

Our future demands less road transport - but it's roads...

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This seems to be a fair summary of the Tory transport manifesto:

- * Building 'Northern Powerhouse Rail' and investing in the 'Midlands Rail Hub'
- * Making an £28.8 billion investment in strategic and local roads
- * Invest £1 billion in completing a fast-charging network
- * Restoring "many of the Beeching lines" with £500m funding
- * Implementing a pothole-filling programme as part of the National Infrastructure Strategy costing about £2 billion
- * Creating a £350 million 'Cycling Infrastructure Fund'
- * Reviewing the future of HS2 with the clear implication that it will be scrapped to save £81 billion

So, there will be an overall considerable reduction in investment in public transport.

Peanuts will be invested in rail reopening and cycling. Much more will go into car re-charging.

And massively more will go into roads.

And this will happen at a time when everyone agrees the priority is to reduce carbon-based travel. But the Tories seem to be going in the opposite direction.

The danger that this thinking represents to us all cannot be overstated.