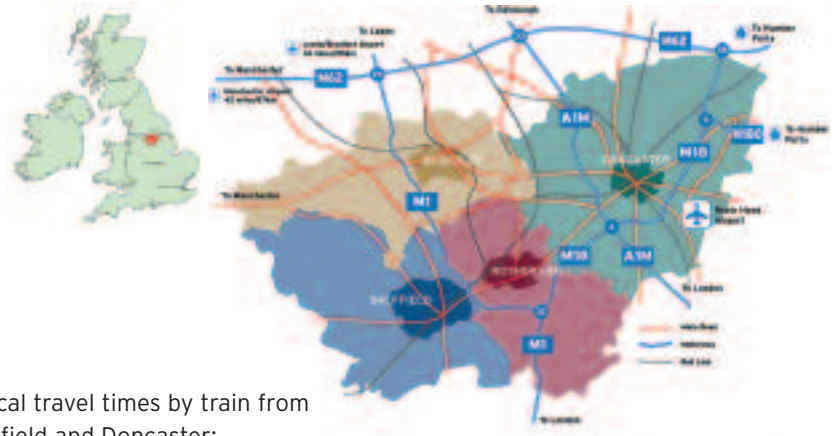


Connectivity

In an ever-more interconnected and competitive business world, few things are more important than fast and efficient transport links. Here, as in so much else, South Yorkshire delivers.

Connectivity



Excellent transport links provide access across the whole of the UK and make South Yorkshire a natural location for interchange with others in government.

Road

- The M1 & A1 (M) north-south routes and M18 provide connections to the whole of the UK road network, including the M62 east-west link
- Typical travel times from South Yorkshire

Destination	Distance	Time
Leeds	30 miles	40 min
Nottingham	30 miles	40 min
Manchester	35 miles	60 min
London	155 miles	3 hrs
Edinburgh	205 miles	4.5 hrs

Rail

- London Kings Cross is 90 minutes by rail from Doncaster, and Edinburgh is easily accessible via the East Coast Mainline
Visit: www.gner.co.uk
- From November 2007 the new Eurostar connection will be launched at London St Pancras, it is serviced directly from Sheffield.
*Visit: www.eurostar.com
www.midlandmainline.com*

Air

- Robin Hood Airport, in Doncaster is growing rapidly. It has scheduled flights to over 45 European destinations and charter flights to the Caribbean are already in the air thanks to the two mile long runway - the only one outside London capable of taking the new Airbus A380
Visit: www.robinhoodairport.com
- Manchester International Airport is 35 miles to the west. It is the main international gateway outside London, and handles flights from domestic, European and international locations
Visit: www.manchesterairport.co.uk

- Typical travel times by train from Sheffield and Doncaster:

Destination	Time	Trains per hour
Leeds	40 mins	2 from Sheffield
Nottingham	45 mins	1 from Sheffield
Manchester	50 mins	2 from Sheffield
Liverpool	1 hr 40 mins	1 from Sheffield
Birmingham	1 hr 10 mins	2 from Sheffield
London	2 hrs	1 from Sheffield
London	1 hr 40 mins	3 from Doncaster
Edinburgh	3 hr 20 mins	1 from Sheffield
Edinburgh	3 hrs	1 from Doncaster

- Nottingham East Midlands Airport, just 50 miles to the south, services over two million passengers a year and provides a large number of domestic UK flights, as well as services to continental Europe
Visit: www.eastmidlandsairport.com
- Leeds Bradford International Airport offers services to the UK and Europe for both business and leisure and is just 30 miles north of South Yorkshire
Visit: www.lbia.co.uk

Telecomms

- South Yorkshire boasts an excellent standard of connectivity, with a firm commitment to keep constantly upgrading
- The entire region is broadband enabled for 8 mbps connections, with trials for 24 mbps ongoing; networks ranging from 100mbps to 5gbps serve a number of local public sector institutions
- The IPNet Sheffield project uses WiMAX technology to offer wireless speeds over 10Mbps and Sheffield is the first place in the UK to be covered by such a network, which provides business users in the central and outlying areas of the city with flexible high capacity coverage
Visit: www.networksbywireless.co.uk
- Sheffield Digital Campus is the site of a strategic BT e-location, a 6.5 acre

development in the centre of Sheffield adjacent to Sheffield Hallam University and the Cultural Industries Quarter

- BT have just announced that Sheffield is one of the latest Wireless Cities with full wireless coverage across the city centre
- Digital Region South Yorkshire is a unique infrastructure project of international significance that will enable next generation broadband IP-based services to be provided to citizens, businesses and the public sector throughout South Yorkshire

Getting around South Yorkshire

- Average journey to work times are half those of London, giving you more time after work to enjoy life
Source: National Statistics - 2004 Labour Force Survey (from Regional Transport Statistics)
- Local public transport is excellent, with a variety of tickets offering complete flexibility between bus, tram and train services across the region
Visit: www.travelsouthyorkshire.com
- Sheffield has excellent local internal public transport systems, this was recognised by Cushman & Wakefield ranking Sheffield 3rd in their 2006 UK Cities Monitor