

# Bristol Underground Metro

A presentation to the West of England Combined Authority

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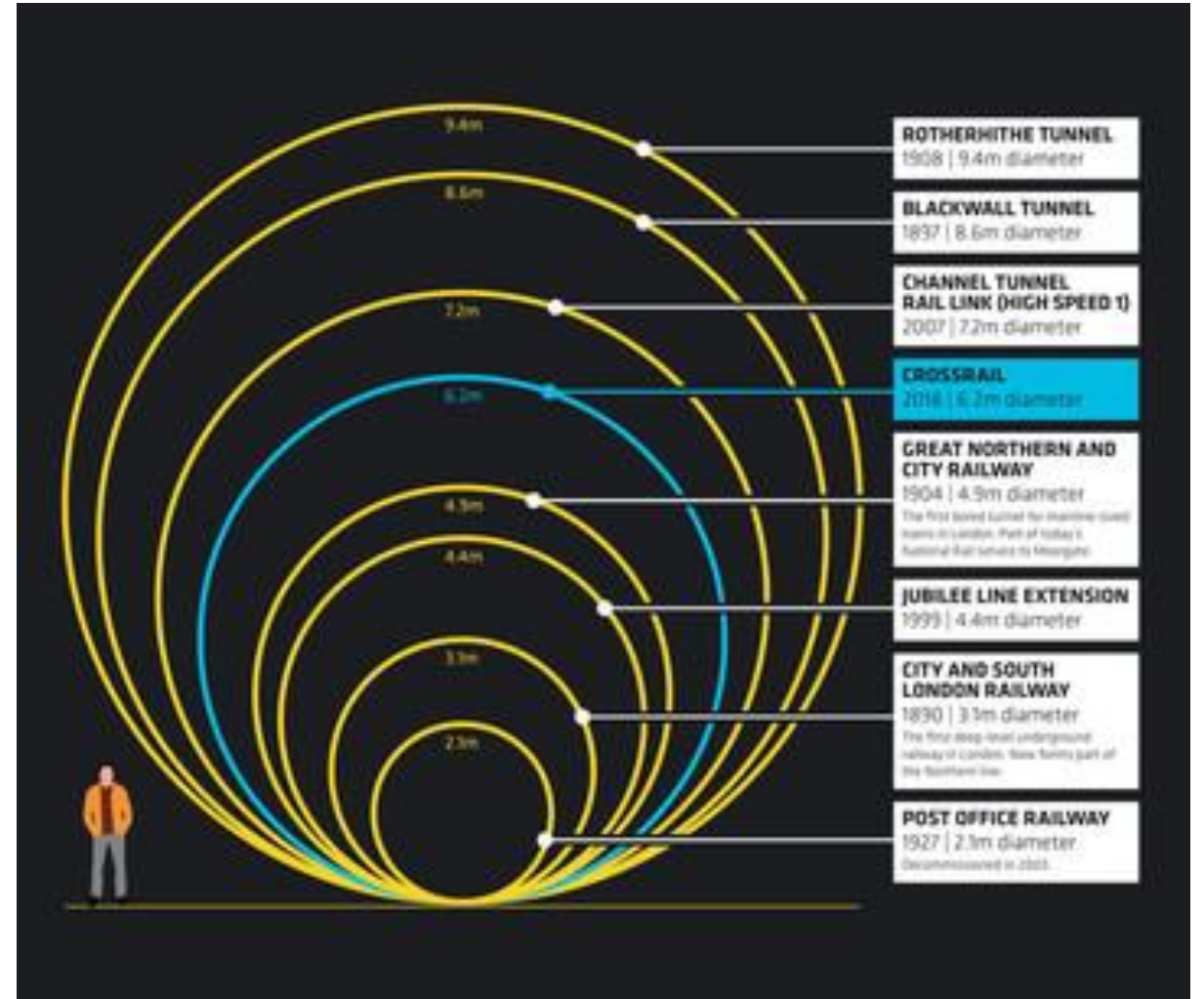
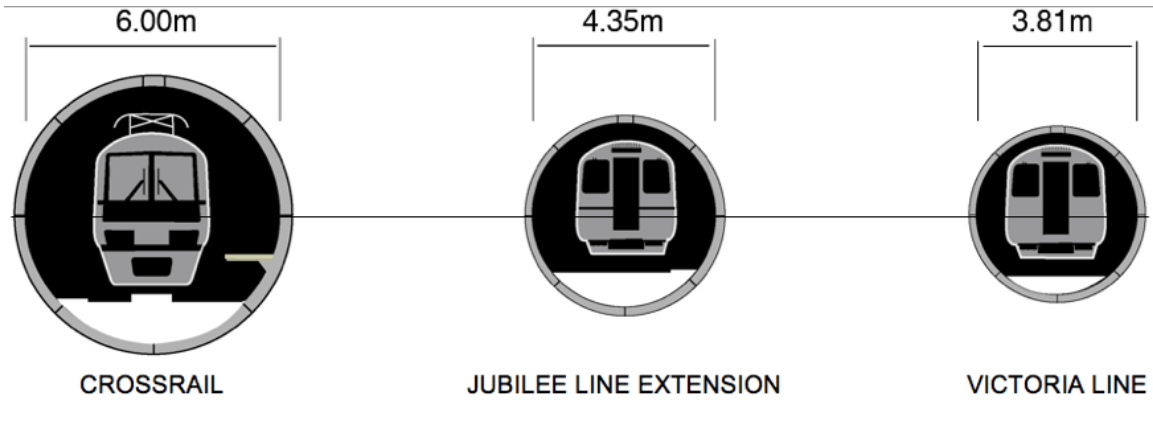


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<b>City</b>	<b>2023 Population</b>
<b>London</b>	8,961,989
<b>Birmingham</b>	984,333
<b>Liverpool</b>	864,122
<b>Sheffield</b>	685,368
<b>Bristol</b>	617,280
<b>Glasgow</b>	591,620
<b>Leicester</b>	508,916
<b>Edinburgh</b>	464,990
<b>Leeds</b>	455,123
<b>Cardiff</b>	447,287
<b>Manchester</b>	395,515

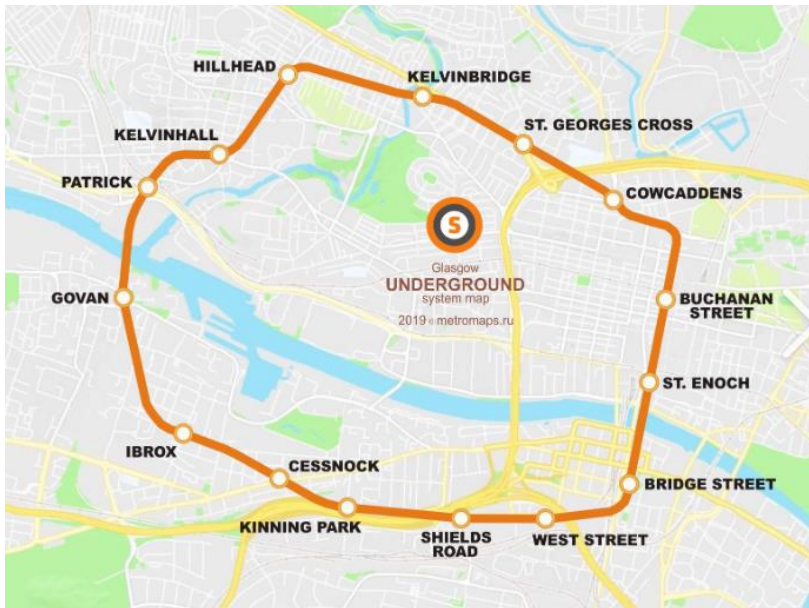
# Tunnel Size?



# Glasgow Underground (3.5m Excavated Dia.)

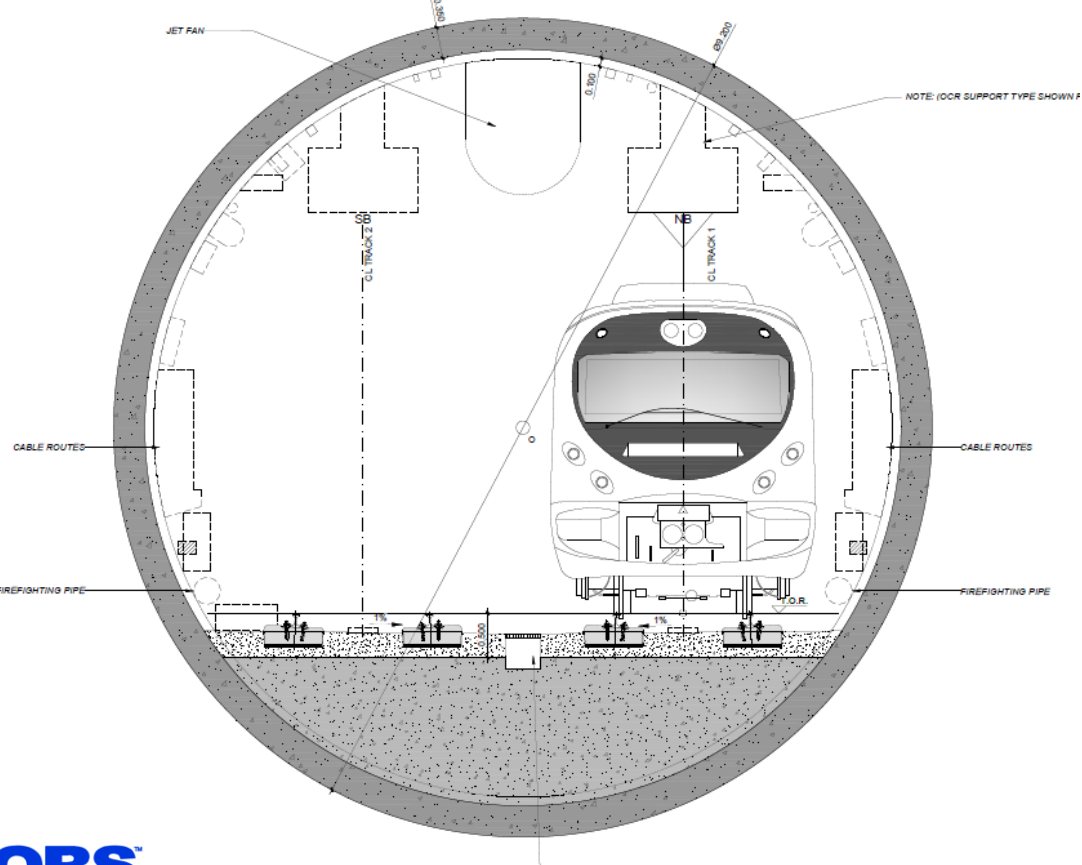
The subway system was constructed as a circular loop almost 6+1/2 miles (10.5 kilometres) long and extends both north and south of the River Clyde. The tracks have the unusual narrow gauge of 4 ft (1,219 mm), and a nominal tunnel diameter of 11 ft (3.4 m), even smaller than that of the deep-level lines of the London Underground (11 ft 8+1/4 in or 3.56 m at their smallest); the rolling stock is considerably smaller.

The system is described as two lines, the Outer Circle and Inner Circle, which simply refers to the double track, having trains running clockwise and anticlockwise respectively around the same route in separate tunnels. Stations use a variety of platform layouts including single island platforms, opposing side platforms and in some stations such as Hillhead one side and one island platform.



Dublin Metrolink

# Dublin Metrolink (9.5m Excavated Diameter) Twin Track













# West of England Combined Authority - Underground Metro

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Bristol City Council as the Lead Authority

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## 4.6.3 Below Ground Stations

### 4.6.3.1 Station Depth

The running tunnels are assumed to have a 5.2m internal diameter (ID) with 0.4m thick tunnel lining meaning their outside diameter (OD) is approximately 6m. Following good tunnelling practice, it has been assumed that for the majority of tunnelling the clearance above the tunnels will be close to twice the tunnel diameter so a clearance of 10m has taken. Including a 0.5m gap below the tunnel to drive or transfer the Tunnel Boring Machine through the station means that the top of the foundation slab at stations needs to be approximately 16.5m below ground level (BGL). With a foundation slab assumed to be up to 1.5m deep the depth of the station box is 18m BGL and the platform is approximately 13m BGL:

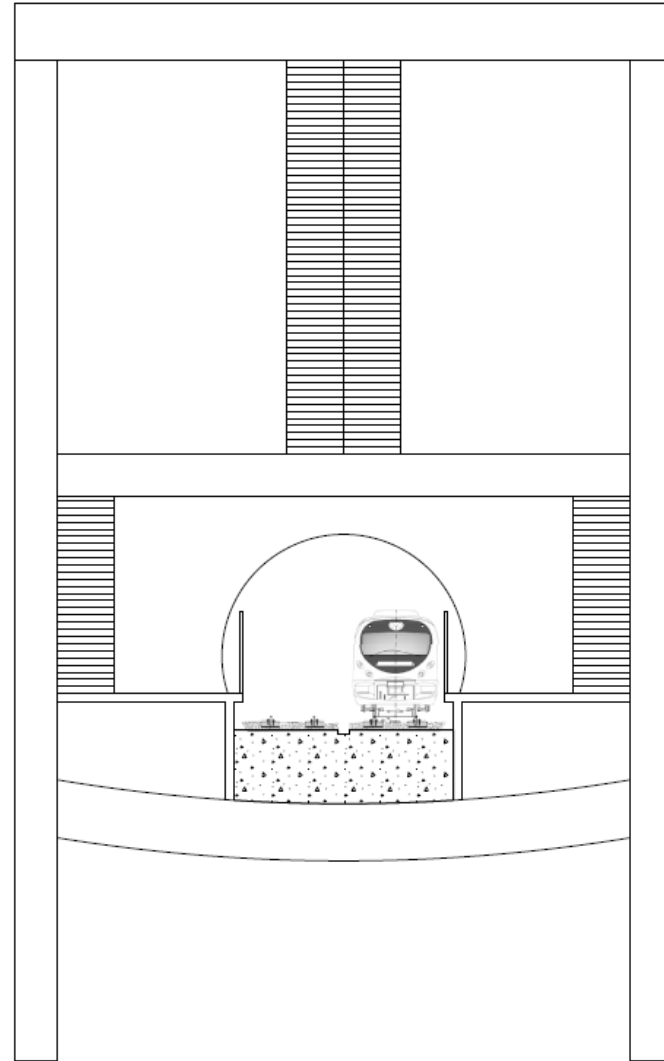


The diaphragm walls (D-walls) are assumed to be 1m thick and constructed to a depth of approximately 25-30m deep depending on the ground conditions.

We have assumed 1.5m thick to a depth of 35m



# Standard Station Design

- 100m x 20m

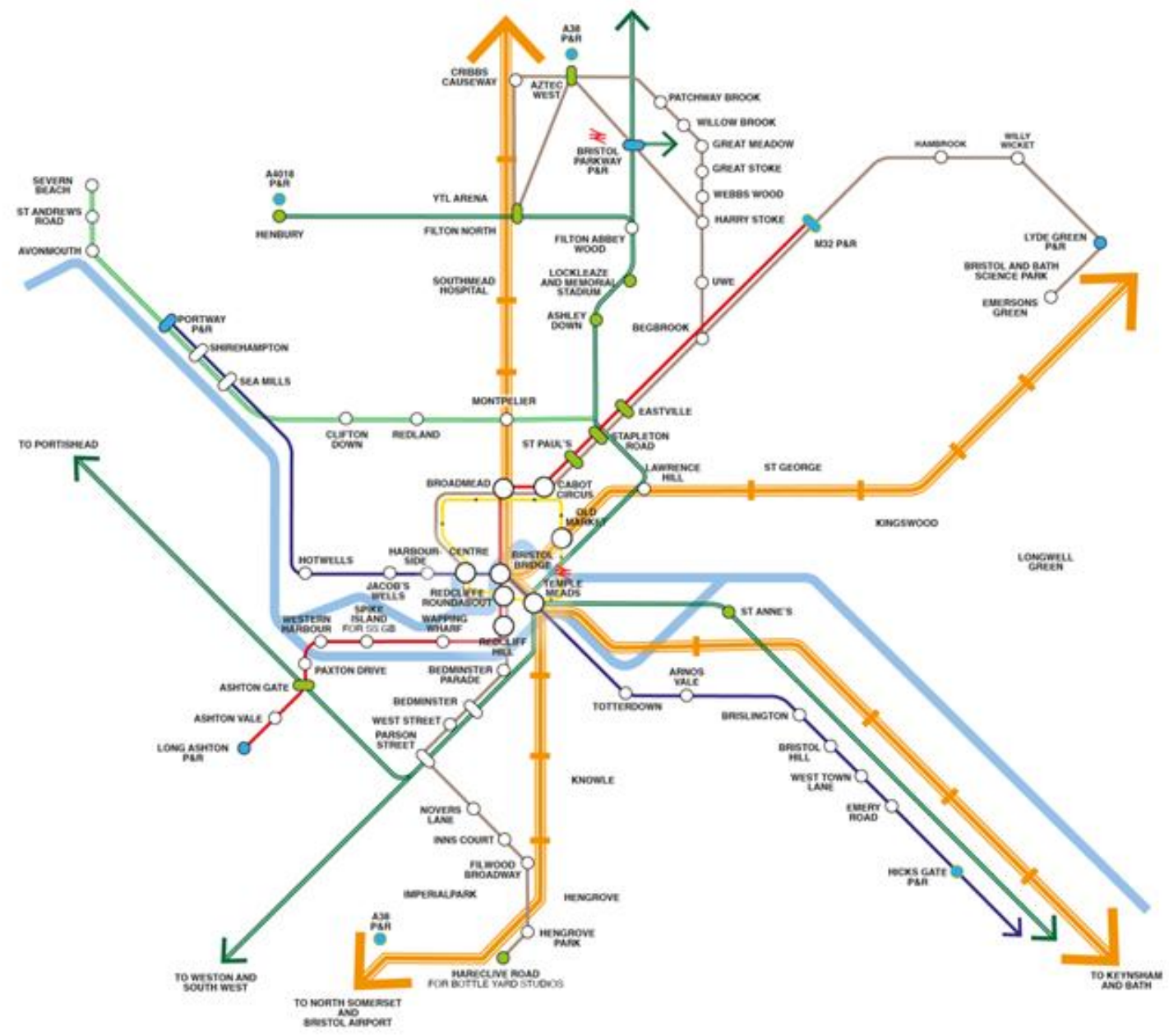


# Bristol public transport network vision

**Key**

-  Rail routes
-  Segregated bus routes
-  Over or underground rapid routes
-  Existing stops
-  Proposed new stops
-  Existing Park & Ride sites
-  Proposed new Park & Ride sites

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# Tunnel Options used for Pricing Purposes

Project	Internal Diameter (m)	External Diameter (m)	Excavated Diameter (m)	Lining Thickness (mm)
Single Tunnel - Twin Track	8.50	9.20	9.50	365
Twin Tunnel - Single Track	5.20	5.80	6.05	300

Route	Tunnel Length (m)
1 - Airport	9064
2 - North	14153
3 - North East	10630
4 - South East	7603



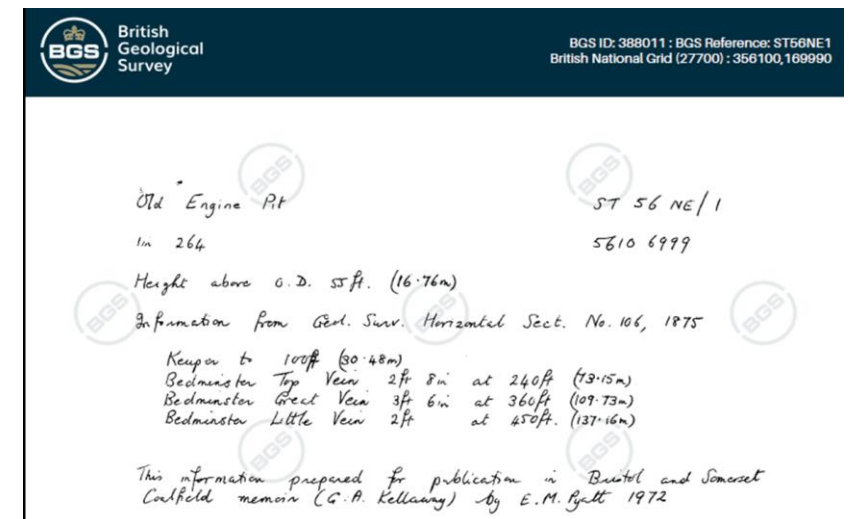
# Ground Conditions at Tunnel Horizon and associated Geo-hazards

- Ground Conditions

- Weak sedimentary rocks (Mudstone / Sandstone / Limestone).
- Moderate to low water pressures
- Coal measures (and therefore mine workings) unlikely to be encountered

- Geo-Hazards

- Stickiness and breakdown of the weak rock
- Abrasion in the Sandstone



Old Engine Pit

ST 56 NE/1

In 264

5610 6999

Height above O.D. 55 ft. (16.76m)

Information from Geol. Surv. Horizontal Sect. No. 106, 1875

Keuper to 100ft (30.48m)

Bedminster Top Vein 2ft 8in at 240ft (73.15m)

Bedminster Great Vein 3ft 6in at 360ft (109.73m)

Bedminster Little Vein 2ft at 450ft (137.16m)

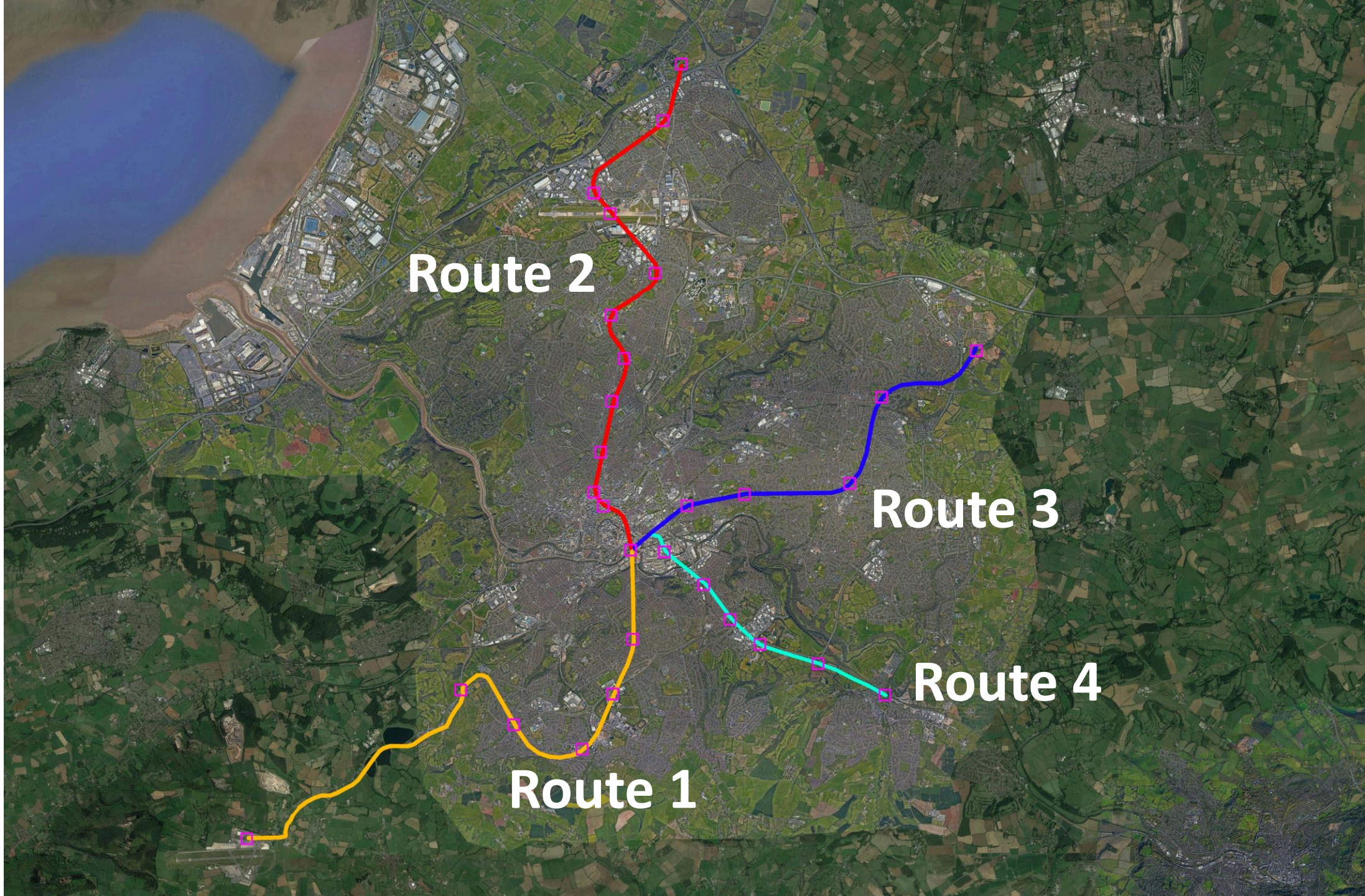
This information prepared for publication in Bristol and Somerset Coalfield memoir (G.A. Kellaary) by E.M. Pett 1972

# Key Assumptions

- Design completed before Contractor Procured
- Planning approvals in place before Contractor Procured
- Tunnels for each route will be constructed from the farthest underground station to Bristol Temple Meads
- A single JV is selected to build everything on each route (to eliminate interfaces)
- Standardised tunnel and station designs are utilised throughout
- All tunnels will be constructed using Slurry TBMs, with continuous mining capability and a single pass, twin gasket, boltless tunnel lining
- Stations (100m by 20m) will be constructed within diaphragm walls
- A suitable spoil disposal facility will be identified which is relatively close to each drive site and which will not attract land fill or aggregate taxes
- Station boxes will be excavated in advance of TBM arrival (TBM push through)
- A Geotechnical Baseline Report will be used

# Costs NOT included

- Client costs
- Land / compulsory purchase costs
- Cost of the planning process
- Surveys - ecology, archaeology etc.
- Service diversions at stations
- Electrical power supplies to tunnel drive sites
- Inflation (costs are Q3-23)
- Rolling stock
- Optimism bias

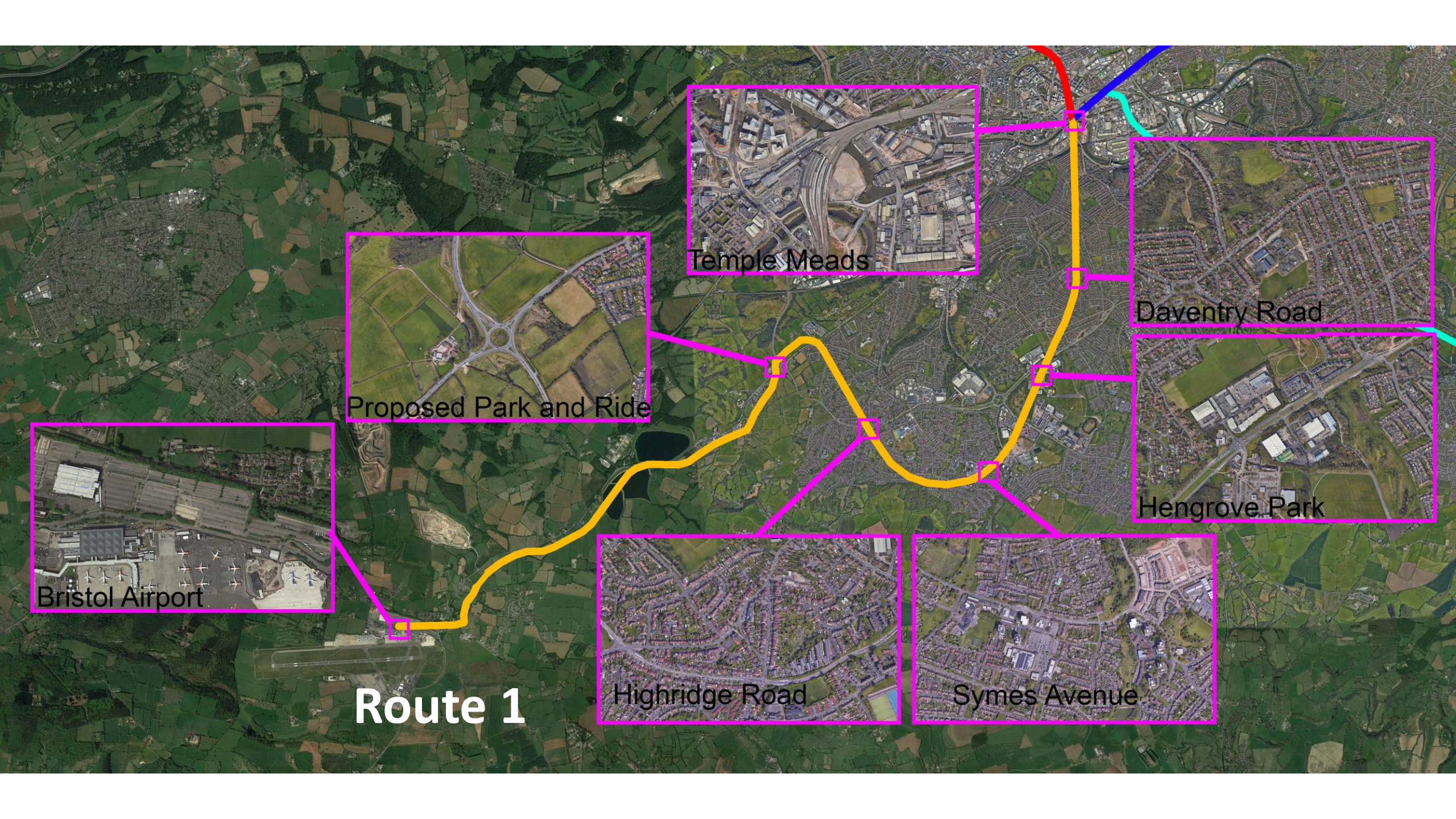


**Route 2**

**Route 3**

**Route 4**

**Route 1**



Bristol Airport

Proposed Park and Ride

Temple Meads

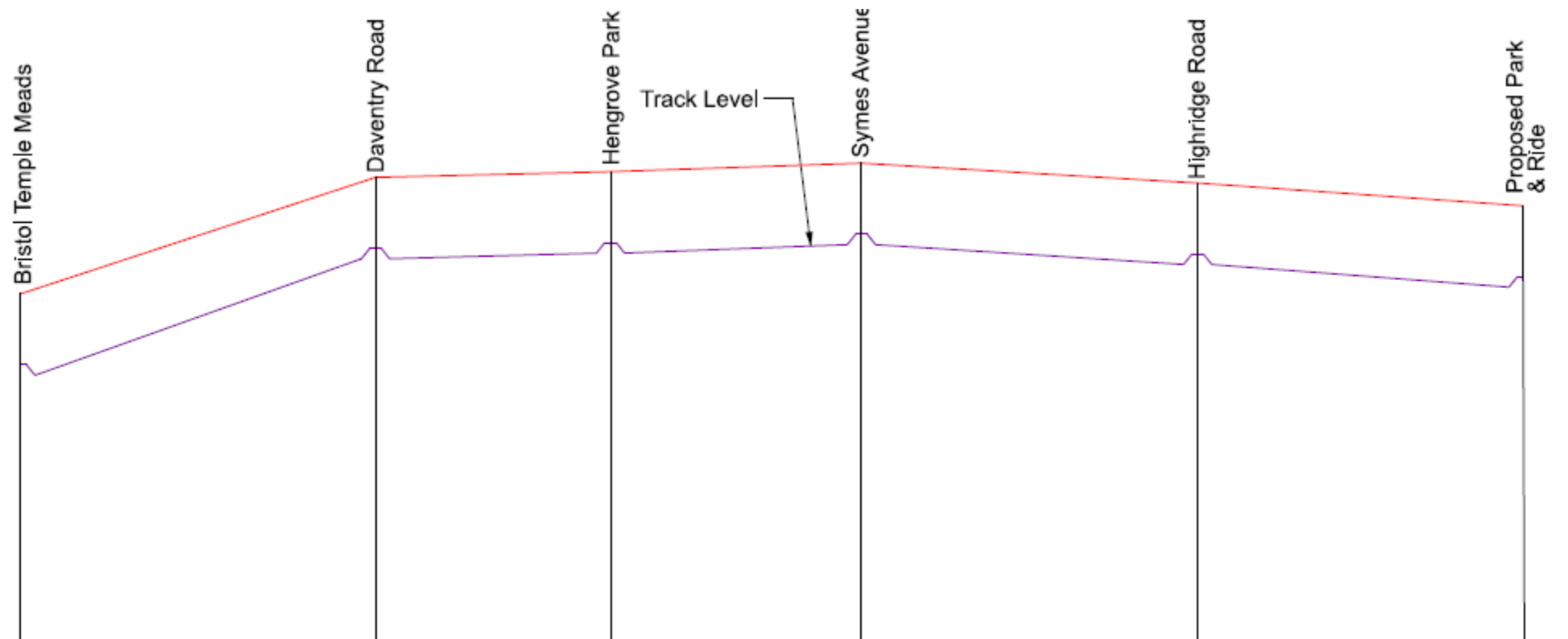
Daventry Road

Hengrove Park

Highridge Road

Symes Avenue

**Route 1**



Chainage	0		2140		3558		5072		7101		9064
Ground Level (m APD)	116		158		160		163		156		148
Track Level (m APD)	91		133		135		138		131		123
Depth to Track (m)	25		25		25		25		25		25
Length (m)		2140		1418		1514		2029		1963	
Gradient		51		709		505		-290		-245	

# Route 1

# Route 2

Almondsbury Park & Ride



Aztec West



Cribbs Causeway



CP-PN



Filton



Southmead Hospital



Longmead Avenue



Horfield



Bus Station



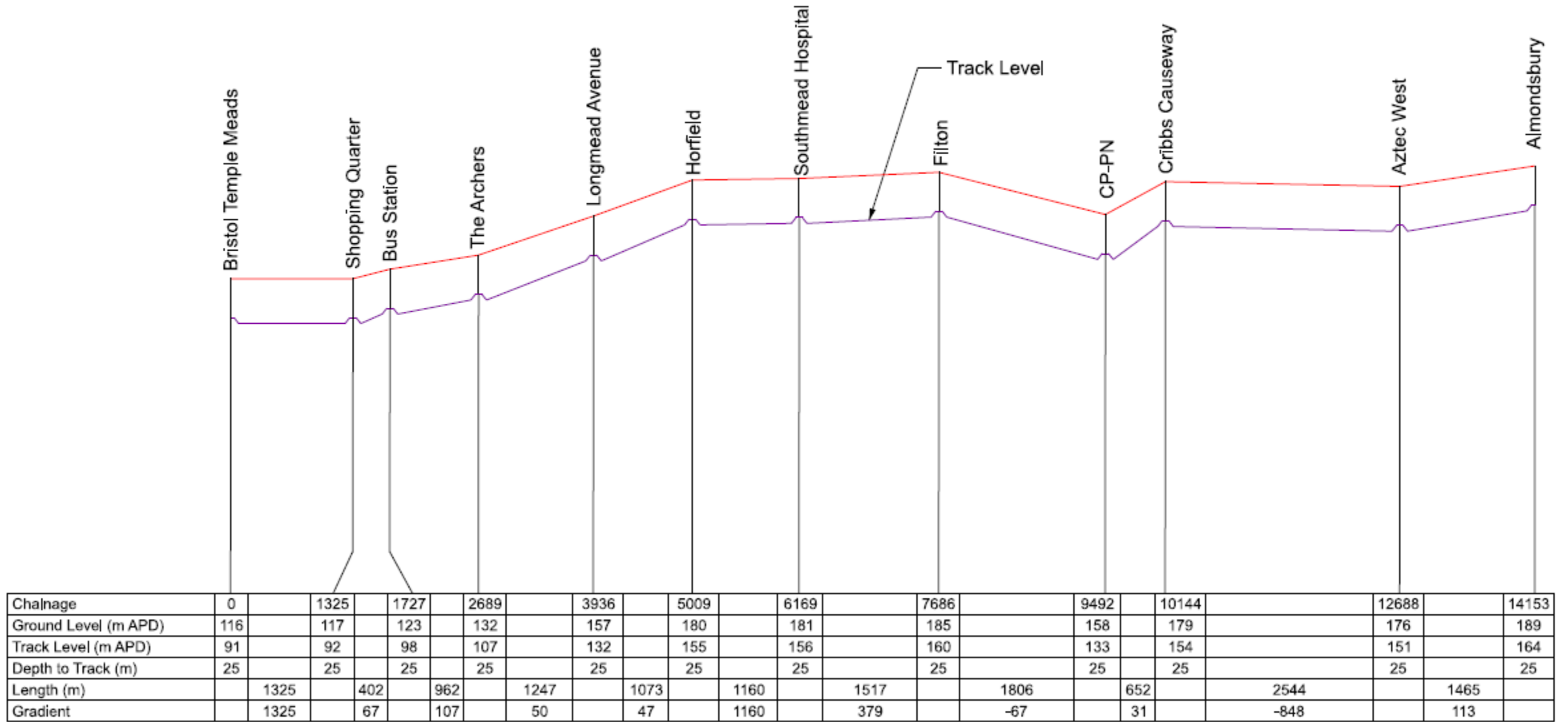
The Archers



Shopping Quarter

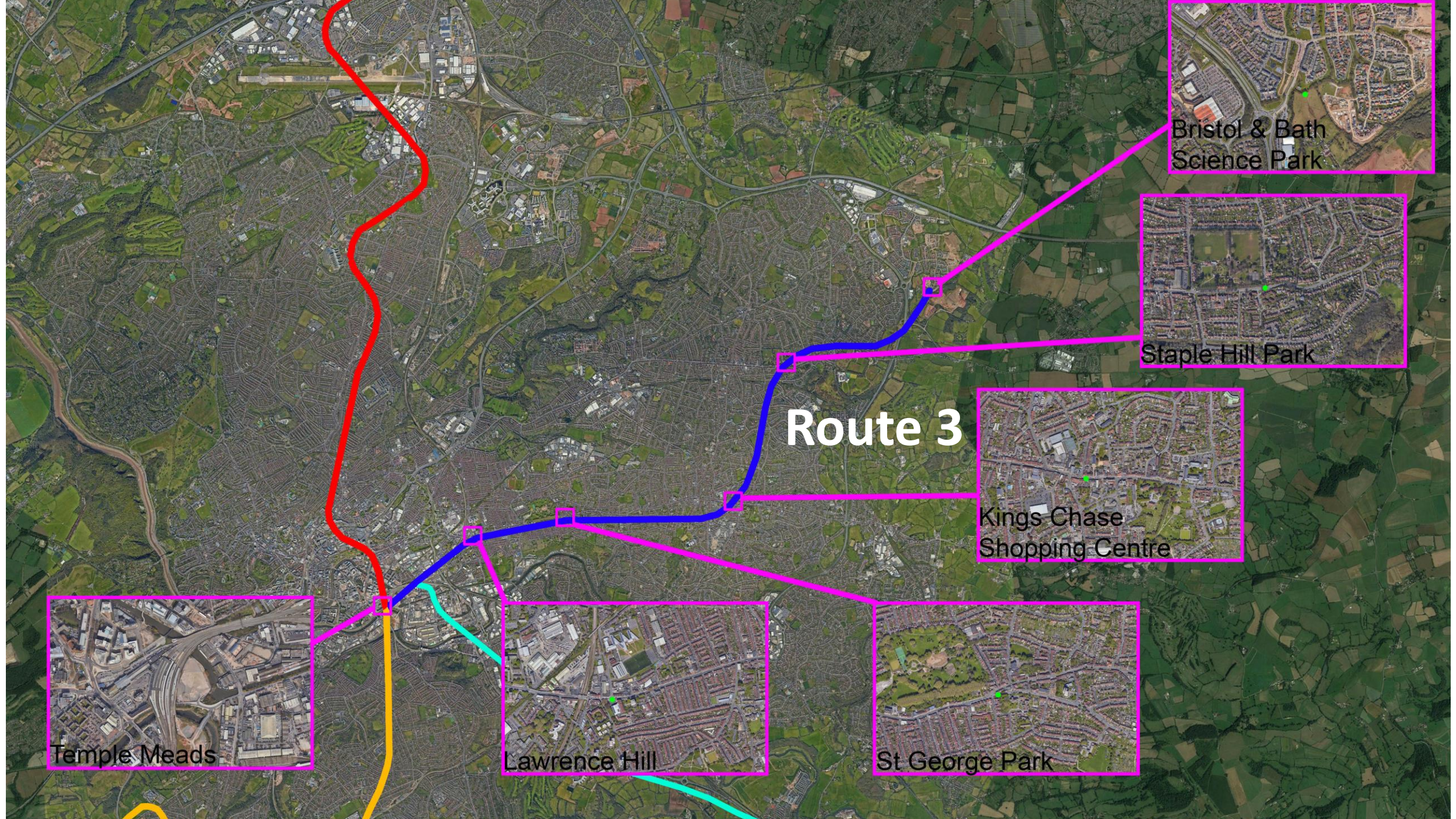


Temple Meads



## Route 2





# Route 3

Bristol & Bath  
Science Park

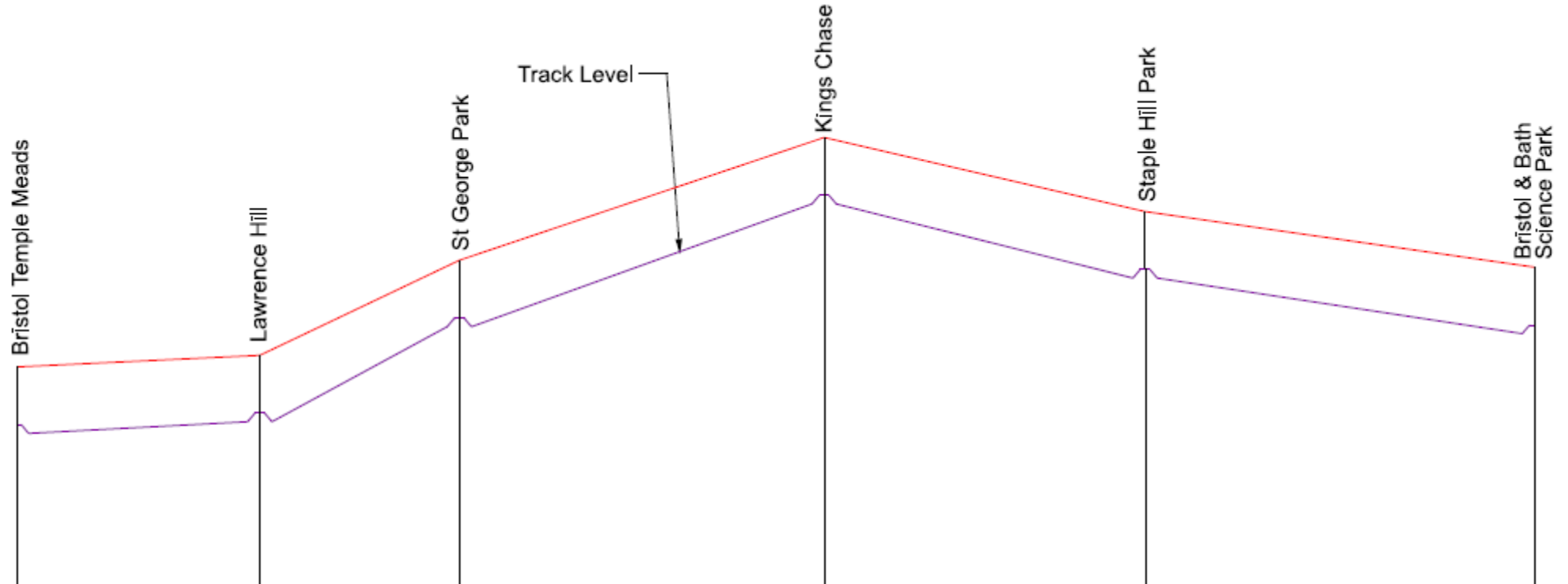
Staple Hill Park

Kings Chase  
Shopping Centre

Temple Meads

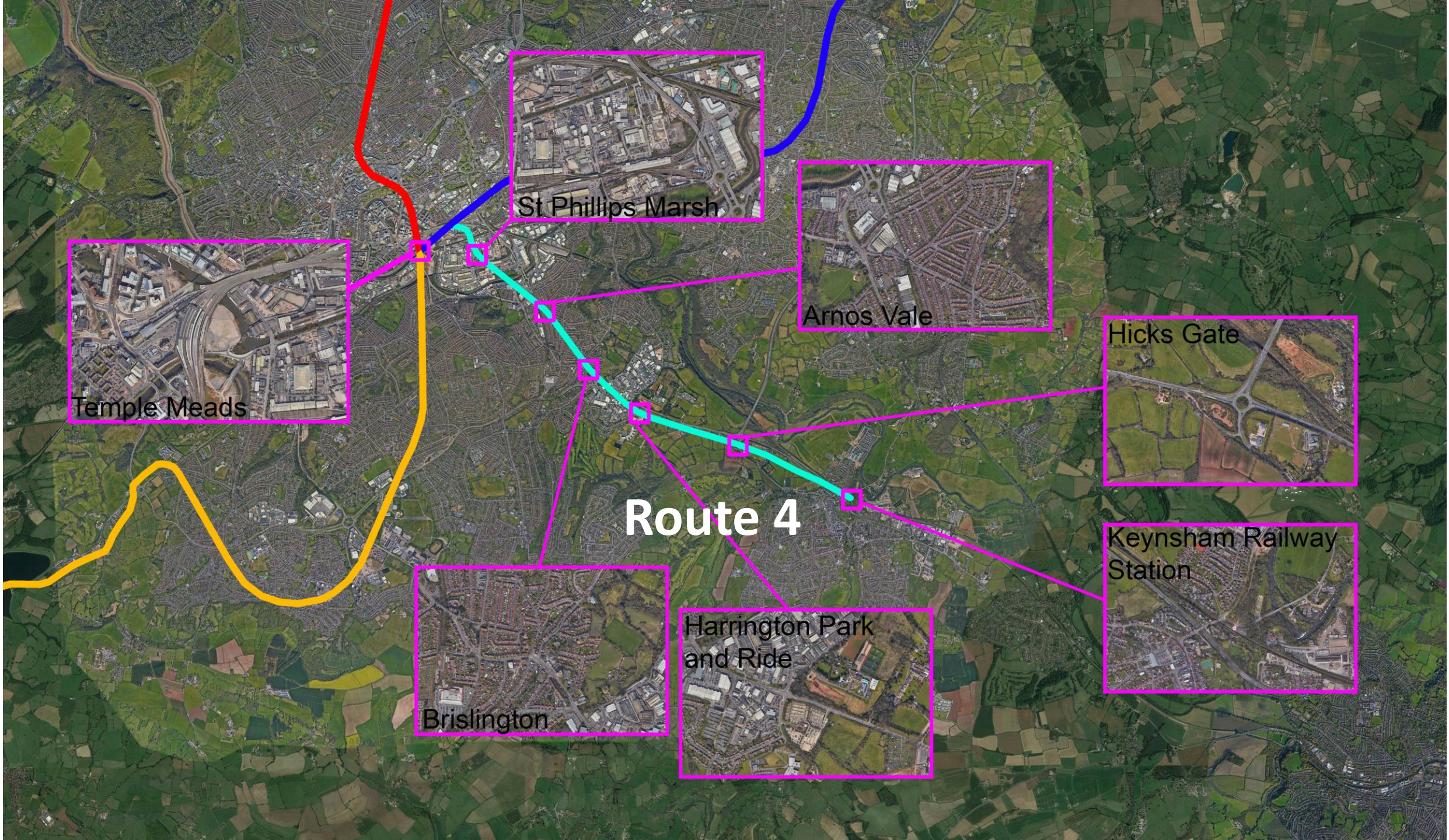
Lawrence Hill

St George Park



Chalnage	0		1704		3101		5656		7904		10630
Ground Level (m APD)	116		122		163		216		184		160
Track Level (m APD)	91		97		138		191		159		135
Depth to Track (m)	25		25		25		25		25		25
Length (m)		1704		1397		2555		2248		2726	
Gradient		284		34		48		-70		-114	

## Route 3



St Phillips Marsh

Arnos Vale

Hicks Gate

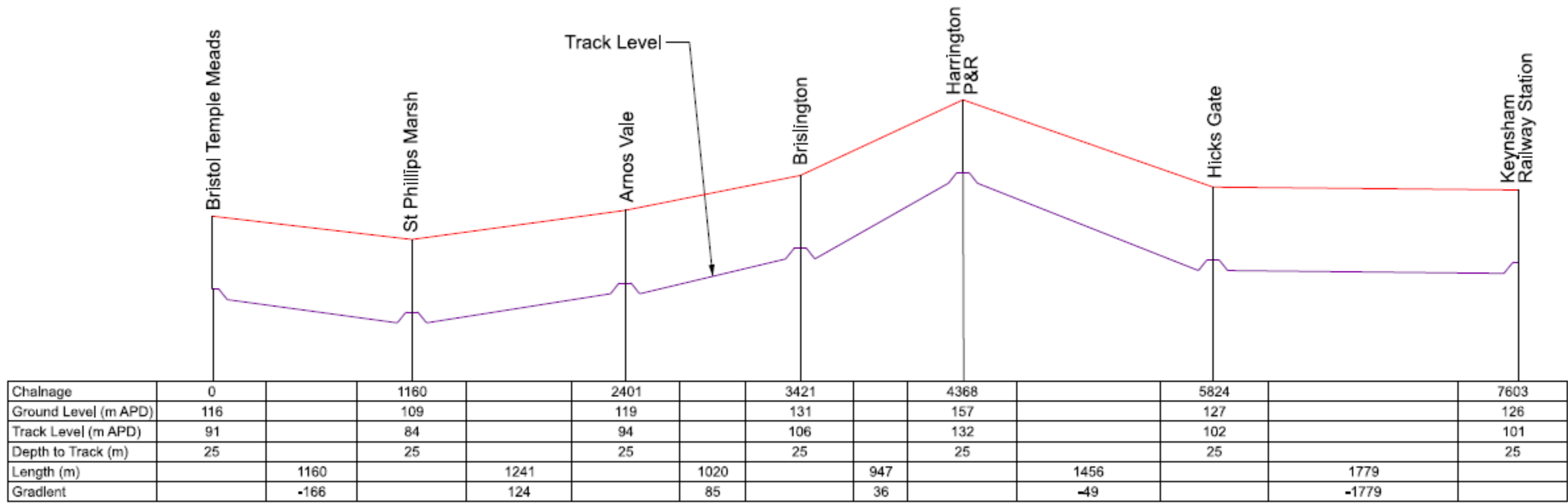
Temple Meads

Route 4

Keynsham Railway Station

Harrington Park and Ride

Brislington



# Route 4

# Tunnel Cost Calculator (short version)

Benchmark Calculator for TBM Tunnels			CECL GLOBAL	
Project: For Bristol Metro. Example: Dublin Metrolink - Single Tunnel - Twin Track route 2				
Date: 01/08/2023				
Made By: Eye Hover				
Checked By:				
INPUTS			Cost Calculation - Tunnel Construction	
Tunnel Length (Portal to Portal)	14153	m	Prime cost per m	£ 16,227
Number of Drives	1		Total Cost of Tunnel Construction	£ 229,804,006
Number of TBMs	1		<b>Drive Rate Calculator</b>	
TBM launched from	Portal		TBM Operating Mode	Factor
Number of Cross Passages	0		Closed	0.60
Total Tunnel Length	14153	m	Ground Conditions	Factor
Capital Length	14153	m	Homogeneous Clay/Sand/Rock	0.20
Tunnel Internal Diameter	8.5	m	Experience of Tunnel Crew	Factor
Long Average Effective Drive Rate	8.51	m/shift	High	0.20
Number of Working Shifts per Week	14		Site Logistics	Factor
Muck Away (Rate for in the Solid)	12.5	£/m <sup>3</sup>	Good available space / logistics	0.20
Consumables	12.5	£/m <sup>3</sup>	Other Complicating Factors	Factor
Average Cost of Labour	442.5	£/shift	None	0.20
Design %	10	%	Length (m)	Factor
Risk %	10	%	14153	0.13
Prelims %	25	%	Total	Factor
<b>Variable Outputs</b>			Total	0.33
Ring Thickness	365	mm	Drive Rate (m/shift)	13.50
Segmental Lining Internal Diameter	8.500	m	TBM Installation (Weeks)	7
Ring External Diameter	9.200	m	TBM Turnaround (Weeks)	7
Excavated Diameter	9.445	m	TBM Learning Curve (Weeks)	7
Excavated Spoil per m	70.069	m <sup>3</sup>	TBM Removal (Weeks)	4
Excavated Spoil per shift	603.6	m <sup>3</sup>	Additional Transit Time	24
Net Cost of TBMs	£ 20,143,099	£	Total Tunnelling Time (Weeks)	117.35
Net Cost of Backup Plans	£ 10,071,549	£	Long Average Effective Drive Rate (m/week)	130.61
Labour per shift	29	No	<b>Chill Fit-Out</b>	
Site Set-Up and Temp Works	£ 8,625,000	£	Include Civil Fit-Out ?	No
<b>Time Related Costs £/Shift</b>			Tunnel Inner Diameter (m)	8.500
Labour cost per shift	£	£/shift	Total Cost of Chill Fit-Out	£0
Cost of electricity and Fuel per shift	£	7,181	<b>MEP</b>	
<b>Tunnel Prime Cost Analysis £/m</b>			Include MEP ?	No
Ring Cost per m	£	6,353 39%	Tunnel Category	A4
Other materials per m	£	2,118 13%	MEP Tunnel Category Factor	1.0
Tunnel Services per m	£	947 6%	Total Cost of MEP	£0
Labour Cost per m	£	1,490 9%	<b>Cost of Portal and Control Building</b>	
Cost of Electricity and Fuel per m	£	834 5%	Include Portal	Yes
Consumables per m	£	876 5%	Include control building	No
TBM and Plant & Equipment per m	£	2,135 13%	Portal Type	B
Site set-up and Temp Works per m	£	609 4%	Portals - Muck Away (Rate for in the Solid, £/m <sup>3</sup> )	12.5
Muck away	£	876 5%	Excavation Cost (£/m <sup>3</sup> )	12.5
<b>Total Prime Cost per m</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>16,227 100%</b>	Cost of Bulk Excavation	£ 2,378,727
<b>Cross-Passage Cost Calculation</b>			Cost of Road Construction	£ 1,822,004
Include Cross Passages ?	No		Cost of Granular Fill	£ 182,300
Internal Diameter of Cross-Passage	0	m	Cost of Canopy Area	£ 35,245
Length of Cross-Passage	0	m	Cost of Shotcrete and Bolts	£ 4,233,645
Ground Treatment Type:	None		Type B - no additional costs	£ -
Cost of ground treatment	£0		Cost of Control Building	£ -
Portal Construction Costs	£0		Cost of Spoil Reuse and Disposal	£ 2,378,727
Tunnel Construction Costs	£0		Total for each Portal and Control Building	£ 11,031,649
Total Cost per Cross-Passage	£0		<b>GRAND SUMMARY</b>	
Total Cost of Cross-Passages	£0		Total Cost of Tunnel Construction	£ 229,804,006
<b>Secondary Lining and Waterproofing</b>			Total Cost of Cross-Passages	£ -
Lining and Waterproofing thickness	0	mm	Cost of Secondary Lining and Waterproofing	£ -
Secondary lining cost per m	£ -	£/m	Total Cost of Chill Fit-Out	£ -
Waterproofing cost per m	£ -	£/m	Total Cost of MEP	£ -
Total Prime Cost per m	£ -	£/m	Total for Portals	£ 22,063,297
Cost of Secondary Lining and Waterproofing	£ -	£/m	Temporary Works and Small Tools	£ 6,894,120
<b>Notes</b>			<b>Total Prime Cost</b>	<b>£ 258,761,423</b>
1. Calculation suitable for segmental tunnels driven using a TBM			Design	£ 25,876,142
2. Applicable to tunnel ID ranging from 3m to 16m			Risk	£ 25,876,142
3. Includes all labour, plant and materials			Sub-Total	£ 310,513,708
4. Includes risk, design and contractors prelims			Prelims	£ 77,628,427
5. Number of TBMs should not exceed the number of drives			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 388,142,135</b>
6. Assumes 12 hour overall shift pattern (10 hours effective working)				
7. Costs inflated from Q1 2019 to Q1 2023				

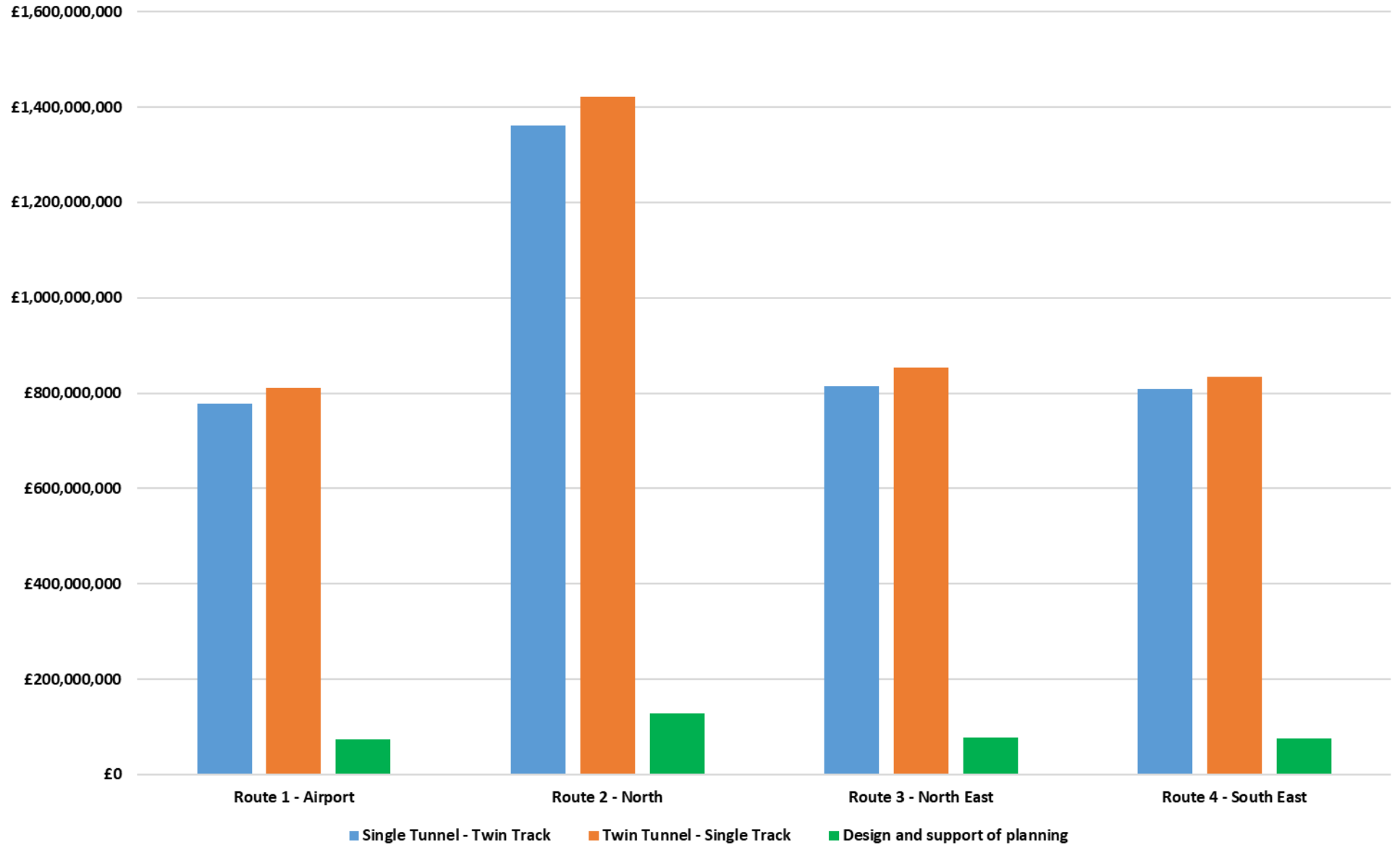
# Single Tunnel – Twin Track

Route	Route 1 - Airport	Route 2 - North	Route 3 - North East	Route 4 - South East
Length (m)	9064	14153	10630	7603
Tunnel Construction	£177,947,826	£247,729,775	£198,355,604	£152,696,022
Stations	£332,313,960	£664,627,920	£332,313,960	£387,699,620
Systemwide, track and comms	£53,384,348	£74,318,932	£59,506,681	£45,808,807
Risk (10%)	£56,364,613	£98,667,663	£59,017,625	£58,620,445
Contractor's Staff (10%)	£56,364,613	£98,667,663	£59,017,625	£58,620,445
Prelims, overhead and Profit (15%)	£101,456,304	£177,601,793	£106,231,724	£105,516,801
<b>Total</b>	<b>£777,831,664</b>	<b>£1,361,613,745</b>	<b>£814,443,219</b>	<b>£808,962,139</b>

# Twin Tunnel – Single Track

Route	Route 1 - Airport	Route 2 - North	Route 3 - North East	Route 4 - South East
Length (m)	9064	14153	10630	7603
Tunnel Construction	£195,796,694	£280,825,986	£220,362,948	£166,395,197
Stations	£332,313,960	£664,627,920	£332,313,960	£387,699,620
Systemwide, track and comms	£58,739,008	£84,247,796	£66,108,884	£49,918,559
Risk (10%)	£58,684,966	£102,970,170	£61,878,579	£60,401,338
Contractor's Staff (10%)	£58,684,966	£102,970,170	£61,878,579	£60,401,338
Prelims, overhead and Profit (15%)	£105,632,939	£185,346,306	£111,381,443	£108,722,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>£809,852,535</b>	<b>£1,420,988,349</b>	<b>£853,924,394</b>	<b>£833,538,459</b>

**Total Cost of Construction for Each Route (Q3-23)**





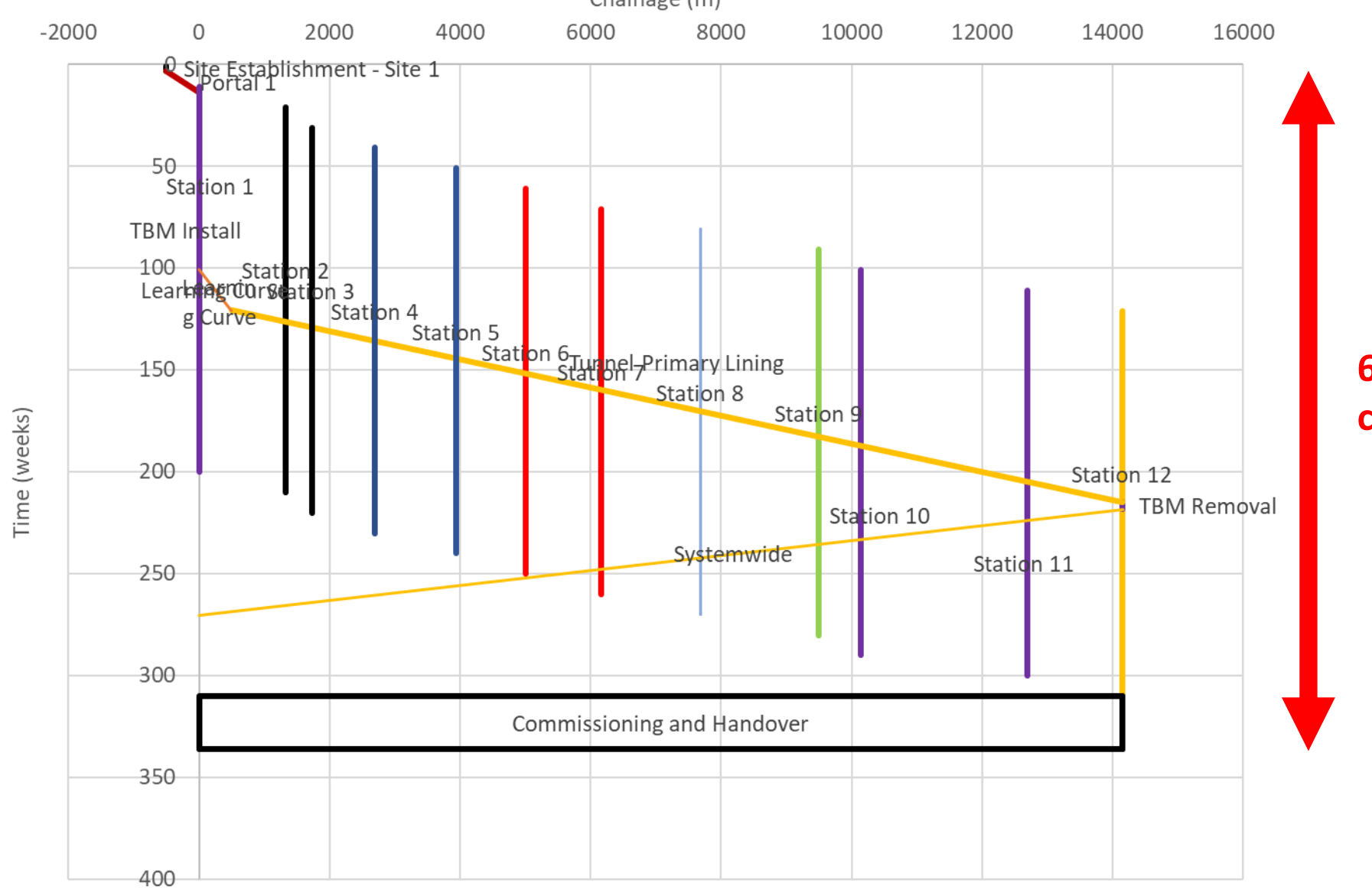
# Combined Cost

(assuming four routes are constructed underground)

<b>Single Tunnel - Twin Track</b>	
Combined Construction (assuming four JVs)	£3,596,693,787
Combined Design	£155,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,751,693,787</b>

<b>Twin Tunnel - Single Track</b>	
Combined Construction (assuming four JVs)	£3,752,146,756
Combined Design	£160,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,912,146,756</b>

# Route 2 - Single Tunnel Time-Chainage



**6.5 years of construction**

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