

Scrapping HS2 northern route 'biggest rail cut since Beeching'



GMB Union has responded to the Prime Ministers announcement HS2 will no longer reach Manchester.

Laurence Turner, GMB Head of Research and Policy, said:

“Rishi Sunak’s decision to inflict the biggest rail cut since the Beeching axe will send a shockwave through the construction industry and railway supply chain, costing hundreds of jobs.

“The UK’s political instability was already holding the economy back - it will now be even harder to fund and deliver the new infrastructure that the country desperately needs.



“We can't rebalance the economy or fix the railway capacity crisis without HS2. It's essential that the planned route is now protected so that a future government can reverse this disastrous decision.”

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