



## Fact file

**A bit about the company:**

Henry Boot Construction provides construction services to the health, education, housing, custodial and public sectors, as well as a diverse range of commercial and industrial clients in the private sector.

**Where our offices are based:**

We have offices in Sheffield, Dronfield and Manchester.

**How many people do we employ:**

Around 215 people.

**How long have we been in the City Region:**

We have been based in the Sheffield City Region for more than 125 years.



**Hello, my name is Simon Carr.**

I am the Managing Director of Henry Boot Construction, a private sector board member of Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership and Chair of the National Federation of Builders.

One of the quantifiable benefits of HS2 is that for every £1 invested in civil engineering and construction projects, the return is nearly £3; a figure that is widely accepted obviously to the wider economy within the construction industry.

HS2 will lead to an increase in construction and civil engineering opportunities. Consequently, I'm interested in how my company can be part of the supply chain network that will deliver this major infrastructure project.

As a board member of Sheffield City Region we have already hosted a supply chain event that was very well attended. We had more than 80 businesses attend, indicating there is a great deal of interest in how businesses can align themselves with the opportunities HS2 can present.

I would like to see the construction phase start as soon as possible and in multi-locations. Let's get it started in the north, Birmingham and London at the same time. This will save money in delivery and we get to see the benefits quicker.

We need to make sure that there continues to be a very clear message about the benefits HS2 will bring to the Sheffield City Region. I want to see construction work start, I want to see the economic benefits and I want work to get work underway as soon as possible.

