Southern Gateway Information

The Bradford Southern Gateway is the name given to the regeneration area to the south of Bradford City Centre associated with a brand-new rail station to replace Bradford Interchange and a new tram line linking Bradford and Leeds. This new transport connectivity will unlock Bradford's strategic location between Leeds and Manchester, creating an exciting space for new jobs and places to live for our youthful population.

In October 2023, the Government announced Network North, including **a £2bn investment** for a brand new rail station and line connection for Bradford to give a 30 minute journey to Manchester via Huddersfield, as well as an **additional £2.5bn** for a new West Yorkshire mass transit system, improving connections between Leeds and Bradford, Huddersfield and Halifax. This is **on top of £500m** already committed by Government to improve rail connectivity between Bradford and Leeds.

Just like the regeneration of Kings Cross in London, we aim to unlock Bradford's huge potential through this once in a lifetime opportunity to vastly improve our rail connectivity, giving us:

- An electrified Calder Valley line between Bradford and Leeds
- Journeys as low as **12 minutes to Leeds** from the current 20 minutes
- A **30 minute journey time to Manchester** from the current 1 hour.
- **A new tram system** (mass-transit) connecting the communities between Leeds and Bradford to the city centres, and linking the new Bradford station with Forster Square.

Up to **126 hectares** of under-utilised land could be transformed with beautiful public spaces and opportunities for **new offices, retail and leisure**. Up to **2,500 new homes** could be created in neighbourhoods having outstanding connectivity right on their doorstep. Existing communities from across the city would have new opportunities to access good jobs both within the city and across the north.

For now, our plans are still at an early stage and we don't have much detail to share. This investment will be truly transformational for Bradford, but its scale means it could **take a decade to get everything in place**. There's lots to do before we can make this a reality, and we need your help so we can shape our new city together.