

Bradford & Northern Powerhouse Rail

A new Bradford City Centre hub station at St. James, bringing together Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR), existing rail services, bus and mass transit, will be part of a wider programme of regeneration which is already underway. It will be an exemplar for inclusive, sustainable development promoting well-being, and clean growth.

The benefits of the new station will be spread to the wider city centre and communities across Bradford through high-quality walking and cycling routes, a well-designed network of public realm and green spaces, and an integrated bus and mass transit network.

A new Bradford City Centre hub station at St. James would replace the current Bradford Interchange Station. This multi-modal hub would be at the heart of the area linking the city centre with nearby residential communities as well as major development and regeneration proposals in the Southern Gateway. A new Bradford City Centre hub station at St. James would have significant advantages, including:

- The creation of a new integrated transport hub close to the historic city centre with significant 360 degree development potential around the station for new homes, workspaces, education, healthcare, cleantech and innovate manufacturing and science and technology.
- Planning bus, mass-transit, and walking and cycling networks in a way that is integrated with the plans for existing rail routes and NPR, improving connectivity to the rest of Bradford and West Yorkshire.

- An integrated approach to the planning and phasing of strategic rail improvements to Bradford enabling early benefits to existing rail services, and accelerating delivery of the Bradford to Leeds section of the NPR network. Early construction could be undertaken without disrupting operations at the existing Interchange Station.

- Significant regeneration opportunities related to the release of land on the current Bradford Interchange site.

The scheme will support positive wider outcomes:

- Creating a modern, competitive, international city - new rail links, when developed along with station-focused development, improved local transport links, and wider investment in economic growth, skills and culture have been a catalyst for the transformation of cities in Europe, for example in Lille. Bradford offers similar

potential for transport to unlock place-shaping on a city scale.

- Creating an integrated urban area larger than Birmingham - by linking Bradford and Leeds, two of England's youngest, most diverse, fastest growing populations, to form a coherent economic area and labour market of over 1.3 million people and over 600,000 jobs.

- Unlocking one of Europe's largest regeneration projects - the scale of the regeneration opportunity in Bradford City Centre and Southern Gateway is huge, similar to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park at Stratford in London.

- Levelling-up - labour productivity in Bradford is only around 70% of the national average, and Government spending in Bradford outweighs tax contributions generated by the city. A step-change is needed to move Bradford towards being a net contributor.



360° Regeneration
Greater opportunities for regeneration in more areas



Integration
Improved integration of movement systems and transport services



Deliverability
A pragmatic, phasable approach reducing disruption and improving efficiency



Speed
Construction allowing for increased delivery speed of some key services



Wider connectivity
Reaching outwards with excellent connections to the City Centre and communities across Bradford



Concept illustration of a St. James NPR Station with associated adjacent development