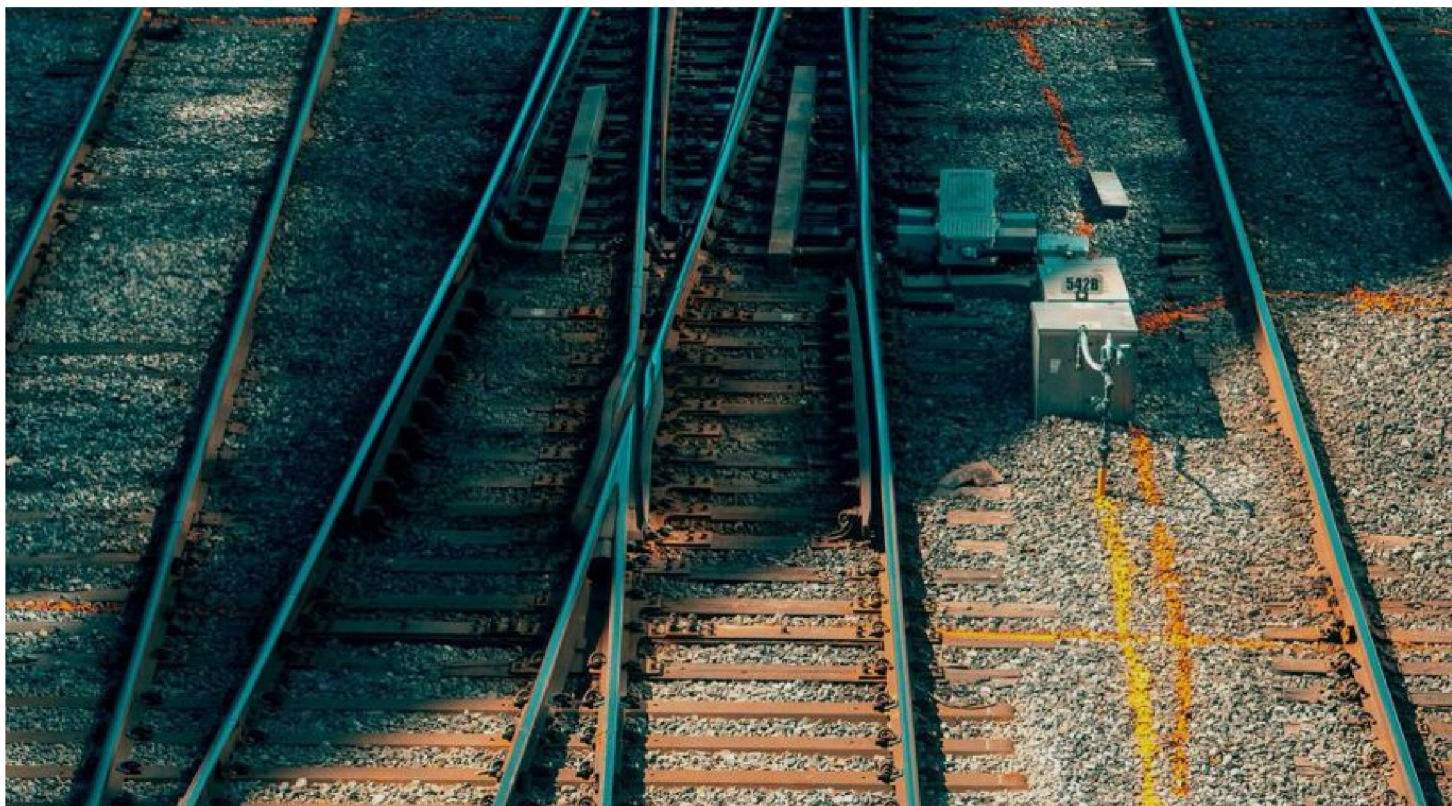


HS2 cuts 'economic vandalism'



GMB Union has described scrapping the Leeds HS2 leg as 'economic vandalism'

Neil Derrick, GMB Regional Secretary for Yorkshire and North Derbyshire, said:

"Cutting investment for a city like Bradford makes no sense, with one of the youngest workforces in Yorkshire.

"The city would benefit for generations by having stronger links to Manchester and Leeds.

"All of the Government's own sums show that if you put a pound of money into the economy by building things like railways, you get at least one pound out in the form of increased wages or economic growth.

"This is economic vandalism pure and simple."



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