

Better roads, trains and modern communications

Our commitment to you:

You depend on infrastructure at every stage of your life: to go to school, to go to work, to enable businesses to grow and create jobs for your children and grandchildren. We have a plan of action that will improve our roads, railways, airports and internet connections. We will:

- *invest in infrastructure to attract businesses and good jobs across the whole of the UK*
- *make your life easier, with more and faster trains, more roads and cycle routes*
- *keep commuter rail fares frozen in real terms for the whole of the next Parliament*
- *roll out universal broadband and better mobile phone connections, to ensure everyone is part of the digital economy.*

Under Labour, road and rail were starved of resources, while too many people were stuck on the wrong side of the digital divide. This meant packed trains, potholes, patchy broadband coverage – businesses held back and cities left behind. Turning these problems around takes time.

Improving our trains, roads and broadband helps local businesses grow and create more jobs and opportunities

But because we have made savings elsewhere, we have been able to make significant investments in infrastructure. We will commit, alongside running a surplus, to increase our capital spending – investment in infrastructure – at least in line with our national income. We have set out a plan to invest over £100 billion in our infrastructure over the next Parliament.

This will fund the biggest investment in rail since Victorian times, and the most extensive improvements to our roads since the 1970s. And it will give us the

most comprehensive and cheapest superfast broadband coverage of any major European country.

Our plan of action:

We will spend more on infrastructure, to improve your quality of life

Overall public investment will be higher on average over this decade, as a percentage of GDP, than under the whole period of the last Labour Government. We will deliver on our National Infrastructure Plan and respond to the Airports Commission's final report.

We will transform our railway network

We will invest £38 billion in our railway network in the five years to 2019. Electrification of the railways is a key part of our investment programme, with work already underway across the North, the Midlands, and South Wales; there are plans to go further in the rest of the country, including East Anglia and the South West. In addition to rolling out our national high-speed rail network, with High Speed 2 and High Speed 3, we will complete the construction of the new east-west Crossrail across Greater London, and push forward with plans for Crossrail 2, a new rail route running through London and connecting Surrey and Hertfordshire. We will support a fairer deal for taxpayers and commuters: we will keep commuter rail fares frozen in real terms for the whole of the next Parliament – regulated fares will only be

We are investing over £2 billion electrifying our railways