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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Full Business Case for Thorpe Park Rail Station

Thank you for contacting the West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, received on 05/01/2026. Your request was:

"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the proposed Thorpe Park Rail Station in East Leeds.

Please provide the following information held by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority: The current status of the Full Business Case (FBC) for Thorpe Park Rail Station, including: whether the FBC has been completed; whether it has been submitted to the Combined Authority's Assurance Panel; and whether it has been approved, rejected, deferred, or is still in preparation.

The most recent internal programme or timeline for the project, including indicative dates (where held) for:

Full Business Case approval;

submission of a planning application; and commencement of construction.

Details of any decisions, reviews, or gateway assessments undertaken since 1 January 2024 relating to: delays or slippage in the project programme; and changes to scope, funding, or delivery responsibility.

Confirmation of whether the project is currently:

active,

paused,

awaiting funding approval, or

under reconsideration or reprioritisation.

Copies of, or references to, any briefing notes, decision records, or reports produced since 1 January 2024 that discuss the progress, risks, or delivery challenges associated with the Thorpe Park Rail Station project. If any of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, please specify the exemption relied upon and provide any non-exempt information that can be released."



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This request was handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds some of the information covered by your request:

The current status of the Full Business Case (FBC) for Thorpe Park Rail Station:

- The Full Business Case is still in preparation.

The most recent internal programme or timeline for the project, including indicative dates (where held) for:

Full Business Case approval;

- Submission of the Full Business Case for consideration of approval is scheduled for the summer of 2026.

submission of a planning application;

- Submission of a planning application will be spring 2026.

commencement of construction.

- Subject to Full Business Case approval, the completion of land transfer and the granting of planning permission, this is currently estimated at Spring 2027.

Details of any decisions, reviews, or gateway assessments undertaken since 1 January 2024 relating to:

delays or slippage in the project programme; and

changes to scope, funding, or delivery responsibility.

- None

Confirmation of whether the project is currently:

active, paused, awaiting funding approval, or under reconsideration or reprioritisation.

- The project is currently active

Copies of, or references to, any briefing notes, decision records, or reports produced since 1 January 2024 that discuss the progress, risks, or delivery challenges associated with the Thorpe Park Rail Station project.



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- None

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Officer

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