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# HS2 business case doesn't add up – auditor's report

### Blow for £34 billion rail scheme

There is 'no evidence' the high speed rail line between Birmingham and London would lead to economic growth, a damning report has said.

The National Audit Office has thrown the whole future of the HS2 scheme into doubt after concluding the business

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case for the £34 billion scheme makes no sense.

The Department for Transport has based the case for building the controversial rail line on the economic benefits.

Margaret Hodge chair of the Public Accounts Committee said: "There is virtually no evidence in this business case to support claims HS2 will deliver regional economic growth."

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