



Department  
for Transport

Lord McLoughlin CH  
Chair, Transport for the North

Councillor Louise Gittins  
Vice Chair, Transport for the North

Councillor Rupert Swarbrick  
Vice Chair, Transport for the North

From the Secretary of State  
**Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP**

Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
London  
SW1P 4DR

Tel: 0300 330 3000  
E-Mail: [louise.haigh@dft.gov.uk](mailto:louise.haigh@dft.gov.uk)

Web site: [www.gov.uk/dft](http://www.gov.uk/dft)

Our Ref: MC/00018275

2 September 2024

Dear Patrick, Louise and Rupert,

Thank you for your kind words of welcome in your letter of 22 July and for providing a copy of your Strategic Transport Plan and Executive Summary.

I commend the considerable amount of work that has gone into producing the document and the vast, and ever-increasing amount of collaboration that has taken place with local partners to produce the plan and to reach agreement across the political and business leaders of the north of England.

The value of the evidence base that underpins the plan is incredibly significant and I am pleased that this will be made available to local authorities across the north to support them in their work.

My department will give due consideration to your plan when developing national transport policies and will be mindful of how such policies are implemented across the north of England.

I am greatly encouraged that you recognise the need to evolve to complement greater powers to city-regions and combined authorities and that you are committed to supporting the north's Local Transport Authorities to deliver their ambitions and growth plans.

Thank you for your invitations. I hope to meet with you soon, in at least one of those forums and my officials will stay in close contact with yours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Haigh". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

**Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**