



Hi, my name is John Bowes.

I am a Divisional Director with Mott MacDonald. Improved transport links and better connectivity are vital to all businesses as they have the ability to influence business productivity, access to markets and assist the commuting and migrating decisions of employees. Good quality and reliable

transport systems, with easy connections, are more important than high speed.

HS2 will provide additional capacity on the already congested railway, and will be a major asset for the economic regeneration of the Sheffield City Region. It will unlock development opportunities and may also ease congestion on the local road network.

It could encourage businesses to locate within the region giving them confidence that they can quickly access other cities and key markets. This in turn will create more jobs and supply chain opportunities.

For Mott MacDonald, HS2 will offer improved links to our customers and reduced travel times to our other offices. As there will be further development and regeneration opportunities in and around the HS2 line, Mott MacDonald is in a good position to benefit from these.

HS2 will also benefit our employees as it will provide greatly improved connectivity between major cities. This is all good news to help us reduce our commuting times.

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A bit about the company:

Mott MacDonald is a management, engineering and development consultancy. As a Divisional Director I am responsible for managing the highways, transport planning, bridges, rail and light rail teams in the Yorkshire & Humber region.

Where our offices are based:

Sheffield, Leeds, York and Nottingham. How many people do we employ: We employ more than 300 people in the Yorkshire and Humber region, 6,250 in the UK and 16,500 globally.

How long have we been in the City Region: More than 70 years.