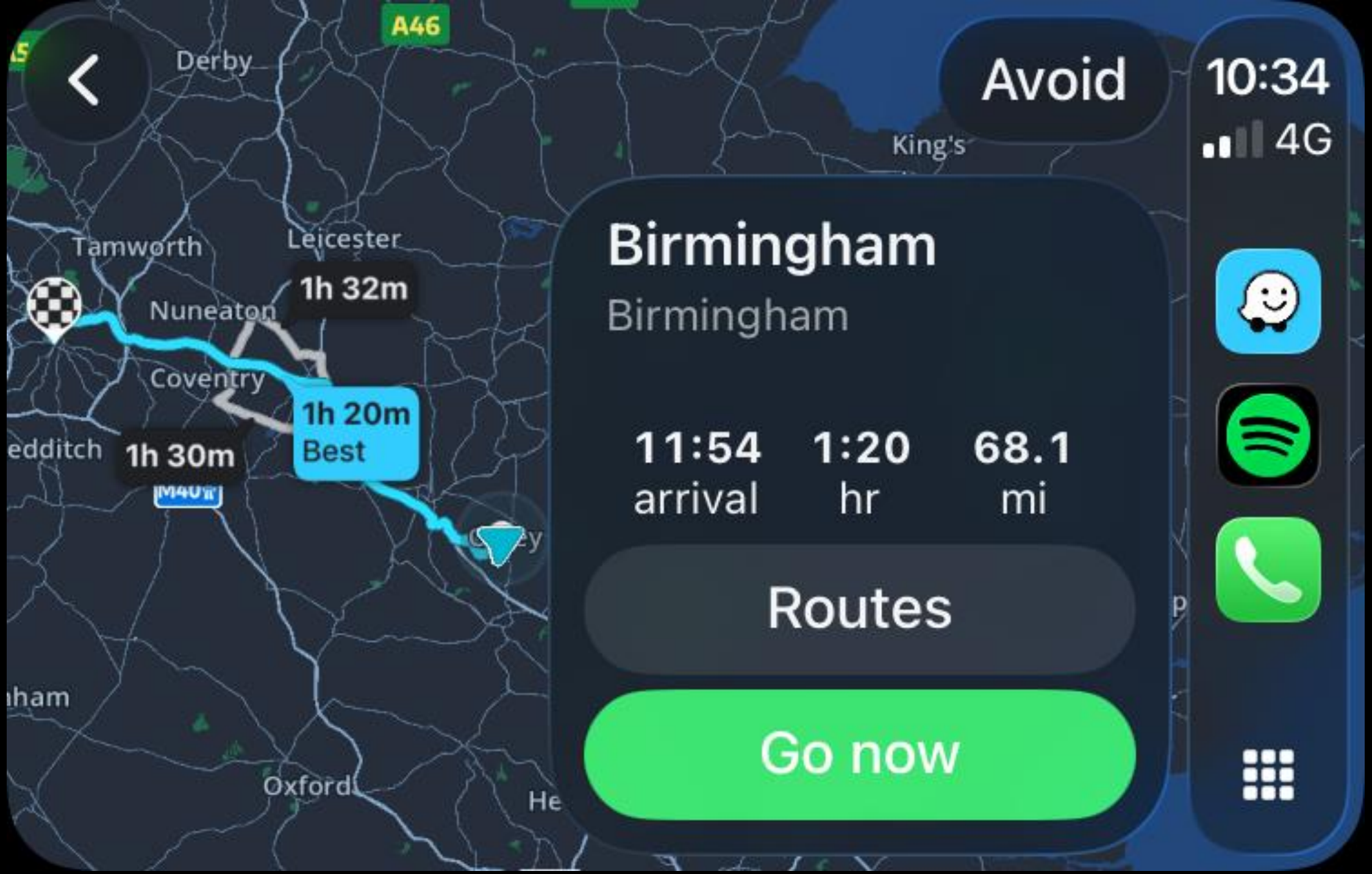
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Dependence isn't the problem. Not recognising that dependence might be...

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Sovereign AI: preserving choice in an intelligent world

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Our agenda

Sovereign AI is about control, dependency and choice

- Why AI matters
- Why dependency matters
- What Sovereign AI means
- How we preserve choice

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AI is becoming infrastructure

Technology	What changed?
Electricity	We expected power to be available
Internet	Connectivity became essential
GPS	We stopped carrying maps
Cloud	We consumed capabilities instead of owning them
AI	We are consuming “intelligence” as a service

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What do we mean by “Sovereign AI”?

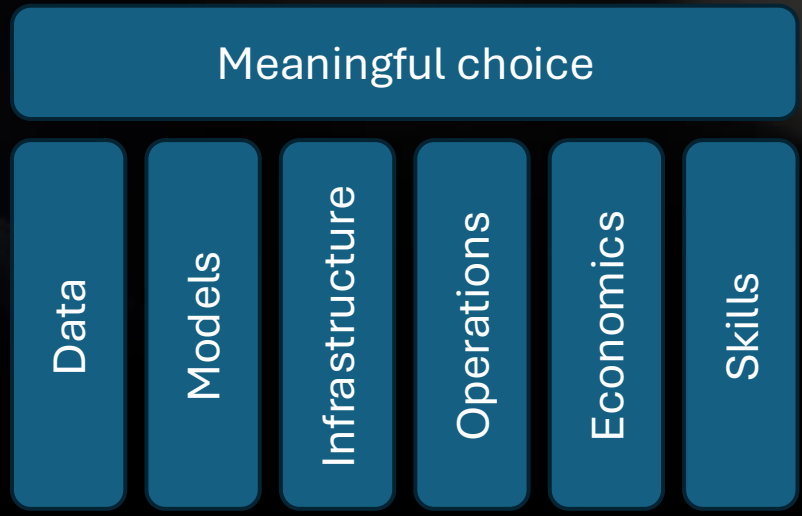


Sovereign AI is not:

- Building everything yourself
- Keeping everything on-premises
- Avoiding cloud providers

Sovereign AI is about:

- Understanding dependencies
- Maintaining appropriate control
- Preserving meaningful choice



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What happens when someone else controls a capability you depend on?



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The AI operational estate

- What AI are we running?
- Who owns it?
- What data can it access?
- What is it costing?
- What value is it creating?



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Six dependencies for AI

Dependency	Question
Data	Where does the information go?
Models	Whose intelligence are we relying on?
Infrastructure	Who provides the compute?
Operations	Who runs the service?
Economics	Who controls pricing and consumption?
Skills	Could we operate without external expertise?

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Measuring sovereignty

Sovereignty claim	Evidence question	Assessment
"Our data stays in-country"	What about telemetry, prompts and metadata?	Partial view
"We offer sovereign AI"	Who controls operations, identity and dependencies?	Requires evidence
"We run locally"	Can we govern, operate and evolve it?	Not automatically sovereign

Questions matter more than claims:

- Who controls it?
- Which laws apply?
- Who operates it?
- What dependencies remain?
- Can we leave?
- Can we prove it?

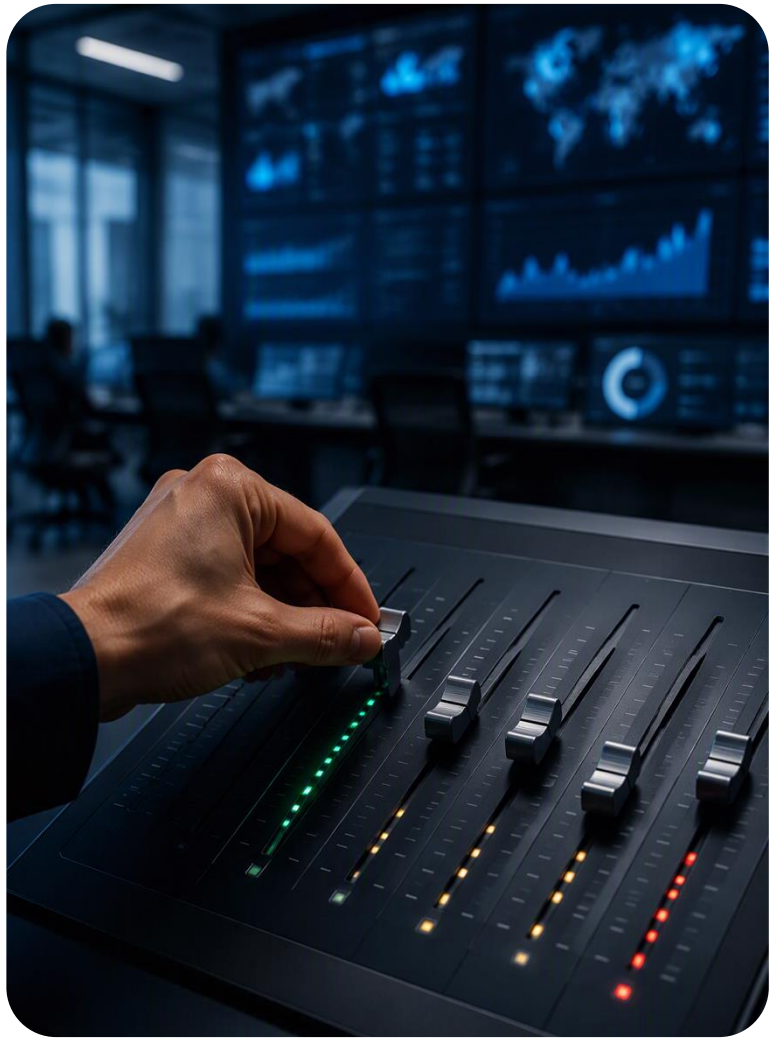
Claim → Evidence → Verification → Confidence

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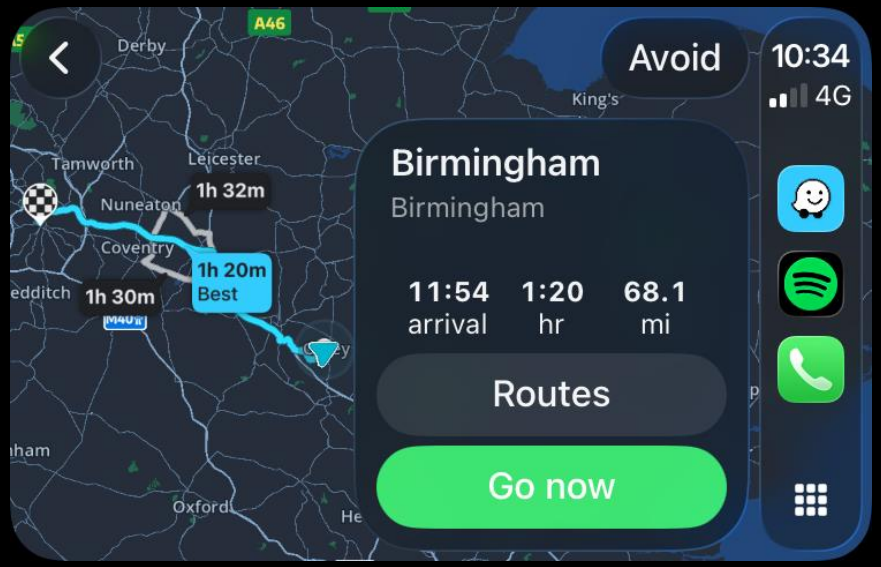
Not every AI use case needs maximum sovereignty

Scenario	Indicative level of control
Planning a holiday	Low
Enterprise productivity	Medium
Sensitive customer data	High
Healthcare / Critical Infrastructure	Very High

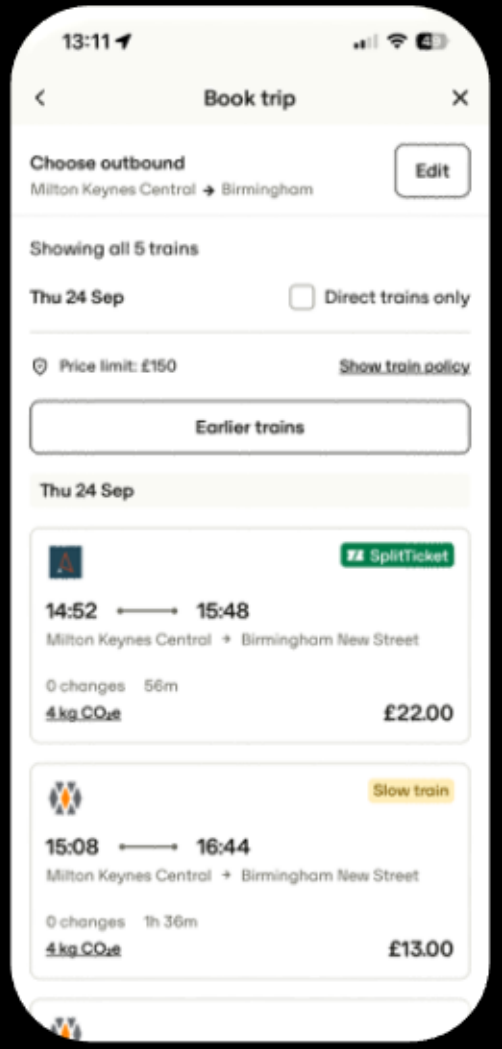


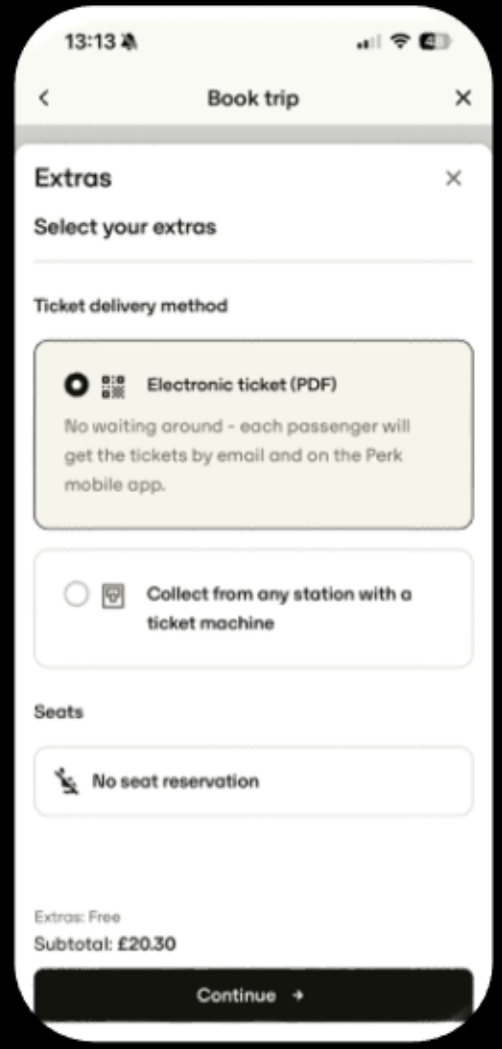
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Preserving choice









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Sovereign AI, summed up

- AI is now part of how organisations operate.
- Dependence grows when useful capabilities become routine.
- Sovereignty spans data, models, infrastructure, operations, economics and skills.
- Sovereignty claims need evidence. The right level of control depends on the use case.
- **Can we understand it? Could we operate without it? Can we change it?**

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