

9th June 2022

Dear Mr Bradley,

**Freedom of Information Act Request – F0021089**

Thank you for your information request of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022. You asked: The technical annex to the Integrated Rail Plan outlines a fourth option entitled 'Potential Wider Network' which has been estimated to cost £8 billion more than the adopted 'Core Network'. I would like to request information as to what additional work this entails and the estimated cost of each part?

Some of the information you have requested is publicly available on page 16 of the Technical Annex to the Integrated Rail Plan, which sets out the components of the 'Wider Network':

*'Wider Network: This includes the options in the Core Network along with a section of new or reopened line connecting Manchester-Bradford (via Huddersfield) with electrification and/or upgrades between Manchester-Sheffield, and from Leeds and Sheffield-Hull and York to Newcastle.'*

The Technical Annex can be found here: [Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands: technical annex \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/108888/Integrated_Rail_Plan_for_the_North_and_Midlands_technical_annex.pdf).

The breakdown of costs for the estimated cost of each additional part of the 'Wider Network' referenced in the Technical Annex can be found in the table below. It should be noted that this work is at an early stage and these figures are only estimates, which may change.

Corridor	Cost (£bn 2019 prices)
Liverpool - Manchester	£ 2.5
Huddersfield - Bradford	£ 1.5
New Bradford Central Station	£ 0.5

Sheffield/Leeds - Hull	£	0.9
York -Newcastle	£	1.1
Manchester-Sheffield	£	1.5
Depots and Stabling	£	0.3

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Yours sincerely,

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