



Project Overview

Project Title

Huddersfield Rail Station Connections

Main Funding Programme

Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)

Current Forecast Project cost

£18,702,478

Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority

£15,702,478

Other public sector funding amounts and sources

£3,000,000 (Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council)

Scheme Description

The scheme will deliver improvements to the walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in Huddersfield Town Centre, to make it easier and safer for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users to access the rail station and the rest of the town centre.

The scheme aims to deliver measurable improvements to journeys by public transport, walking and cycling into the rail station and access the town centre. It will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in the town centre and help to better connect low-income households in Huddersfield with employment, training and educational opportunities across the region.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The Huddersfield Rail Station Connections scheme is multi-faceted with improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure and the public realm around Huddersfield Rail Station to:

- Support future rail demand through making the station more accessible by sustainable modes.
- Encourage mode-shift across Huddersfield.
- Improve accessibility across the town centre.



- Create more ‘people-focused’ spaces to support sustainable growth and investment.

The aim is to support the creation of a thriving, modern-day, family friendly town centre with better connected and more vibrant streets, as well as improving walking and cycling routes and public transport connections, as set out in the Huddersfield Blueprint agenda.

The scheme is concentrated in four areas, Northumberland Street, John William Street, St John’s Road, and Trinity Street.

The interventions include reduced traffic speed, reallocation of road space with wider pavements, shared and segregated cycle infrastructure, safer crossings, and space for urban realm enhancements such as tree planting and sustainable urban drainage.

The scheme is also designed to help prepare the area around Huddersfield Station for the TransPennine Route Upgrade. TRU delivers an investment in the railway running through Huddersfield to Manchester, Leeds and York, therefore improving connectivity and supporting economic growth in the north.

Economic Case

The Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) of the Huddersfield Railway Station Connections scheme being 1.44. This represents “low” Value for Money (VfM) under the DfT Value for Money Framework. This is not uncommon in schemes which prioritise people walking and cycling.

The scheme will provide benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, and bus users, with the disbenefits to motorists. Should highway disbenefits be discounted, the BCR could potentially increase above 1.8, which would represent Medium value for money.

Commercial Case

Kirklees Council will manage and be responsible for the procurement process to deliver this scheme, the emerging strategy will be finalised at Full Business Case. Development workshops have held between both Kirklees Council and the Combined Authority.

The preferred procurement route for the scheme will involve Early Contractor Involvement (ECI), as this approach encourages collaboration throughout the project, and helps design out construction risks early in the process. The ECI procurement is expected to start in April 2024.

The procurement strategy aims to maximise social value and ensure contractors are committed to delivering social value. Actions will be taken to ensure effective supply chain management, aligned with the Combined Authority’s strategic priorities around minimum employment standards, demonstrating innovation,

minimising embodied carbon impact and delivering the best transport-based outcomes will be taken.

Financial Case

The total project cost for the scheme is expected to be £18,657,770 and is funded through the Transforming Cities Fund.

Management Case

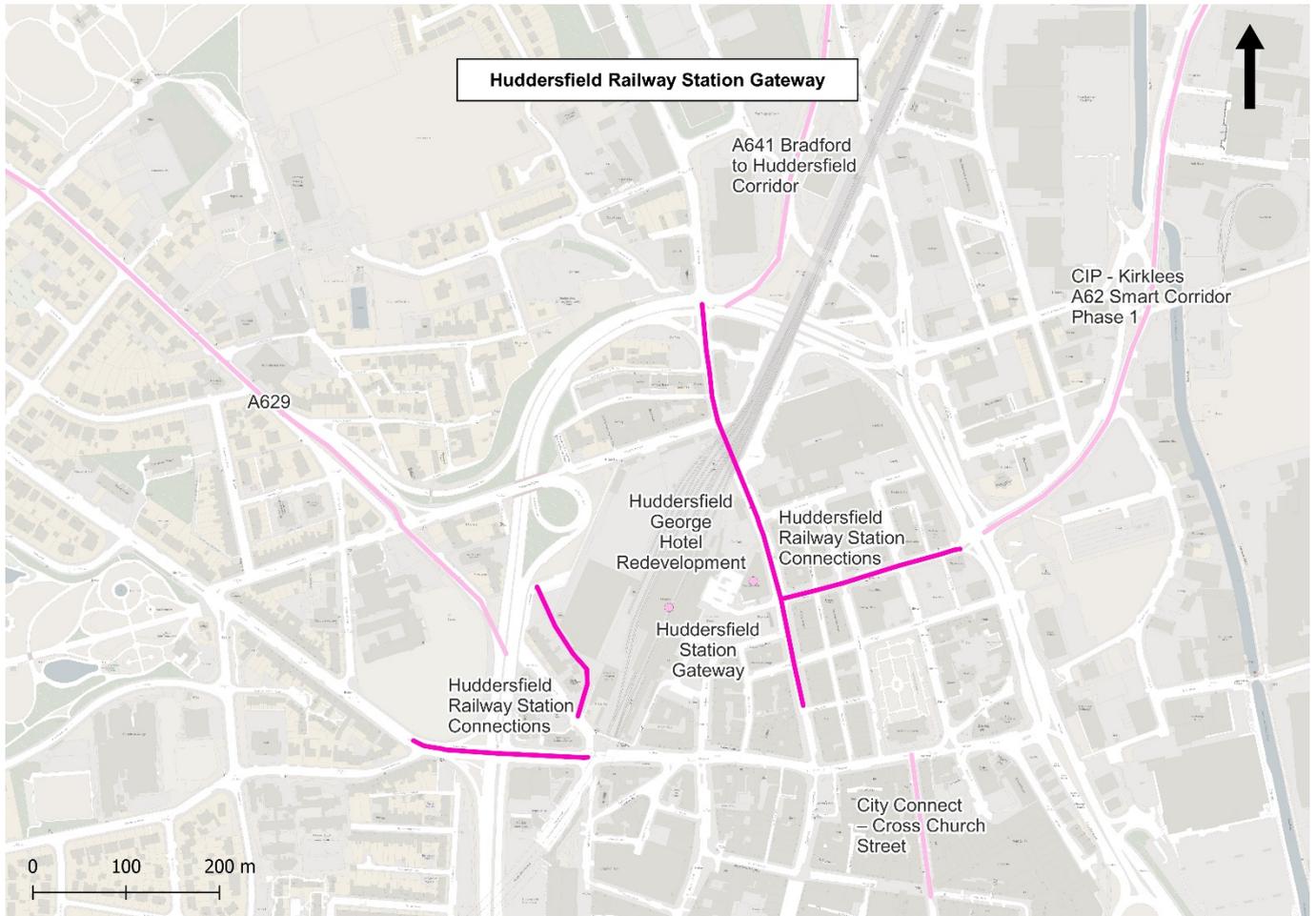
A full programme of key milestones has been developed with construction expected to complete at the end of April 2026. A risk register is in place and several headline risks have been identified and mitigation measures outlined to manage risks and minimise impact on scheme delivery.

The quality of the scheme design has been assessed through the Combined Authority's internal quality review process. At the time of OBC submission, each scheme element had been endorsed. Extensive engagement with a comprehensive list of stakeholders has been undertaken, and this has influenced the scheme design.

Further due diligence on the scheme will be undertaken as part of full business case development.

Location Map

The following map shows the location of the TCF Huddersfield Rail Station Connections



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.