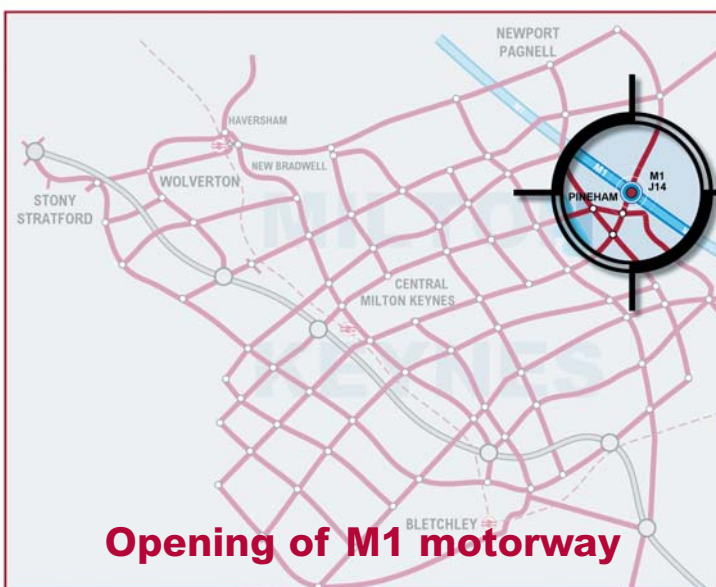


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10 Opening of M1 motorway



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Milton Keynes has been served by **the nation's first north/south routes** – Roman Watling Street, the canal, the railway, and – **The M1 Motorway, 1959**

Flooded by the Great Ouse eight times during construction, the city's section of the M1 opened to less than a tenth of the 150,000 vehicles per day now using it, *'opening up a new era in road travel, in keeping with our new, exciting, scientific age.'*

Ernest Marples, Minister for Transport, 1959