

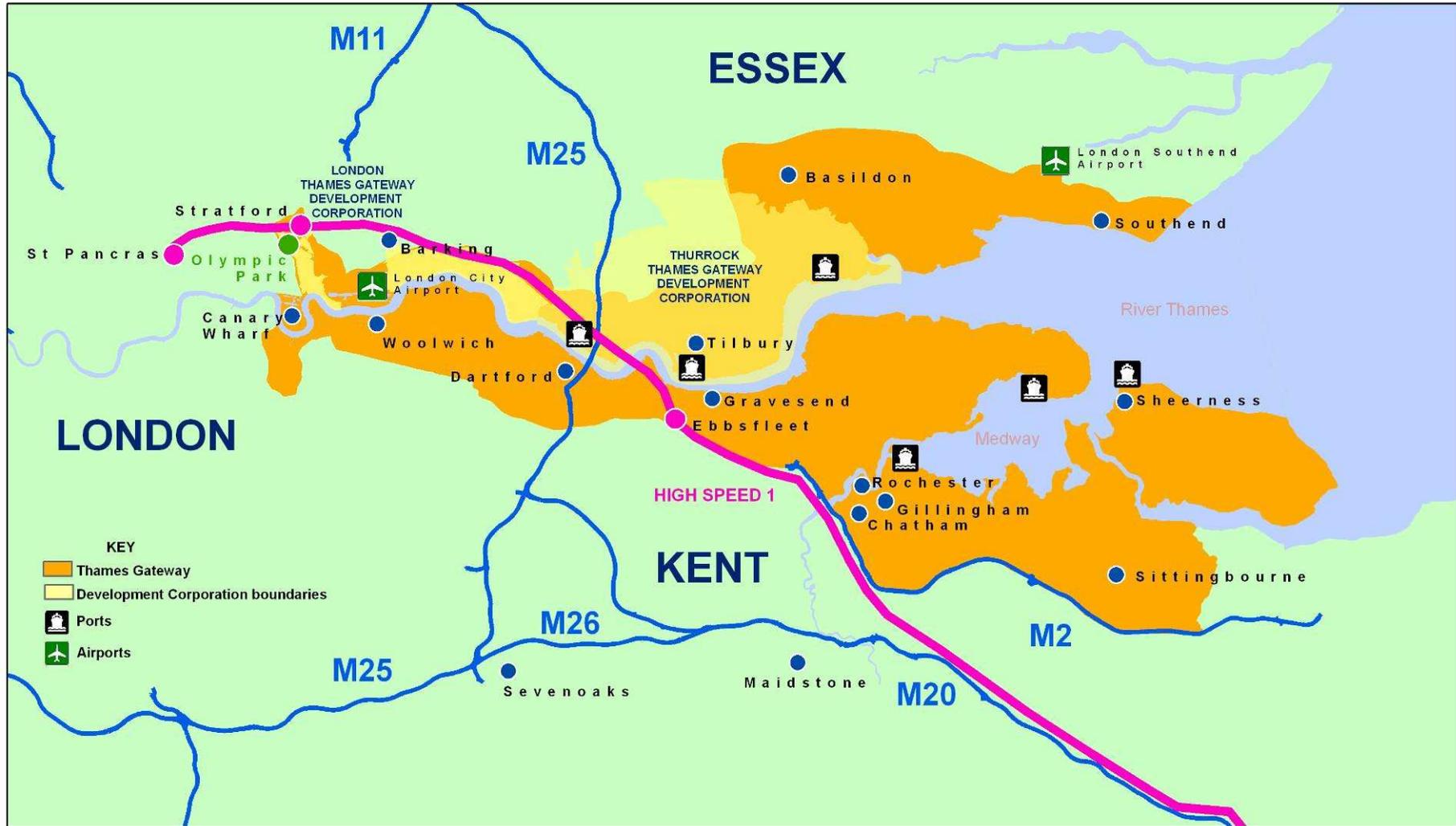
The Thames Gateway

Policy and Progress

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- 3 regions involved (MKSM the same)
- What's it for?
 - Europe's largest regeneration programme
 - Major housing and economic development
 - UK's largest port and logistics location
 - Olympics
 - Eco region

- RPG9A
- Sustainable Communities Plan 2003
- Interim Plan 2006
- Delivery Plan 2007
- Implementation Plan 2008

- What is distinctive
 - size
 - scale
 - organisational complexity
 - economic change
- Is it a single, cohesive entity?
- Or a collection of different projects/programmes responding to self contained labour markets?
- Economic drivers



Streamlining the regional tier

- SNR
- Single regional strategy
- Role of local government
- But handling policy initiatives will continue to be challenging
- Example of eco towns

- What makes sense for 1.5m people who already live in the Gateway?
- Role of local authorities and delivery partnerships – variability
- CLG funding
 - priorities for investment
 - fewer, bigger
 - but community schemes
 - improving the functioning of town centres
- Other Government Departments