



Midlands Connect
Powering the Midlands Engine



If you're an MP, councillor, or business leader, you have the power to make the Midlands the innovative and productive region Britain needs it to be. As we forge our new position in the world, now is the time to join the Midlands Connect journey and make our vision for economic growth, prosperity and social mobility a reality.

Join The Journey

What can you do to help power the Midlands Engine?

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Better Connecting East and West

- Champion the Midlands Rail Hub, to speed up services and add 24 trains per hour, bringing the East and West Midlands closer together
- Promote the A46 as a nationally significant corridor, to build on its current £115 billion annual contribution to the UK economy
- Make the case for road and rail improvements around key towns, like Newark, to enable economic growth both regionally and nationally
- Make the Midlands a place where multi-national companies can easily reach their supply chains and customers using major East-West routes like the A5 and A50/A500

HELP US Secure Government commitment to deliver the Midlands Rail Hub

Accelerating the Benefits of HS2



HELP US Open Toton to regular services in the 2020s and HS2 by 2030

- Make the case for accelerating the delivery of the HS2 East Midlands Hub at Toton to bring forward growth in the surrounding area
- Support the introduction of regular direct services between Leicester and Leeds, halving the journey time, by using HS2 conventional-compatible trains on the Midland Main Line
- Help Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Wales and the South West to access HS2 services by backing funding for the Midlands Rail Hub
- Make the most of conventional-compatible HS2 trains serving Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford and Chesterfield

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Fostering Innovation and International Trade

- Focus Major Road Network funding to improve access to ports and airports
- Promote the Midlands as an attractive and globally competitive market for domestic and foreign investment
- Support investment that allows road and rail freight to travel more easily to, from and through the Midlands
- Foster innovations like lorry platooning, smart ticketing and region-wide 5G

HELP US Push for investment in the Major Road Network to unlock innovation and trade

