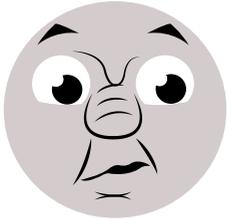
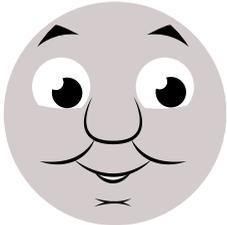


Get the North on Track

The disparity in funding highlights the unfairness in transport investment between London and the North.



The cost of CrossRail2 in London is £31 billion and counting, yet CrossRail for the North hasn't left the station, even though investment in Northern connectivity was in the Conservative Party election manifesto.

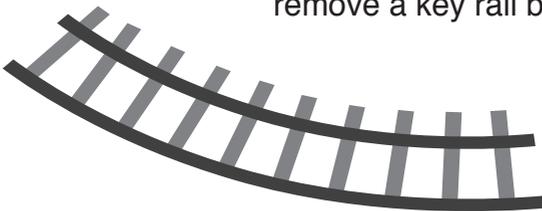


Manchester Friends of the Earth are calling on Conservative MPs to support:

Cross Rail for the North - support rail investment in the North of England before it spends £30+ billion on CrossRail2 for London;

Electrification - provide electrification of Manchester to Leeds and other network lines to provide better services, greater capacity and improve air quality;

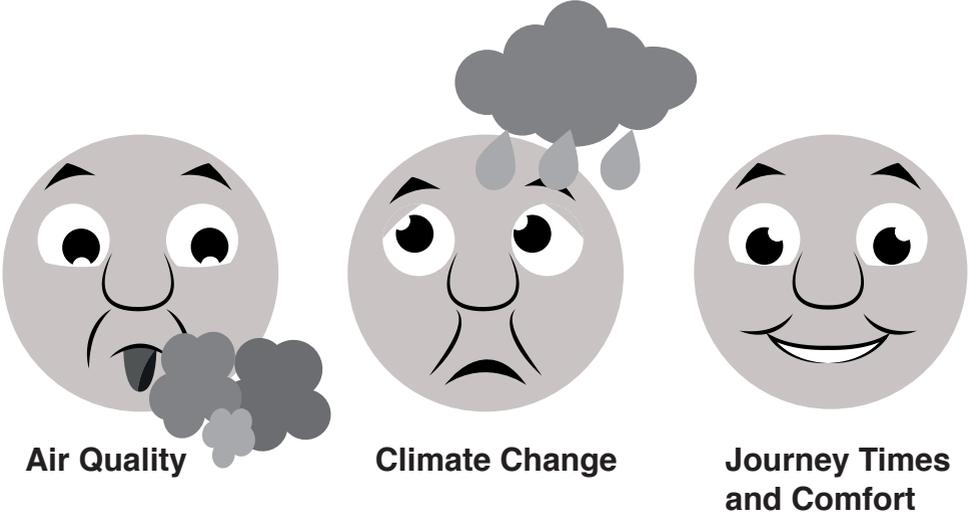
Additional Platforms - honour commitment for additional platforms and track widening between Manchester Piccadilly and Oxford Road stations to remove a key rail bottleneck in the region.



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Rail electrification in the North – Sorry no money for the meter!

Despite all the talk from Government about the need to ‘re-balance’ the economy, the postponement or cancellation of the electrification of three key rail corridors was announced on 20th July 2017 and it was also suggested that the TransPennine route between Manchester and Leeds was unlikely to be “fully electrified”.



Manchester Piccadilly platform 14 ³/₄? Sardines for breakfast...

Closer to home, the Transport and Works Act Order for new platforms 15 and 16 at Manchester Piccadilly was submitted for consideration almost two years ago and the confirmation has not been received.

Platforms 13 and 14 are congested today and passengers often suffer delays due to overcrowding. It is planned that longer trains (more carriages) will use these platforms and that this will result in dangerous overcrowding.

Furthermore, cancelling the additional platforms and track widening between Manchester Piccadilly and Oxford Road stations would fail to remove the bottleneck in one of the key connecting rail routes and make a mockery of the investment in the Ordsall Chord.