



ROTHERHAM'S GATEWAY TO *THE FUTURE*

FOREWORD



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Leader of Rotherham
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These plans for Rotherham Gateway are more than exciting. They will be transformational, for Rotherham, South Yorkshire and beyond.

Rotherham is already a town of innovation, growth and ambition.

But for too long, Rotherham has not had the rail connectivity to support our ambitions to build a thriving economy.

With a rich industrial heritage and a bold vision for advanced manufacturing, housing expansion and regeneration, Rotherham needs the transport infrastructure to better connect our people, industry and business locally, regionally and nationally.

Rotherham Gateway, together with Rotherham's existing central train station, will create a major transport hub to turbo-charge the town's economy.

The momentum this will provide is critical to the communities of Rotherham and South Yorkshire, particularly as we develop our vision for an integrated transport network. And of course as Yorkshire Mayors work together through the White Rose partnership on improving rail connectivity across the North.

Rotherham Gateway will be a catalyst for growth, driving investment, attracting businesses, creating high-value jobs and opportunities and delivering the quality homes the region needs.

It will break down barriers to opportunity so often faced by those of us who live here.

We hope you'll agree that Rotherham Gateway is a unique opportunity to propel Rotherham on to its next stage of growth and secure our future as a powerhouse of the modern Northern economy for generations to come.



Rotherham Gateway is central to Rotherham's regeneration plans



It will establish the area as a hub for research and innovation



It will be a major transport hub, complementing Rotherham Central and strengthening the Sheffield-Leeds economic corridor



And finally, the station will further enhance access to jobs, education, and leisure opportunities



The station and tram-train stop will act as a catalyst for socio-economic growth, attracting investment across Rotherham while boosting the town centre and local enterprises

LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONNECTIVITY UNLOCKED

Rotherham Gateway will transform our town's connectivity, opening up faster and easier links to the whole of the UK. It will put Rotherham firmly on the map, making it a more attractive place to live, work, and invest.

With this ambition in mind and after a thorough assessment, **Forge Way** was selected as the best location for Rotherham Gateway. Located in Rotherham's industrial heartland just north of the town centre, it will be one project to anchor urban regeneration which unlocks local, regional and national benefits for everybody.



Significantly improve local connectivity and town centre access because of the tram-train stop



Regional and national connectivity provided by the main line station

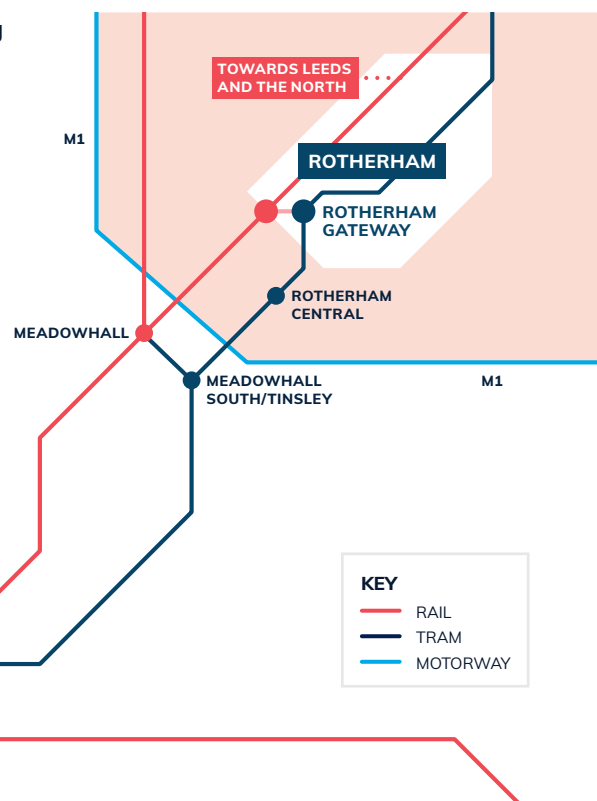


Strengthen connections with ongoing regeneration projects



Complement additional sustainable transport investments planned for Rotherham

The Gateway's proximity to key housing and employment hubs - Eastwood, proposed Bassingthorpe Farm, and Parkgate Retail Park, as well as the wider South Yorkshire Investment Zone - also makes it the ideal choice to drive Rotherham's long-term growth.



By integrating Rotherham Gateway into future northern rail timetables as they are developed, the project will also minimise disruption for existing passengers while delivering new, faster connections to key destinations.

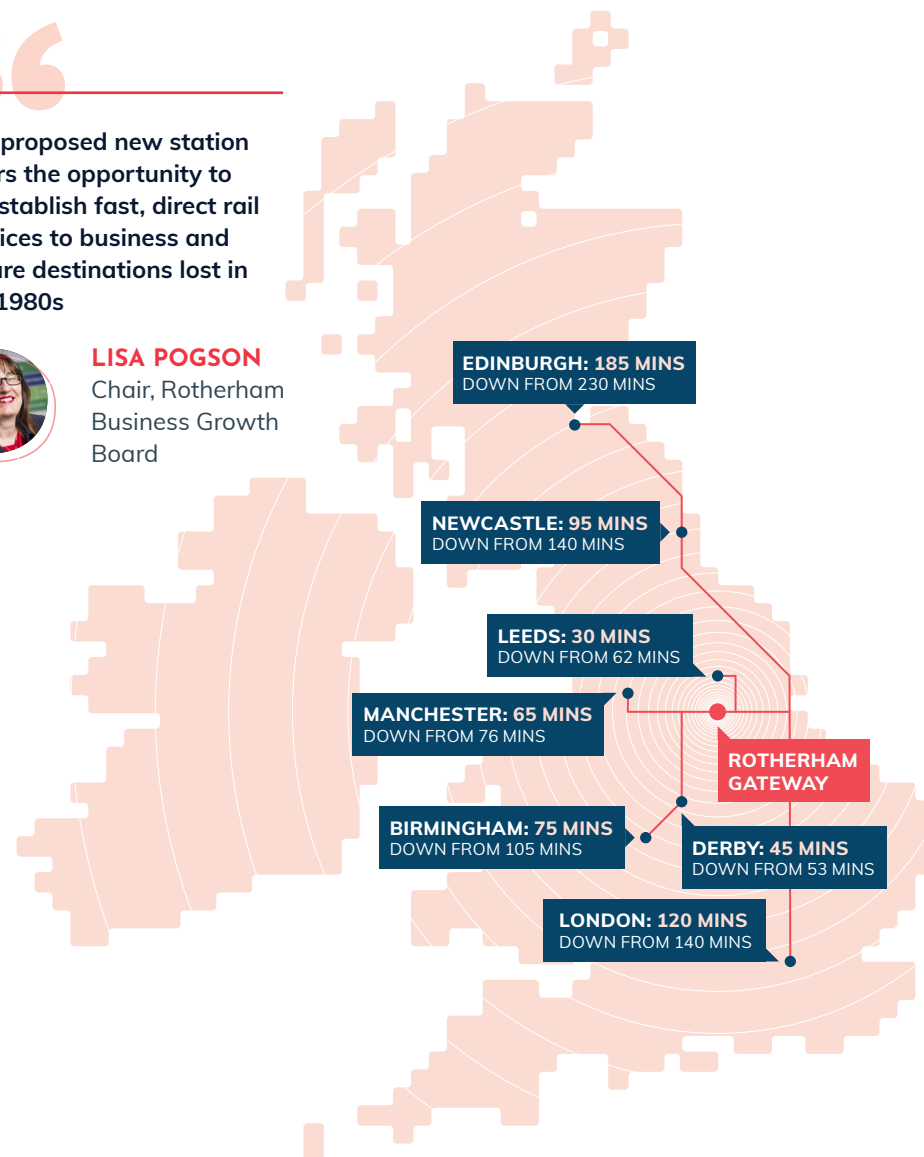
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The proposed new station offers the opportunity to re-establish fast, direct rail services to business and leisure destinations lost in the 1980s



LISA POGSON

Chair, Rotherham Business Growth Board



ROTHERHAM GATEWAY IS NOT JUST A STATION

This project is at the heart of Rotherham's plans for the wider regeneration of the area, transforming the town into a modern northern economy. The Gateway will drive jobs and investment into our town, benefitting the whole borough.



NEW JOBS

Up to 1,000 additional high value jobs in companies close to local residents

ECONOMIC GROWTH

£52m improvement in local economy from new employment prospects

PRODUCTIVITY BOOST

Attracting talent, boosting business confidence to hire and raising living standards



DRIVING CONNECTIVITY

People will get faster journeys across our region and beyond

10 MINUTES WALK

Rotherham Gateway is close enough to support Rotherham town centre

30 MINUTE TRAIN

The journey to Leeds will be half an hour faster, helping people work and play



3,000 HOMES

Bassingthorpe Farm and surrounding sites will be able to deliver new homes

33,000M² FOR BUSINESS

New advanced manufacturing and business space will be unlocked

265,000 OPPORTUNITIES

Many local people will benefit from Rotherham Gateway

KEY ECONOMIC STATS

- + Supporting the creation of 8,000 jobs and securing £1.2 billion in private investment across the wider South Yorkshire Investment Zone of Rotherham, Sheffield, Doncaster and Barnsley
- + New opportunities for small and mid-sized businesses to thrive as transport links bring skilled staff and training closer together
- + Attracting and growing new industries such as advanced manufacturing, green technology and digital companies, generating more, better-paid jobs
- + Driving investment to the Innovation Campus to build on historic manufacturing strengths across the wider Rotherham area
- + Supporting the costs of the railway with up to £10 million in new income



ALIGNING OBJECTIVES

Rotherham Gateway is not only in line with the Government's Modern Industrial Strategy but it is also a major priority in the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's Plan for Good Growth and a key mission for Rotherham Council

NATIONAL IMPACT

This project supports the Government's goals to unlock regional economic growth, break down barriers to opportunity and deliver on their 1.5 million housing target.

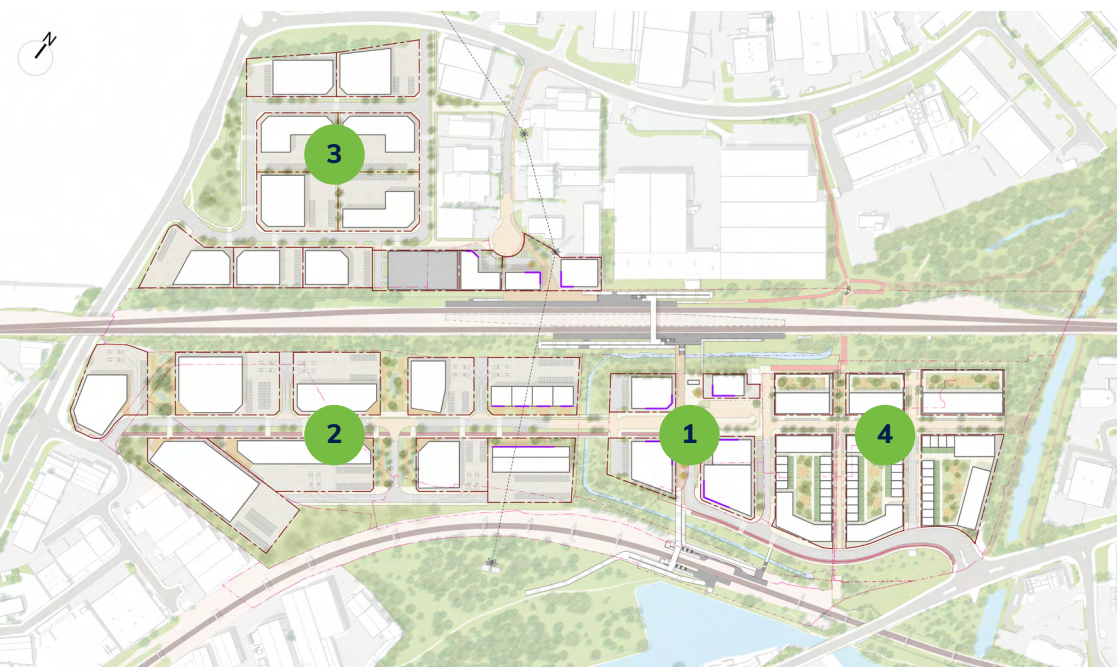
REGIONAL IMPACT

Rotherham Gateway will connect and strengthen regional communities while serving as a key hub in Transport for the North's Northern Powerhouse Rail strategy.

LOCAL IMPACT

Advancing Rotherham Gateway is key to the town's economic future, unlocking new opportunities for investment, connectivity, and high quality, secure jobs.

INVESTING IN TOMORROW A LONG TERM PLAN FOR ROTHERHAM

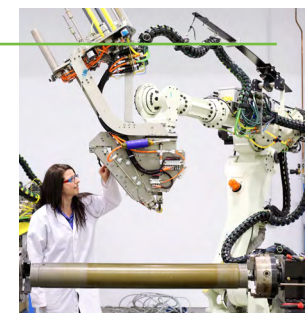


- 1 Rotherham Gateway itself will be at the heart of the **Station Quarter development**. This area presents a unique opportunity to become home to growing businesses, catalysing the development of the Innovation Campus.
- 2 On neighbouring land, the **Innovation Campus** will become an ecosystem for advanced manufacturing, enabling commercial businesses to thrive, supercharging employment and re-skilling opportunities, and supporting a UK-wide supply chain.
- 3 Our long-time vision for Rotherham includes the development of the **Northwest Quarter**, an extension of the Innovation Campus. This would provide space for the station car park as well as unlocking further development opportunities down the line.
- 4 **The Living Quarter** will deliver new homes, community courtyards and green parks to ensure the Gateway sits at the heart of a thriving community.

This station would act as a catalyst to transform the borough through wider urban regeneration opportunities, creating a new landscape that will be attractive to new industries and delivering transformational social and economic benefits.

CARRIE SUDBURY

Chief Executive, Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce





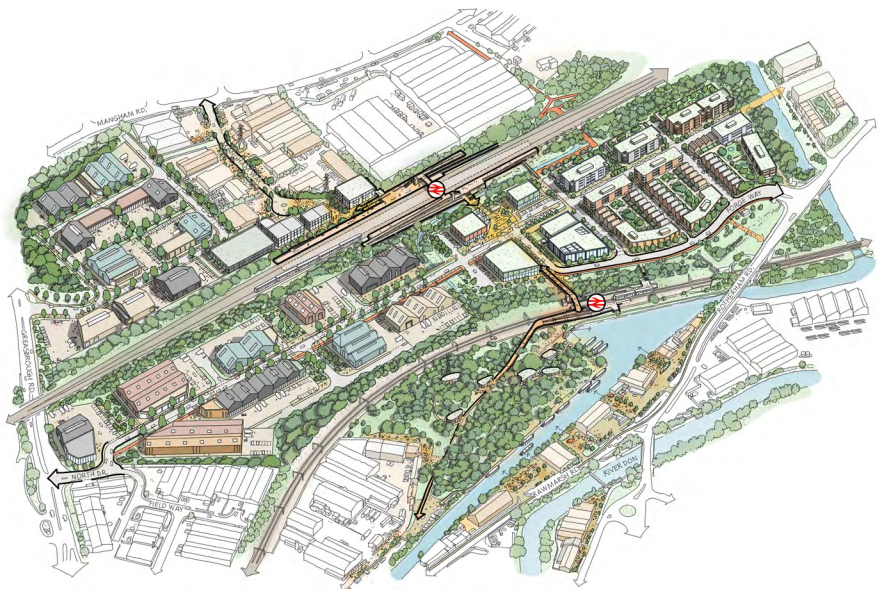
FUNDING NEXT STEPS

Rotherham Gateway will secure significant investment for our town. As well as investing our own capital, we want to work with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, central Government and private sector partners to secure funding.

The Rotherham Gateway Station project is now moving into the next phase – the detailed design. This includes finalising plans for the mainline station, tram-train stop, and surrounding transport hub.

Going forward, we are aiming to secure £11.35 million from the next stage of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) funding by October 2025 to fund further work on the next stage.

ROTHERHAM GATEWAY STATION



A new main line rail station which creates faster links to Sheffield, Leeds and Doncaster, unlocking new regional and national connections



A new tram-train stop will provide fast, convenient local connections



The new station will include commercial opportunities and the chance for new economic growth

- + Join Rotherham directly to other major towns and cities with fast new connections
- + Enhance access to jobs across the town by helping people travel to work
- + Facilitate the development of the cutting-edge Innovation Campus, and support the growth of the advanced technology sector
- + Improving access to education at colleges, universities and the Innovation Campus
- + Grow the local economy by attracting inward investment
- + Boost local connections to Rotherham town centre, Magna, Lower Don Valley, Sheffield Arena and Olympic Legacy Park
- + Support existing services from Rotherham Central
- + Contribute to a greener future with more sustainable transport options



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