“over-centralised Whitehall and Westminster system...has been programmed to prioritise investment inside the M25...we are not against our capital city developing world-class infrastructure but it cannot be at the expense of the north. People here have put up with clapped-out trains and congested roads for long enough”

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, 2018

Source: Burnham, A (2018) Our over-centralised Westminster system has too long prioritised investment inside the M25 - that may be about to change, Blog, https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/convention-of-the-north_uk_5b8b9a2de4b0511db3d96d5c?guccounter=1
“The first priority of our new economic plan will be to rebuild our national infrastructure...We’ll settle for nothing less than an infrastructure revolution”

Sajid Javid, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 2019

Source: Spending Review speech 2019
“A once in a lifetime opportunity to upgrade our infrastructure for good, because we have no choice. We have to do it. If we are to stand any chance of tackling climate change. If we are to stand any chance of providing a decent quality of life for all our people. If we are to have any hope of bringing communities back together”

John McDonnell, Shadow Chancellor, 2019

Source: A Manifesto for the North (2019)
Left behind
How to help places hurt by globalisation
Acknowledgements
Financialising City Statecraft and Infrastructure
Is fixing infrastructure in the London city-region undermining the rest of the UK?
“Without infrastructure, modern life would be impossible”
Number of articles with ‘infrastructure’ in their title, 1994-2017

Source: ISI Web of Knowledge
Top 10 ‘global infrastructure investors’ ranked by infrastructure assets (\$000s), 2017

- China Investment Corporation
- Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
- National Pension Service
- Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan
- OMERS
- APG
- Legal & General
- CDPQ
- Australian Super

Source: Adapted from IPE Real Assets (2017: 1)
Public sector net investment, UK, % of GDP, 1955/56-2017/18
Gross fixed capital formation by selected country, % of GDP, 1970-2016

Source: World Bank data
Public spending on infrastructure by country and region (£ per head), 2011/12-2015/16

Source: Adapted from HM Treasury (2017) and Mor (2017: 20)
National Infrastructure and Construction Pipeline investment by region (£ per head), 2017/18 to 2020/21

Source: Adapted from IPA (2017: 19)
Major infrastructure projects (£1bn+) in or connecting to the London global city-region ranked by value, 2017*

Department for Transport capital expenditure on transport by country and region (£ per head), 2012/13-2016/17
Capital value of PFI and PF2 projects in the UK, 2016

Source: Adapted from HM Treasury (2016: 11)
Workplace employment density in Great Britain, 2011

Source: Map produced by Duncan A. Smith, CASA UCL (citygeographics.org)
Working residents commuting to London by local authority (%), 2011
“If you’re going to drive the UK economy you’ve got to invest in London”

Boris Johnson, then Mayor of London, 2012

## Regional Authority Index, ranked by selected country, 2010

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If you see Sid tell him.
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Boris Johnson, then Mayor of London, 2012

Source: Quoted in Huffington Post (2012) “Job Creation Should Be The Mayor’s Top Priority, Concludes LinkedIn Poll”, 28 April
Sir Albert Bore’s “Jaws of doom” graph

The Jaws of Doom – Budget pressures and grant reductions

- Grant Reductions
- Budget Pressures

2010/11 All: £600m

Source: Birmingham City Council
“The contribution in one area of such a large proportion of the national population as is contained in Greater London, and the attraction to the Metropolis of the best industrial, financial, commercial and general ability, represents a serious drain on the rest of the country”

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