

# Our Newcastle



## Great city, great connections.

Our Newcastle is a place with momentum;  
we know where we're going.

- Newcastle International Airport has direct routes to 85 destinations serving more than five million passengers each year. In 2017 it was voted the best airport in Britain. (*Voted by customers of the travel website Cheapflights.co.uk*)
- Our city has great international connections with key destinations from Newcastle International Airport including Heathrow, Paris CDG, Brussels, Amsterdam, Dublin, Copenhagen and Dubai.
- Our region is home to three UK major deep sea ports - the Port of Tyne, Port of Sunderland and Port of Blyth.
- The Port of Tyne services over 700,000 passengers, exports 600,000 cars and handles 3.3 million tonnes of cargo each year. (*Port of Tyne annual review, 2017*)
- Over 30 trains go daily to London from our city, with a travel time as quick as 2hr 35mins.
- Over 40 trains go daily to Edinburgh, and beyond in Scotland, with a travel time of around 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- There is planned investment of almost £250m in the A1 and A19 road networks, helping us to connect our city with the rest of the UK and create a motorway connection to London. (*Highways England, 2018*)
- The Tyne & Wear metro system is the second largest light rail system in the UK (*light rail and tram statistics, Department of Transport 2016/17*) and there are £362m of investments planned for a new fleet of Metro trains – to be designed and built to enter service from 2021. (*Nexus, 2017*)

This city and its people deserve a network of great travel choices and connections.



We've got bold plans, and we've already started to deliver them.

- It's not just about transport – we've got great digital connections, with more in the pipeline.
- Newcastle is a 'gigabit city' – residents have access to connection speeds of up to 1,000Mbps, which is more than 30 times faster than the average. (*Hyperoptic, 2017*)
- In the future we will have a dedicated fibre link to Europe delivering data transfer speeds equivalent to London.

Our destination? A transport network that we Geordies can be proud of.

- Over £60m is being invested in Newcastle's highways infrastructure – the biggest investment in over 30 years. (*Newcastle City Council*)
- Our city centre is undergoing a series of improvements – prioritising buses on certain parts of the network, upgrading traffic signals to better manage and coordinate traffic and creating a safer place for people to walk and cycle.
- Newcastle will become one of the easiest cities to get around on foot, bikes, public transport or by car.
- We're working towards being a healthier city, where more people choose active and sustainable methods of travel, leading to better air quality and a more pleasant environment.