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Dear Secretary of State,

## **Leeds Station Southern Entrance**

I am writing to support the proposed scheme for which Metro and Network Rail have recently submitted a Transport and Works Act Order to create a new Leeds Station Southern Entrance (LSSE).

Leeds Station is the second busiest station outside London. Up to twenty percent of Leeds railway station passengers would benefit directly from the new entrance because it will improve connections between Leeds Station and the south side of the city, which in recent years has seen demand grow with the completion of major developments and regeneration projects. The entrance will also help to accommodate the predicted growth in rail passenger movements at the station.

This major transport project is urgently needed as it will encourage growth in the Leeds economy by enhancing its competitive position and unlocking future employment growth. This scheme is therefore vitally important for West Yorkshire and the Leeds City Region.

LSSE is essential to the future prosperity and economic investment of this region. Leeds City Council fully supports the LSSE scheme and the Transport and Works Act Order application.

Yours sincerely

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