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HS2 is key to creating an economically powerful Sheffield City Region and re-balancing the UK economy. It is the largest infrastructure project in Europe and the region must have the confidence and vision to squeeze every penny of economic value from it.

Be that through regeneration, skills, supply chain opportunities or simply through improved connectivity.

There is no doubt that we currently have poor connectivity between the North and South and between our great Northern cities and this detracts from our ability to attract inward investment.

HS2 will help address this and create real opportunities for businesses and the communities in which they work.

I'm clear that HS2 is in the national interest and that of the Northern Powerhouse.

## Fact file

**A bit about the company:**

CMS is an international law firm with specialisms in the Healthcare and Life Sciences, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Technology sectors.

**Where our offices are based:**

We are based in Sheffield City centre but we also have offices in London, Brussels, Dubai, Manchester and Singapore.

**How many people do we**

**employ:** We have over 100 partners leading over 300 lawyers and their support teams. We employ over 200 people in Sheffield.

**How long have we been in the**

**City Region:** We opened our Sheffield office in 1996.