

Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit (TIPU)
Department for Transport
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To whom it may concern:

RE: TRU Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth)

Syngenta is a global chemical manufacturer within the agricultural sector, with a major manufacturing site located in Huddersfield, employing more than 400 skilled people. We are very pleased to offer our support for the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) and the related Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) submission for Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth).

TRU is a vital investment in the North's transport infrastructure, supporting sustainable economic growth and improved connectivity for towns and cities along the Transpennine route. For businesses like ours, reliable and efficient rail connections are essential for accessing talent, supply chains, and markets, as well as supporting greater inward investment into the region. Improvements to rail capacity and reliability being delivered by TRU, including in respect of freight, are particularly important to our operations and the wider manufacturing sector in the North. Enhanced freight capability will support more efficient logistics, reduce congestion on key arteries like the M62, enabling more businesses to move goods reliably across the North of England and beyond.

At our site in Huddersfield, we are in the process of releasing 20 acres of land to create a new sustainable manufacturing campus. This new development will become home to a range of advanced manufacturing, life sciences and sustainably focused businesses who will benefit from our existing on-site infrastructure. When fully developed, research shows that the site has the potential to add up to £45 million to the local economy and create up to 300 new jobs. The confidence to make this investment is strengthened by the improvements being made by TRU at Huddersfield Station and along the wider route, better connecting the area to the rest of the country. Modern, accessible and sustainable transport links are crucial to the success of the region's economy and will help unlock opportunities for future growth, innovation and collaboration across the Pennines.

We fully support the TRU programme and the associated TWAo, recognising the significant and lasting benefits it will deliver for businesses, communities and the Northern economy. We urge the Department for Transport to deliver the Order in a timely manner, progressing improvements without delay, so that the economic, social, and environmental rewards of this vital project can be realised as soon as possible.

Sincerely



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