

Staffordshire Chambers' of Commerce – Transport forum

'This forum is tasked with exchanging information on transport, infrastructure, automation and modernisation in transport, and road, sea, rail and aviation policy. Recent topics covered include M6 Smart Motorway project, HS2, automated vehicles, and electric vehicle charging points across Staffordshire. It also steers Chambers' representations on these matters and receives updates on national transport policy.

Date of meeting	Tuesday 27th January 2026
Venue	Staffs Chambers of Commerce
Number of attendees	14
Agenda topics	<p><u>Update on Birmingham to Manchester rail link by Network Rail</u> – Update on the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for a rail link connecting Birmingham and Manchester, which builds on previous strategic industry planning. The SOBC aims to test proposed infrastructure and service changes to assess their operational feasibility and benefits for both passengers and freight.</p> <p><u>Update on London Northwestern Railway (LNWR) services</u> – Update by LNWR on service changes, including proposals to extend the existing Stafford – Stoke – Crewe service to serve Manchester Airport.</p> <p><u>Update on Stoke Stations Network consultation</u> – Update by Midlands Connect on a working group which has been established to imagining what Stoke-on-Trent station could provide over the next 20 to 30 years.</p> <p>All slides are available on Transport forum webpage</p>

Date/time of next Transport forum: Wednesday 3rd June 2026 from 9AM at Staffordshire Chambers' of Commerce or attend remotely through Teams

If you have any questions about our Transport forum, please contact:

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