West Midlands Automotive Cluster



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West Midlands' Regional Strengths

- Centre of Gravity of UK Industry;
 - 33% of UK car production in 2008 within 60 km of Central Birmingham
 - 40% of UK automotive employment (114,000+ direct employees)
 - 1,500 dedicated automotive suppliers, with 16 of the top 20 global first tier suppliers
 - Extensive 2nd/3rd tier supply base and aftermarket
 - ->60% of UK R&D by value located in the region, including independent and OEM-owned facilities
 - Unique automotive expertise and resources in Universities



Automotive Crisis and Opportunity?

- Mature sector with established practices
- Over capacity world can produce 80 million+ but only demands 65 million at best
- Reduction in the use of non-renewable energies (vehicles, manufacturing and recycling)
- Therefore auto faces significant restructuring
 - Manufacture
 - Vehicle type

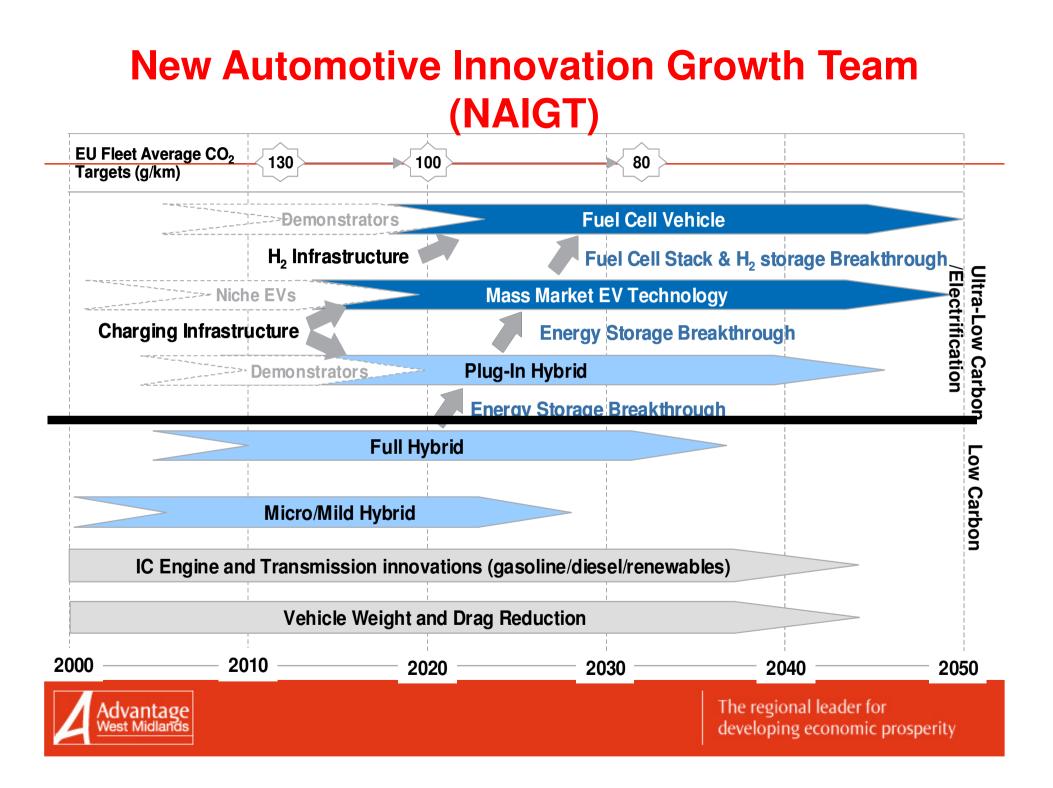


What are the Opportunities and Growth Areas

- Low Carbon Markets
 - LCV & Ultra Low Carbon Vehicles technologies
 - Intelligent Transport Systems
 - Infrastructure
 - Manufacturing (utilities and carbon content)
 - New Supply Chains for the above







Automotive Projects

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Vehicle to vehicle & road to infrastructure
- Congestion charging, mobile data etc
- Encourage Collaborative R&D
- Significant partners
 - UK Technology Strategy Board
- Attract investment ready end 2009



Possible layout of the innovITS - ADVANCE 'city' circuit







Automotive Projects

Niche Vehicle

- Access to small companies and innovation
- Growth Market
- Support Innovation Collaborative R&D Share Best Practice
- Homologation
- Support for LCV coming from these companies
- Will be looking to European regions Win/win projects





Low Carbon Vehicle Demonstration Trial



UK Technology Strategy Board Ultra Low Carbon Vehicles Call

- £14 million project
- From end of 2009 for 12/18 months
- 110 vehicles with less than 50 gm of CO2/km)
- For impact evaluation on the infrastructure, plus societal and lifestyle changes

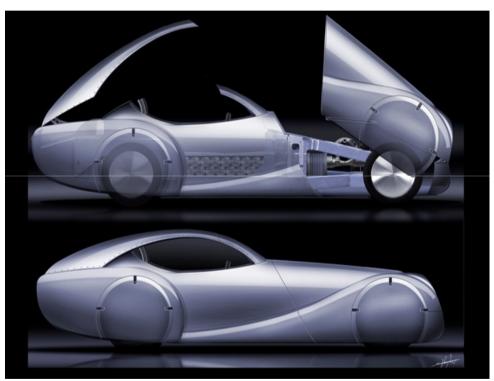
Massive opportunities for the future





Low Carbon Vehicle Technology

- 15 work streams
- Acceleration of the introduction of the *next* LCV
- The technology will need a new supply chain





Infrastructure & Business

Why

- Infrastructure to create the atmosphere conducive for change to LCV
- Infrastructure to support demand for LCV
- Infrastructure to lead the way in CO2 reduction
- Attract manufacturers who need to be close to market
- And attract /create the supply chain

How

- Agreement to work together to Maximise Investments
- Support Business to grow



Conclusion

- LCV are the drivers for change in energy use & climate change
- Use resources we have in region to develop new markets
 - Get everyone working in the same direction
- Provide the suppliers to service the new market
- Work with UK (EU) regions to pool resources
- Develop UK (EU) electric vehicles and infrastructure and avoid duplication;
 - Talk with other UK regions across EU and wider afield...
 - We need to support industry (and access their finances)
 - Need tier 1 suppliers back in UK



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Thank you and any questions?

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