

A Vision for Growth

The West and Wales Strategic Rail Prospectus presents a new vision to transform rail connectivity in an area with a greater GVA than Birmingham, Leeds or Sheffield.

This vision ensures the many benefits of HS2 will be fully realised and connections between communities and businesses across manufacturing, life sciences, logistics and energy will be further developed and supported.

The vision has been created through a unique and dynamic collaboration between the public and private sector, spanning two countries and multiple local authorities, and has brought these disparate organisations together for the first time to present this united, strategic case for rail investment.

Investment on this scale will address long-term barriers to growth and deliver opportunities for generations to come.

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Connectivity

Improved connectivity at all levels



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West and Wales Strategic Rail Prospectus

Maximising growth by extending the benefits of HS2

Vision



A vision which dovetails with Transport for the North’s strategy.

Context



Population
2.1 million

Geography
West and Wales covers 3 Local Enterprise Partnerships, (Cheshire and Warrington, Stoke and Staffordshire, Marches) North Wales and constituent Local Authorities. It also reflects the Transport for the North’s Strategic Development Corridors.

Outcomes of investment



Targeted investment in our rail network is key to unlocking our economic potential, opening opportunities for new homes and employment prospects. The degree to which our ambitions become a reality will depend on the level of investment in transport from all sources before the arrival of both HS2 and NPR. If HS2 and NPR are to be well received and well used by residents/businesses from West and Wales there needs to be a commitment to investment in rail travel in the region, and a solution at Crewe that maximises the connectivity.