

## Yorkshire's local government leaders respond to the Government's Integrated Rail Plan

Leaders from across the Yorkshire and Humber region are writing to the Prime Minister to express their concern that the Government's Integrated Rail Plan, published last Thursday, falls short of investing enough in the region, and threatens to worsen economic inequality between different parts of the country.

They are urging the Government to try again, to work with the Leaders in Yorkshire and the Humber to achieve genuine levelling up and are seeking an urgent meeting. Yorkshire and the Humber leaders want a credible alternative plan which maximises connectivity, productivity and opportunity for all across Yorkshire and balances investment between strategic and local needs. They do not believe the current plan does this and will continue to make the case for the infrastructure Yorkshire and the Humber needs.

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Editor's note:

1. This statement is supported by the following local and combined authorities:  
Barnsley Council, Bradford Council, Calderdale Council, Craven District Council, Doncaster Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Hull City Council, Kirklees Council, Leeds City Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Ryedale District Council, Sheffield City Council, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, Wakefield Council, West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, City of York Council