

# HS2



## Why HS2 will be good for jobs and businesses

“By bringing our major cities, regions and communities closer together we are encouraging business and innovation”

Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport

- We will help small businesses in the Midlands and the North to grow by improving their access to finance and support networks
- HS2 is set to create 25,000 new jobs, including 2,000 apprenticeships, with the newly-opened National College for High Speed Rail playing a key role in generating the workforce of the future
- By more than halving the journey time from Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds, as well as to other destinations in the North, we will make it easier for the region to operate as a single economic unit and access new markets

“Improved connectivity will drive productivity growth across the Midlands and the North”

Survey of businesses and regional bodies

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