



INTRODUCING NETWORK NORTH

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Following a presentation to Andy Burnham on 5 Nov 2020, Network North was asked to brief leading Northern stakeholders on its rail network designed to connect all the major towns and cities in Northern England. The attached outline presentation of the major features of Network North is an extract of a larger and more comprehensive presentation which is available on request.

Network North is aware of the NPR press release made on 19 Nov 2020, seeing it as an indication of the impetus behind delivering a better rail future for the passengers of Northern England. However, Network North believes that its own network offers considerable benefits over the NPR solution which specifically requires HS2 to be built.

The Network North design:

- Does not require any part of HS2 to be constructed before 2040 and probably not then, delivering significant cost reductions;
- Achieves all TfN's specified service frequencies and reduced journey times between primary cities via a fully electrified network with a High Speed TransPennine spine;
- Provides "through" stations in all primary city centres;
- Provides full interconnectivity between population centres;
- Offers significant options for private financing of Network North's High Speed "spine";
- Provides for a matching stand-alone trans-Pennine freight network.

Network North understands that there will be significant questions regarding the attached presentation and proposes further work to clarify what is being offered. The NPR proposal for a Northern network makes ambitious claims as does the Network North design. Network North believes that it would be appropriate for both networks to be reviewed, with a view to reaching a consensus on which offers the best solution for the travelling public and which is best value for money for the taxpayer.

Network North's team is ready to provide full clarification of its proposals as well as an indication of how private finance might be available to deliver the agreed solution. Network North looks forward to providing further details.

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