Integrated Rail Plan – summary of expected and actual outcome for South Yorkshire

Appendix A

What we were predicted to get from the IRP*	What this would mean for people and businesses	Actual IRP outcome
 HS2 eastern leg from Birmingham to East Midlands Parkway 	 This link will still allow faster HS2 trains between Sheffield and London 	Included
• HS2 trains from London to Sheffield (2tph) only a few mins slower than original plan	 Little journey time penalty for Sheffield – London HS2 trains 	 IRP says it can achieve same journey time as full HS2 plans – 87 mins.
HS2 eastern leg from Clayton Junction (near Goldthorpe) to Leeds	 This link will still allow faster HS2/NPR trains to / from Leeds 	Not included
HS2 / NPR trains from Sheffield to Leeds in 24 mins	 No journey time penalty for Sheffield – Leeds trains 	 No journey time benefits for Sheffield to Leeds in plan – further study proposed
 New NPR/HS2 stations at Rotherham and Dearne Valley Parkway 	 Faster and more frequent trains to regional centres 	 No reference to these stations. Could be in doubt due to lack of commitment to NPR Sheffield – Leeds and Hull.
 NPR as planned to Manchester and Hull as well as Leeds 	 No loss of frequency or journey time on NPR corridors from Sheffield 	No clear commitment to NPR Sheffield to Manchester and Hull.
HS2 'fast' trains to Leeds using existing lines through South Yorkshire	 Could impact capacity and / or mean work to four track existing lines 	• No plan for this – only further studies
Electrification of the Midland Mainline to Sheffield	 Cleaner electric EMR trains from London, reduced pollution, CO2 and noise 	 Included, plus reference to potentially electrifying the Hope Valley Line and north of Sheffield towards Leeds
 Investment in smaller local schemes including Restoring your Railways 	 Improvements to local and regional services and capacity 	 No reference to any in plan but RYR schemes already committed in budget.

What we were not predicted to get from the IRP*	And what this would mean for people & businesses	Actual IRP outcome
New HS2 line between East Midlands and Clayton Junction	 No real loss to SY connectivity, but removes blight and environmental impact 	 As expected, but line of route still safeguarded until further work done
• A faster direct HS2 / NPR service from Sheffield to York / Newcastle	 A relatively small loss – could speed up Cross Country via Doncaster 	• As expected, this is not included
Released capacity on the East Coast Mainline to benefit Doncaster	 A relatively small loss – not clear what benefits we would have got from released capacity 	• As expected, ECML to be used for Leeds and Newcastle so no released capacity
 There may be some cutbacks to NPR but not significant for this region 	 We should still get 4tph to Leeds and Manchester with faster times 	• We seem to have suffered more severe cuts to NPR as the focus is on the core Liverpool-Manchester-Leeds route. No tangible commitment to NPR between Sheffield and Leeds, Manchester or Hull.

⁶ based on news report / leaks and briefings