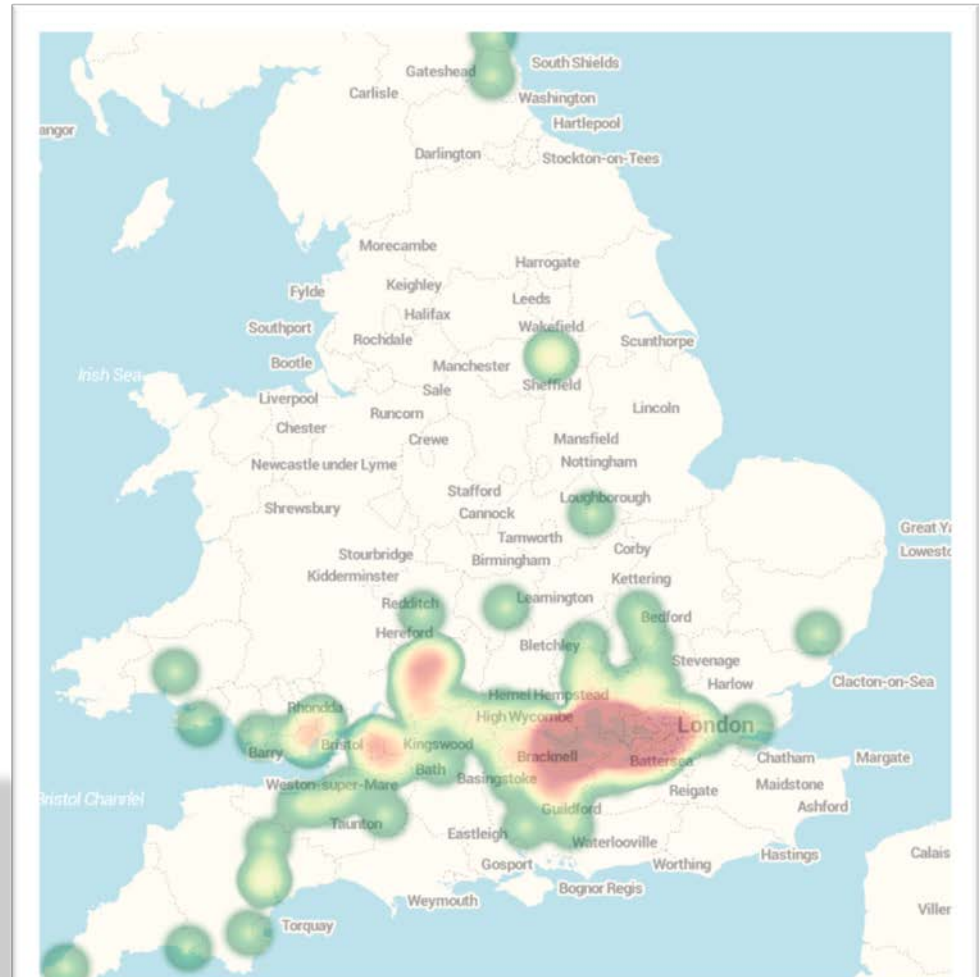




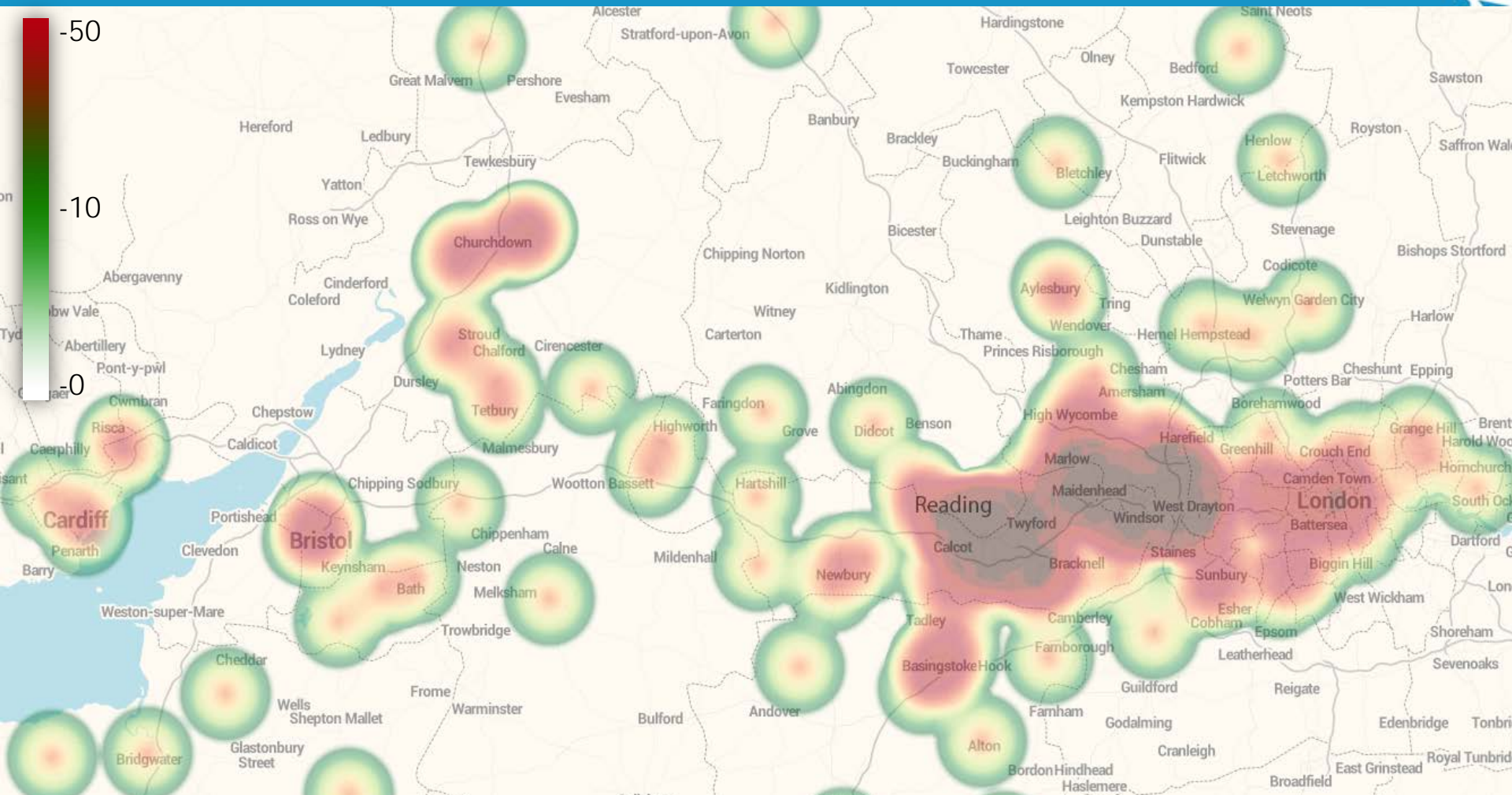
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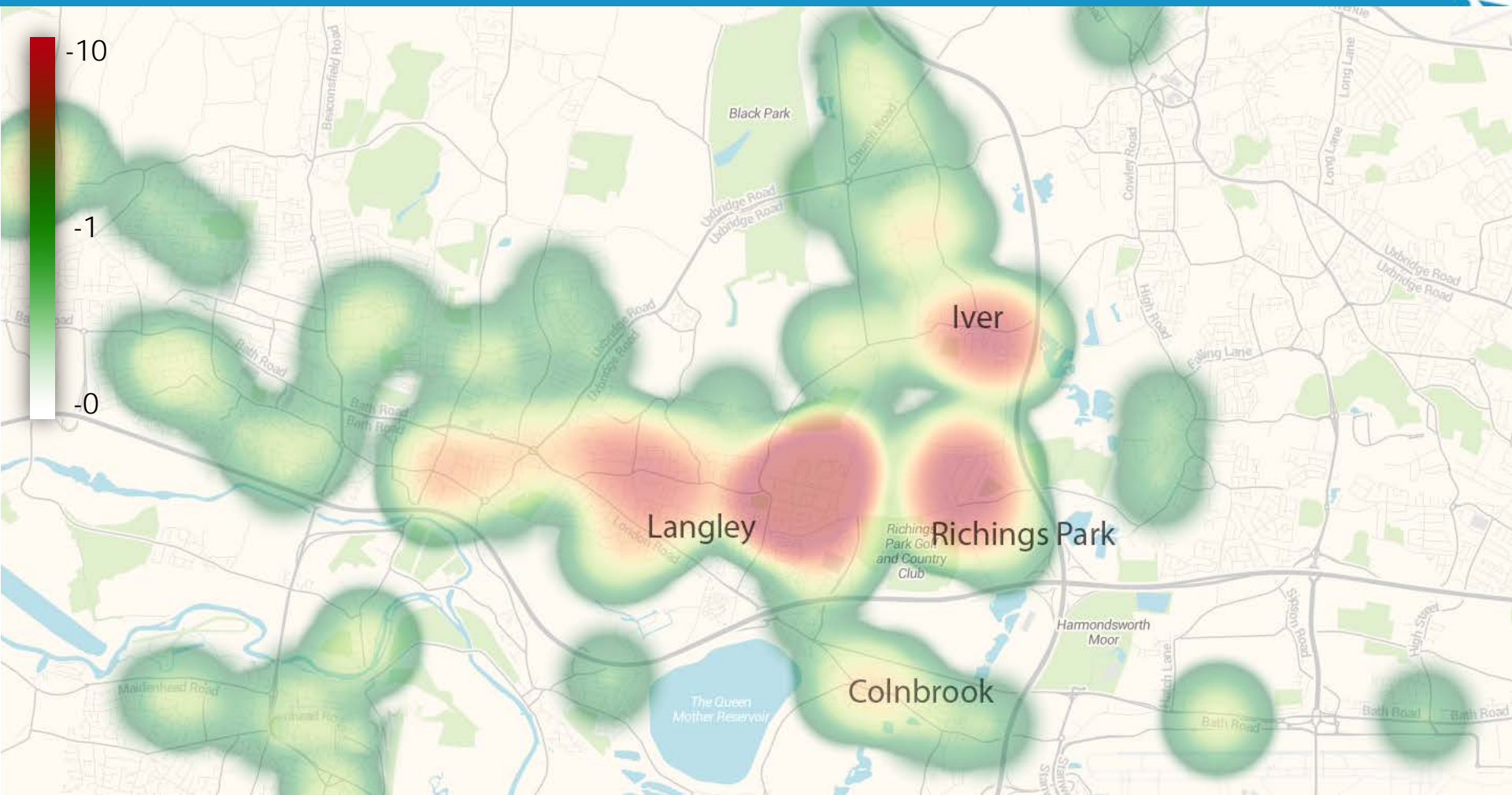
Heat Map showing concentration of responses



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# Stakeholder Support



36 letters of support from wide range of stakeholders:



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

 **ABTA**  
Travel with confidence

 **SWINDON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

 **OXFORD**  
CITY  
COUNCIL

**Heathrow**  
Making every journey better

[www.slough.gov.uk](http://www.slough.gov.uk)  
**Slough**  
Borough Council

**kehorne**

**West of England**  
Local Enterprise Partnership

  
Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

 **Worcestershire**  
Local Enterprise Partnership



  
**Exeter**  
City Council

**East Devon**  
District Council

The Royal Borough  


**Microsoft**  
 Plymouth & Devon  
Chamber of  
Commerce

 **Reading**  
Borough Council  
Working better with you

**Windsor & Maidenhead**

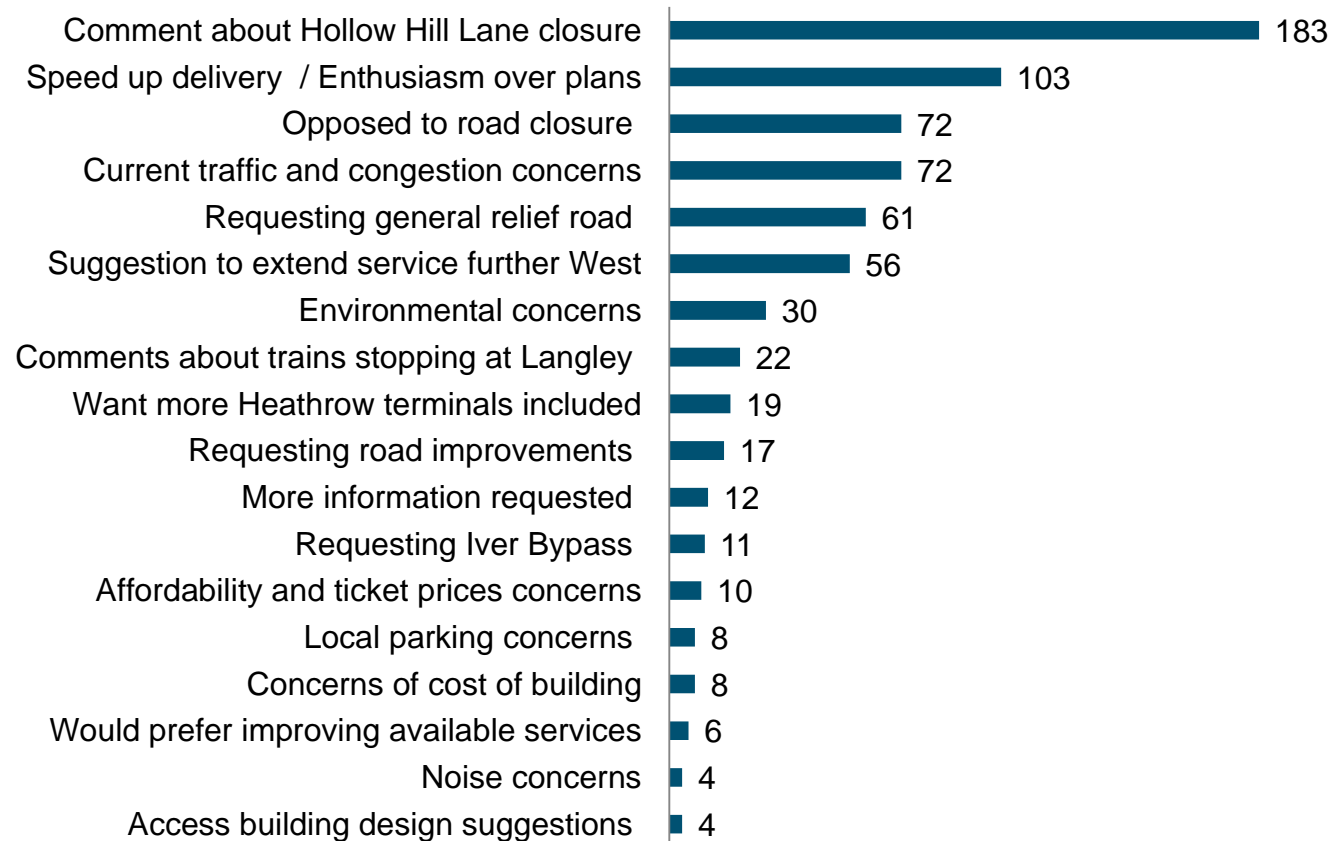
 **Thames Valley**  
**Berkshire**  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

**CBI**  
THE VOICE OF BUSINESS

# Key themes



These issues are drawn from the number of mentions received in all correspondence including hard copy comments cards, online surveys and emails.



# Summary



**81% AGREE or STRONGLY AGREE**

with the statement

*"Do you agree with Network Rail's plans to improve access to Heathrow Airport from the West?"*

Of the 13% who disagreed or strongly disagreed, construction traffic featured highly as a reason



**136**  
messages  
encouraging  
industry to  
speed up  
delivery

## KEY ISSUES

- Closure of Hollow Hill Lane
- Environmental impact and the need for more information



The feedback received will help inform further development and design work on the scheme ahead of the next phase of consultation



# Next Steps



- We will present the updated design to the local community and stakeholders in early 2017 for statutory consultation
- For more information you can:
  - Email: [WesternRailLinkToHeathrow@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:WesternRailLinkToHeathrow@networkrail.co.uk)
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