



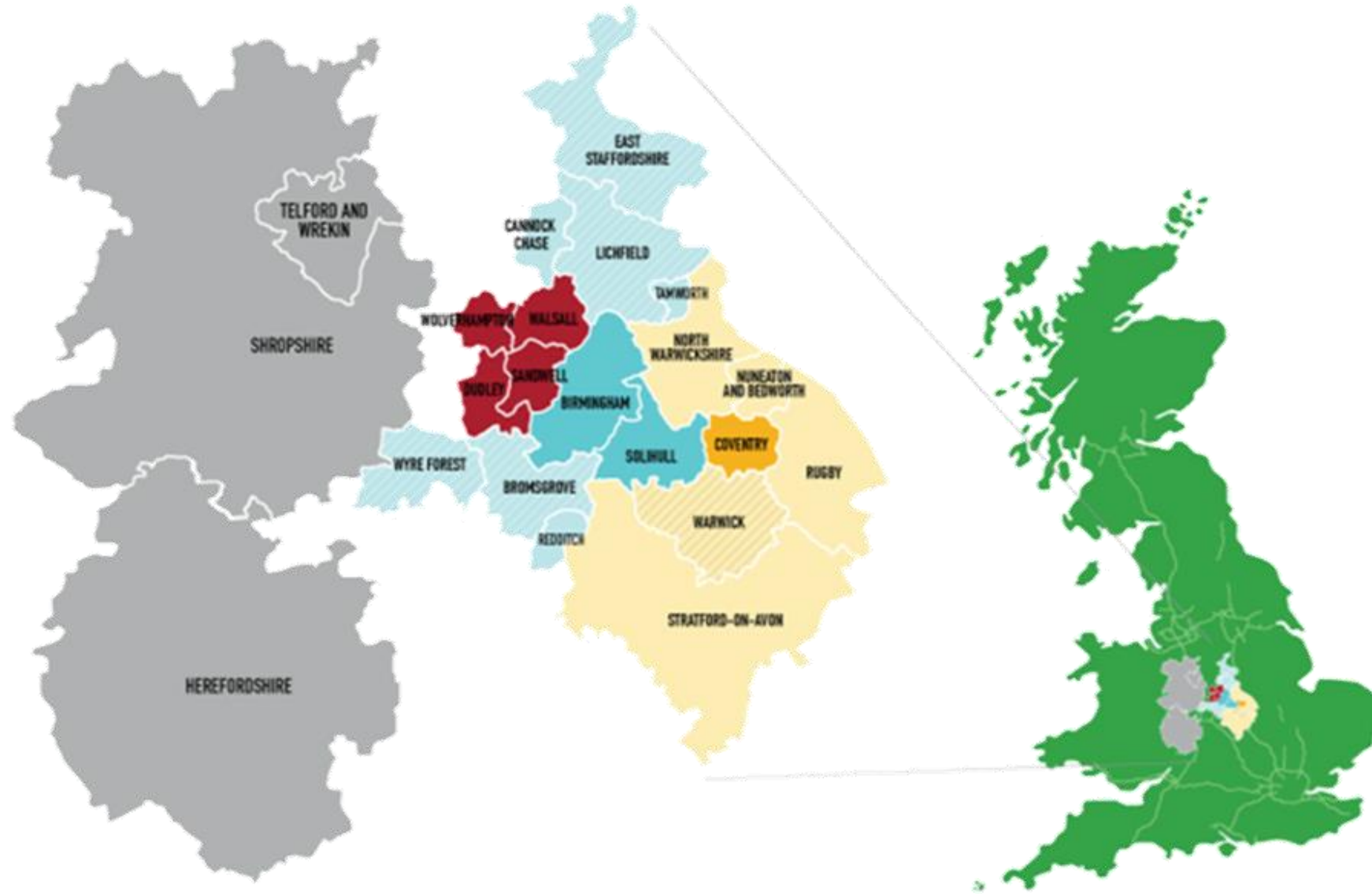
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Breaking the Concrete Collar

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Metropolitan Area



Motor City



The Dominance of the Car

- Urban environment transformed after the 1950's as the car dominates
- Significant changes to the City during the 1960's
- City Engineer, Sir Herbert Manzoni declared that there was little worth preserving and set out to design a city for the motor age
- Large scale segregation of pedestrians and motor vehicles
- Development of urban motorways
- Hierarchy of users

The Emergence of the Concrete Collar



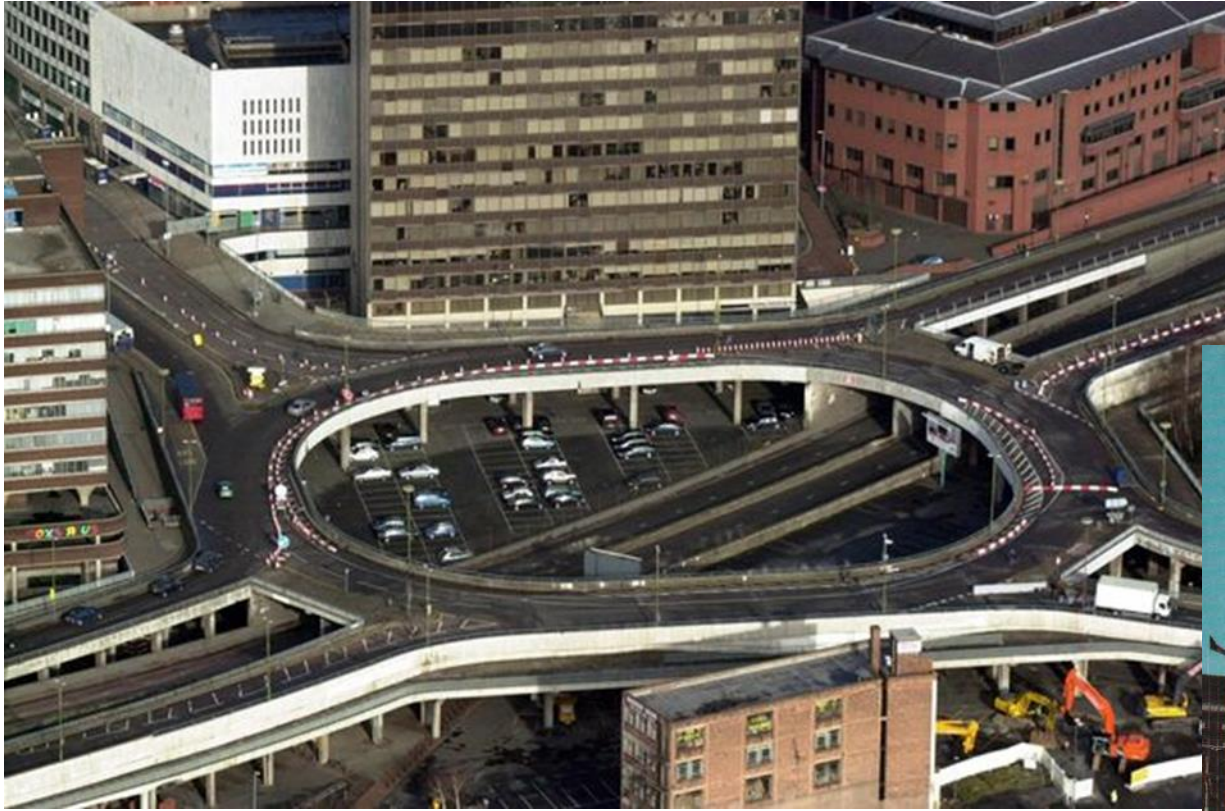
Inner Ring Road



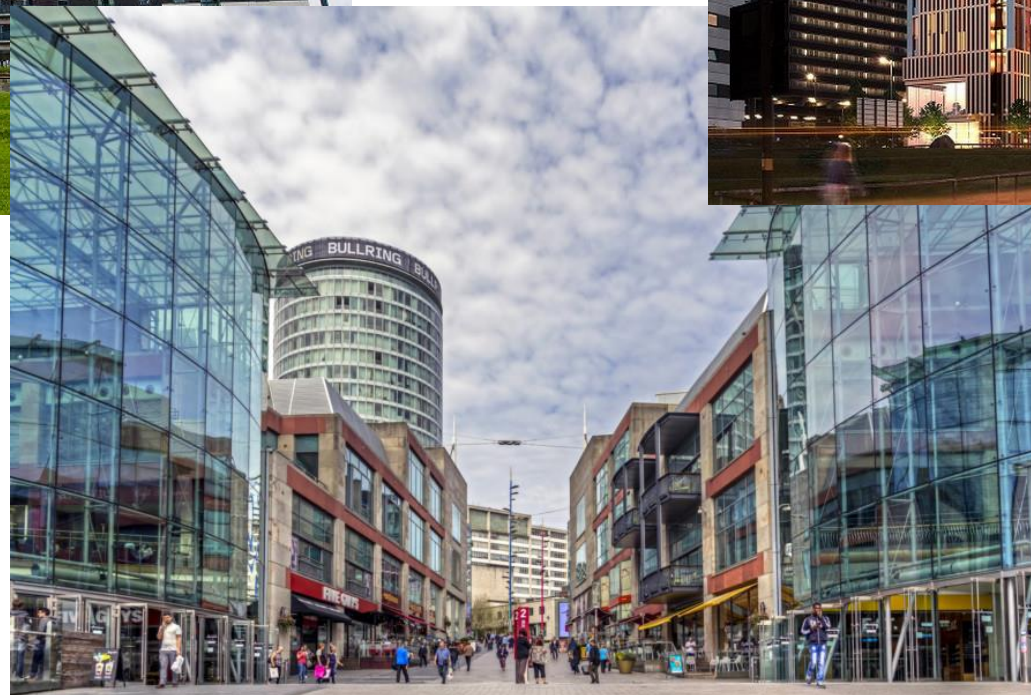
Redevelopment

- Significant policy shift in the 1990's
- Recognition that urban motorways were restricting growth
- Wholistic approach to City Centre regeneration
- Realising land value
- Changes in travel patterns – shift to public transport
- Focus on increasing permeability for pedestrians
- Economic, social and environmental objectives

Masshouse and Bull Ring



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Snow Hill Masterplan



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- Significant changes to roads
- Redevelopment of Snow Hill Station
- Creation of public transport corridor
- 2.2 million sq ft of office space
- Supporting 10,000 new jobs
- Adopts the principles of transport space allocation
- Builds on political and business support

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