



Hi, my name is Jon Simpkin. I am the Managing Director for the Northern Regions of Arthur J Gallagher and am based in Sheffield.

I and many of my employees travel by train so good transport links and train services that are fast and reliable are vital to our working week so that we can meet with customers, colleagues and suppliers. I travel to Leeds daily,

London once a week and frequently to our offices in Birmingham. Many of my colleagues make these journeys on a regular basis too.

Without a doubt HS2 phase two will be a huge benefit to the Sheffield City Region. Businesses now need to work on a national and global scale, and this inevitably means travel. With better transport links people working in the Sheffield City Region can spend more time with their customers and more time at their desks rather than time spent travelling.

Improved connectivity will also improve productivity; it will enable us to attract top staff from further afield and importantly give us quicker access to specialist Lloyds, brokers who are based in London.

As a company we are looking to the future and wanting to grow – improved rail links are an integral part of this plan. HS2 will benefit British business.

Fact file

A bit about the company:

Arthur J Gallagher, one of the world’s largest insurance companies. We specialise in providing risk management services to our clients.

Where our offices are

based: I’m based in Sheffield. Nationally Arthur J Gallagher has more than 70 branches.

How many people do we

employ: We have more than 4,000 employees, 150 of these are based in the Sheffield City Region.

How long have we been in

the City Region: Originally we were two separate companies, Heath Lambert and Oval Insurance, until we were bought by Arthur J Gallagher – giving us a combined history in the region of more than 60 years.