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Hi, my name is Iain Thomson and I am Partnerships Manager with Harworth Estates.

Improved connectivity is essential to unlocking brownfield development across the North of England.

We also increasingly recognise the need to properly link talent

via effective transport links to key developments, such as the Advanced Manufacturing Park in Waverley, to sustain economic growth.

We own a number of rail-connected sites across the north, including in Leeds and North Yorkshire. Improving freight capacity supports our ambitions to bring forward quality rail-connected development.

HS2 will ultimately improve freight capacity and provide far more connectivity to key business destinations. However, this must be balanced with a route alignment that does not impinge on current or proposed development that already brings high value employment or good quality housing to the region.

We would welcome further work on the current route in order to maximise the ultimate net economic benefit. We welcome HS2 Ltd's continued input with landowners and other key stakeholders to maximise the economic benefits the line will bring.

A bit about the company:

Harworth Estates is a land and property regeneration company, owning and managing 27,000 acres across 200 sites. Our experienced team works closely with local communities, public bodies, developers and other professionals to bring life to old brownfield sites and turn derelict land into employment areas, new homes, low carbon energy & environmental projects.

Where our offices are based:

Advanced Manufacturing Park, Waverley, Rotherham.

How many people do we employ: 44.

How long have we been in the City Region:

The company has been independent since December 2012 and has always had its base at the AMP.