



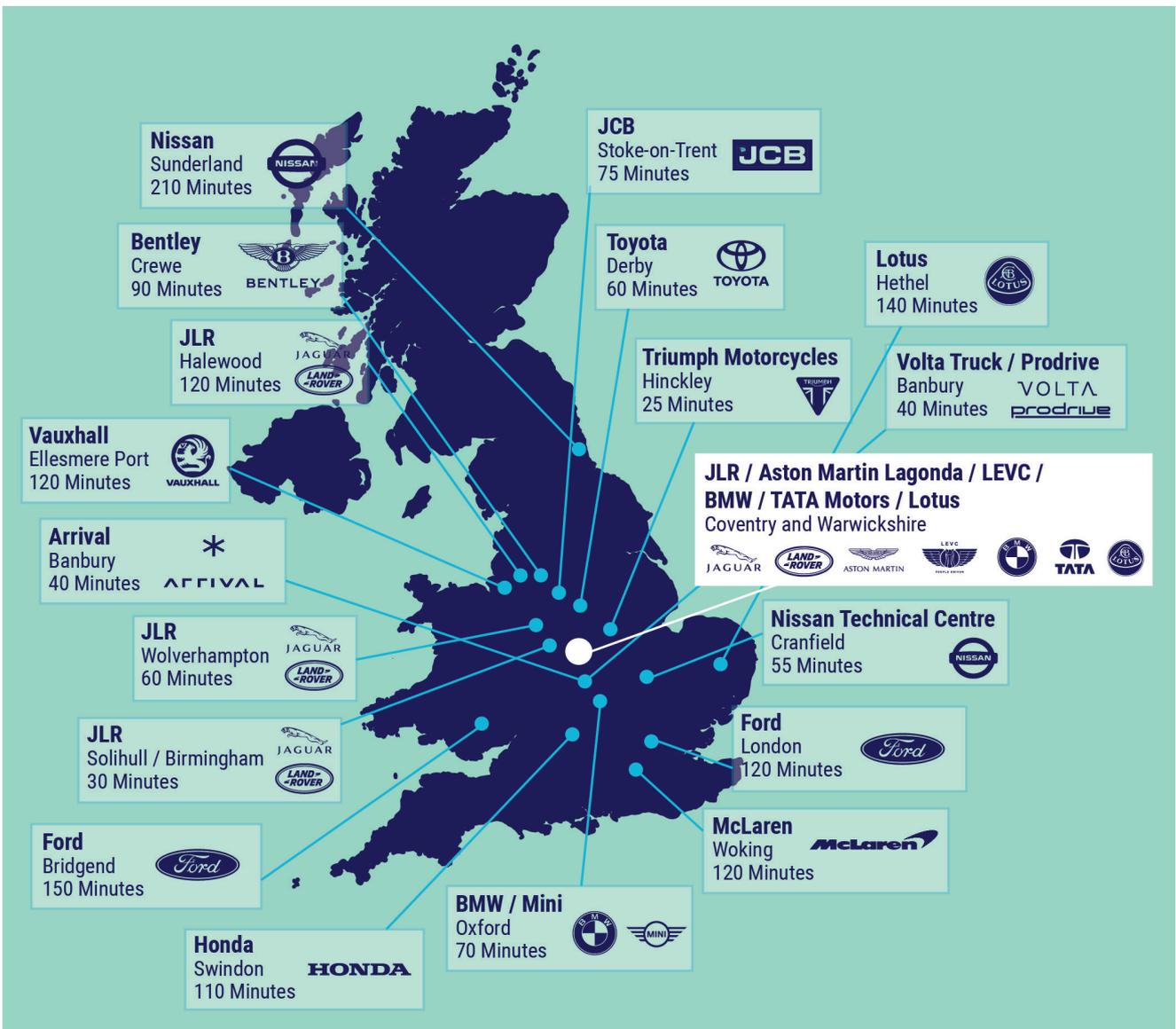
## Working alongside UKBIC

The UK Battery Industrialisation Centre is part of the UK Government's Faraday Battery Challenge. The £130m facility is a pioneering concept and fundamental to the UK's transition to electrification.

UKBIC provides the critical link between research – at laboratory or prototype stage – and successful mass production of new technology. Adjacent to Coventry Airport, UKBIC works with manufacturers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and others to help develop battery technology.

Links with UKBIC will be hugely important to the future development of a Gigafactory and the production of batteries at scale. Nowhere else in the UK can match Coventry Airport's proximity to this vital resource.

In addition, Coventry Airport is a short distance from Warwick Manufacturing Group at the University of Warwick, another leading national research institute developing battery technology.



Located in the heart of the UK

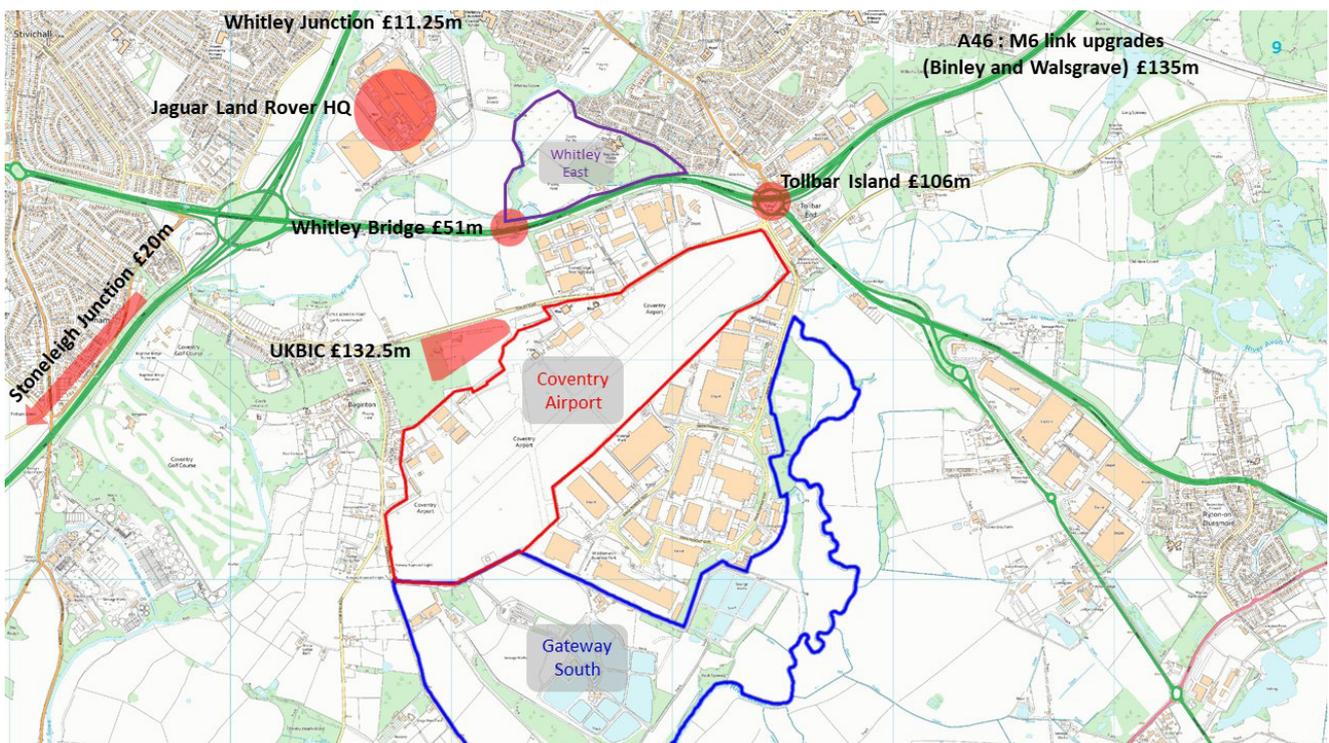
## Benefitting from a long-term vision

The development of Coventry Airport to deliver a Gigafactory will benefit from the long-term vision of the local partnership, including Coventry City Council, Warwick District Council, Warwickshire County Council, and the West Midlands Combined Authority.

The area around the site has benefitted from £455m of investment in highways and other improvements to create the perfect environment for a Gigafactory. This includes investment in the A46, Tollbar Island, and Whitley Junction.

This long-term vision will ensure a Gigafactory will benefit from local infrastructure whilst minimising the impact on existing users and residents.

Project	Investment £m
Whitley Junction	11.25
Whitley Bridge	51.00
Tollbar Island	106.00
Stoneleigh Junction	20.00
UKBIC	132.50
A46 upgrades (Binley & Walsgrave)	135.00
Total	455.75



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who owns Coventry Airport?

Coventry City Council and Coventry Airport Ltd are the freehold and long leasehold owners of the site. The partners are both committed to securing a Gigafactory and have formed a Joint Venture partnership to submit a planning application for the proposed development.

## Why has Coventry Airport been chosen as the site for a Gigafactory?

Coventry Airport has been formally identified as the preferred site for a West Midlands Gigafactory. This is due to several factors which includes the site's proximity to major automotive manufacturers, battery research and development, and key infrastructure.

There are also no suitable alternative sites of the necessary size and scale which could accommodate a Gigafactory.

## Why is proximity to the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre important?

The UK Battery Industrialisation Centre is a national institute for battery research and development. Located adjacent to Coventry Airport, UKBIC is now operational after the Coventry and Warwickshire partnership secured Government funding for the project in 2017.

Locating a Gigafactory immediately adjacent to UKBIC will ensure close links between battery manufacturing and the latest research and innovation. This will continue to develop Coventry and Warwickshire's emerging specialism in battery technology.

## What infrastructure has been delivered locally to support a Gigafactory?

The area around Coventry Airport has benefitted from continued investment from Government and local partners, creating the perfect environment for a Gigafactory. Infrastructure investment includes £455m of highways investment, as well as investment in UKBIC.

## Will Coventry Airport close if a Gigafactory is approved?

At this early stage, no final decisions have been made on the future of Coventry Airport and it remains operational.

Should a Gigafactory be delivered on the site the airport will close to accommodate the development. However, the precise timescale for this will depend on investor and occupier interest and there are no current plans to close the airport.

## **Is the impact of a Gigafactory being considered alongside the future impact of the permitted Gateway scheme?**

Yes. It will be a requirement of the planning application that we consider the 'cumulative impact' of the Gigafactory, and other relevant developments in the area as requested by the local authority.

## **If a Gigafactory is approved will the Gateway scheme still progress as planned?**

Yes. The Gigafactory is independent of other schemes and is capable of progressing alongside the development which has already been permitted.