

Section A: Package Summary

Name of Package:	Huddersfield Stations Gateway package - Preparing for Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) at Huddersfield and opening up employment sites
Location of Package:	Huddersfield Town Centre
PMA Code:	DFT-TCF-015
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Applicable Funding Stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	Transforming Cities Fund (TCF)
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	Priority 3 (Clean energy and environmental resilience) Priority 4 (Infrastructure for growth)
Combined Authority approvals to date:	Decision Point 1 – Strategic Assessment Review 2 September 2020
Forecasted Completion Date	31 March 2023
Total package Cost for the preferred way forward (£):	£42 million
WYCA Funding (£):	TCF Funding: £28 million (secured) West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund: £10 million (secured)
Total other public sector investment (£):	Kirklees Town Centre Capital: £4 million (secured)
Total other private sector investment (£):	£0

A.1 Package Description

The Huddersfield Stations Gateway package aims to improve transport links between local areas and the town centre, improve access to the bus and rail station, so it is easier for people to navigate their way across the town centre between the two stations, improve access within the stations and increase station capacity.

The package consists three stand-alone schemes, which will progress individually through the Combined Authority's assurance process:

Access to places

1. Huddersfield cycling and walking improvements
 - **Trinity Street foot/cycle bridge** – a new bridge over the inner ring road (IRR) (Castlegate) at the Trinity Crossing, to improve the quality and capacity of crossing the IRR at Trinity Street. Other options are also being appraised and being developed in parallel, including upgrades to the existing surface crossing and underpass
 - **Walking and cycling gateway access** – major improvements to the quality and safety of the walking and cycling route between east Huddersfield districts, the rail station and other key town centre destinations. Includes improvements to public spaces to increase the attractiveness of the walking and cycling routes and town centre

Hubs and interchange

2. Huddersfield Bus Station improvements
 - **Huddersfield Bus Station upgrade** – upgrade of the bus station building, including access improvements for entry to the bus station and inside the station, improvements to the main entrance and improving the attractiveness of public spaces next to the station
1. Huddersfield Rail Station access
 - **Cycle and taxi hub and High Speed 2 (HS2) park and ride** – creation of a new cycle hub, with changing and locker facilities, next to Huddersfield Rail Station car park, to accommodate increased demand from cyclists. Creation of new taxi hub in the car park to the north east of the railway station to make walking access to the station through St George's Square easier for pedestrians and measures to create park and ride car spaces within St George's Warehouse car park
 - **Connection of the railway station to St George's Warehouse** – an additional eastern entrance at the station by re-opening an historic doorway, highway improvements and acquisition of the warehouse and car park
 - **Subway extension and new western rail station entrance** – extension to the existing rail station subway with a new western entrance linking the rail station with the St George's Warehouse site. This proposal will primarily be funded by the £5 million West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund contribution

The scheme is closely linked to the objectives of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) programme, which proposes improvements that will deliver a high performing, reliable railway for passengers with more seats, more trains and faster journeys between Manchester and York via Huddersfield and Leeds and the HS2 Connectivity Strategy.

The Transforming Cities Fund will significantly expand on the Growth Deal and West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund investments, to create an easy to use town centre transport hub.

The scheme outputs and benefits include

- Improved access to and connectivity between Huddersfield Rail Station, Huddersfield Bus Station, the town centre, colleges, and suburbs / outlying villages
- Reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality because of the increased use of sustainable modes (bus, rail, cycling and walking) to travel to, from and around the town centre
- Enabling inclusive growth by connecting more people to opportunities and opening access to jobs, services, and the wider economy

- Bus user benefits relating to journey time savings and improved passenger experience for new and existing bus users
- Revenue benefits from regenerated retail floorspace in Huddersfield Bus Station and the likely generation of additional jobs
- Better access to education and employment, leisure, and retail
- Potential reduction in CO2 emissions due to the installation of energy efficient facilities as part of the redevelopment of Huddersfield Bus Station

A.2 Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

The package takes into consideration the Transforming Cities Fund programme vision '*Connecting people to economic and education opportunities through affordable, sustainable transport, boosting productivity and helping to create cleaner, healthier and happier communities for the future*'

The scheme is aligned with the two following Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan 2035 (SEP) Priority Areas:

Priority 3: Clean Energy and Environmental Resilience

By encouraging more people to travel by bus, train, bike or walking this package has the potential to reduce harmful emissions resulting in an improvement in air quality as well as positively contributing towards the carbon reduction targets set for the City Region and Kirklees district.

Priority 4: Infrastructure for Growth

The proposed package will utilise and complement the full potential of the expected Transpennine Route Upgrade programme.

The package will also provide better conditions for rail-bus interchange and help to create easier journeys thereby contributing to the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy (WYTS) targets for bus use and rail journeys. This will in turn support employment opportunities in Huddersfield and the wider City Region.

Economic Case

Based on the wider TCF objectives, a set of seven scheme objectives have been developed. A series of potential interventions was developed to generate a long list, which has been appraised using a Multi-Criteria Appraisal Tool to score the schemes against objectives.

Quantifiable benefits of the scheme include:

- Positive health benefits as more people are encouraged to cycle and walk as a result of package interventions, reducing absenteeism and risk of mortality. Other benefits which may accrue as a result of increased levels of active travel including noise, greenhouse gas and air quality benefits
- Bus user benefits relating to journey time savings and improved passenger experience for new and existing bus users
- Other highway user benefits arising from the Trinity Street Bridge, resulting in reduced waiting times for highway users at pedestrian crossings on the Inner Ring Road
- Marginal external costs in terms of congestion, accidents and air quality

Commercial Case

Huddersfield Town Centre is identified within the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) as a spatial priority area; specifically identified as a 'strategic urban growth centre'.

Investment in the proposed package is necessary to deliver the improvements required to enhance the role of Huddersfield Bus Station and Huddersfield Rail Station as strategically important transport gateways, providing connectivity and access to opportunities within the town and wider City Region. The improvements will also have a regenerative effect on the area immediately surrounding the stations, notably at St George's Quarter and in the town centre. This will increase business confidence in the area and facilitate inclusive growth.

The package will contribute to local and regional economic growth ambitions and unlock land for development, through providing improved sustainable transport links, locally and for cross boundary commuting trips. The package will provide a 21st century transport system and will accommodate and support delivery of TRU and HS2 and the associated forecast growth in passenger numbers.

Financial Case

The total cost for the Huddersfield Stations Gateway TCF package under the High TCF investment scenario is £42 million. In addition to the TCF allocation of £28 million, the scheme has secured local match funding contribution of £4 million towards the bus station package from the Kirklees Town Centre Capital programme and £10 million from West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF – Huddersfield Station Gateway Phase 1 and 2). Current scheme costs are being reviewed and updated costs will be brought forward at the next design stage.

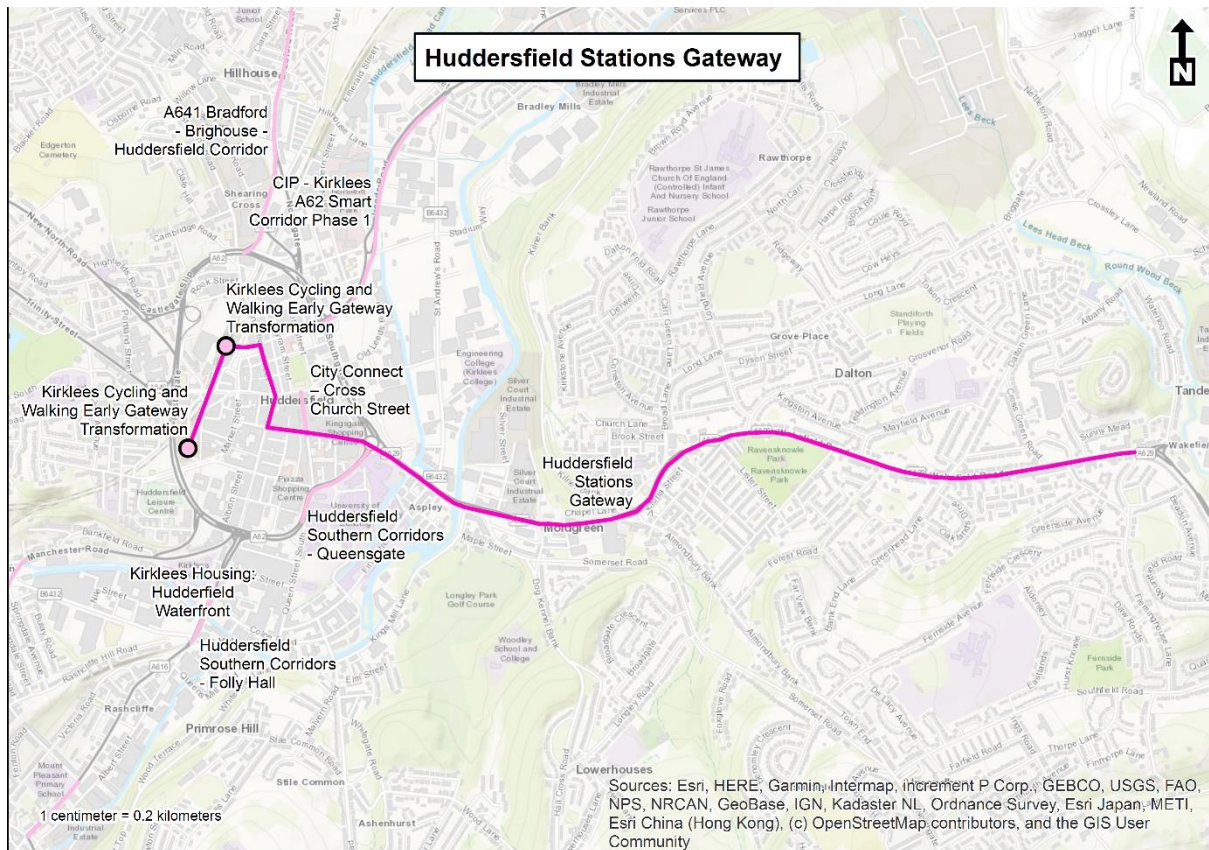
Management Case

A TCF programme board has been established, providing strategic and monitoring oversight. The portfolio board will manage the risk and contingency budget for the programme,

The programme board includes representation from the Combined Authority, partner council officers for each scheme within this package and where relevant, representation from the bus and rail operators. Membership and terms of reference were determined after submission of the TCF programme Strategic Outline Case.

Location Map

The following location map shows the location of the Huddersfield Stations Gateway package:



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

For further information on Combined Authority schemes across the Leeds City Region please refer to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-the-economy/leeds-city-regioninfrastructure-map/>