

Major cities in England have significant potential to grow, but in some places public transport is insufficient to meet future demand

Urban transport networks are likely to need to accommodate significant numbers of extra passengers by 2055 to ensure employment growth is not constrained

Number of projected additional morning peak hour passenger journeys into the city centre in 2055; ranges based on Commission's central scenarios that assume city centres remain important locations for businesses, with significant levels of home and hybrid working



£22bn is needed to fund major public transport upgrades, with an initial focus on these four cities

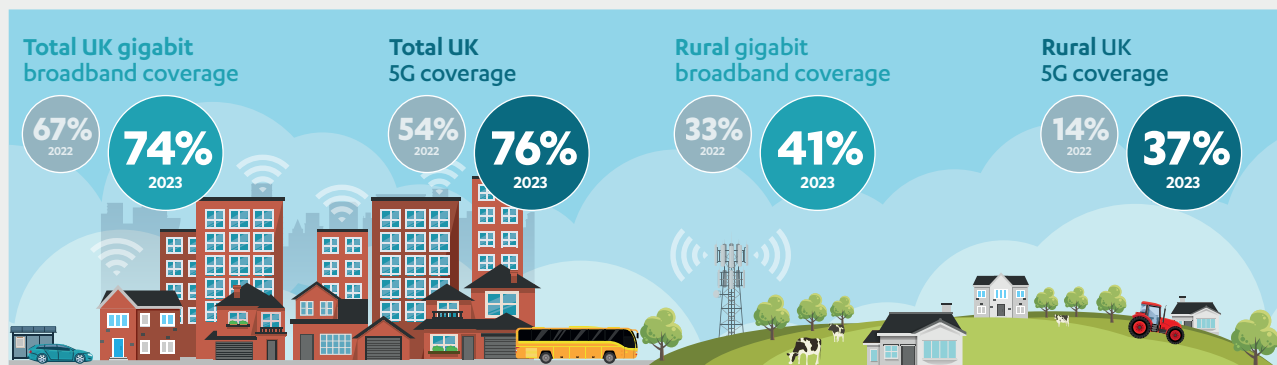
Future investment in longer distance road and rail should be prioritised to support growth across regions

The Commission recommends investing an average of **£15bn** per year on strategic transport between 2025 and 2040, rebalanced towards areas outside the South East



Digital connectivity is progressing at pace, but rural areas are lagging behind

Change in coverage between May 2022 and April/May 2023



Government must continue work to close this gap and ensure gigabit broadband is available nationwide by 2030.

Sources: Steer, Ofcom, Commission modelling