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Dear Tom

**Transforming Cities Fund**

I am writing in my capacity as chair of the West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce’s Transport group to confirm that the Chamber would support a bid by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to the above mentioned Fund. Funding to better connect people to jobs, to maximise and spread the economic impact and benefits of HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail and to create a healthier environment for commuters would be greatly welcomed particularly in light of years of under-investment in the local rail network.

Regards,



Sara Gilmore

West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce