

Company	Severfield
Sector	Structural steelwork
Location	Lostock, Lancashire, Dalton, North Yorkshire, Ennskillen, NI and Sherburn, North Yorkshire
Employees	About 1300 across the Group
Turnover	£239.4m (at March 2016)
NR projects	Ordsall Chord, London Bridge station re-development, Borders Railway bridges, Manchester Victoria, Birmingham New Street, Blackfriars bridge, Stratford Bridge, Tennison bridge, Borough bridge, Western Access Viaduct, Chelmer Viaduct, Kings Cross/ St Pancras bridge.

What does investment in the railway mean for you?

Increased rail investment in the North enables us to invest in equipment and people with a level of confidence for the future. As a local business with national coverage the pipeline of work allows us to plan apprentice and graduate employment as well as manage the training and development of employees across the Group.

How has it helped your business to grow? What changes have you seen in the past 5 years?

Rail and infrastructure has always been a key sector for Severfield. Two years ago with the plans for HS2 and the development of the Ordsall Chord project a decision was taken to bolster our bridge/infrastructure capability by recruiting a 19 strong bridge specialist team from Mabey bridge when they went into administration.

With additional experienced capability, we have increased our capital expenditure at both Northern factories to about £5m per annum.

As a direct result of being awarded Ordsall Chord, we have been able to increase our workforce across both North factories by 10-15%, that's in addition to expanding our professional teams, increasing apprentices and graduate placements. We have relationships with University of Manchester and University of Salford to support the development of steel designers and project managers.

What is the key to sustaining economic growth through infrastructure for you?

Severfield is a strong, diverse business with capability across a number of key sectors including infrastructure. The key to sustaining economic growth through infrastructure is the need for a constant flow of projects, not necessarily high volume but consistent. We can only continue to invest as long as we can see a visible, credible pipeline that allows us to focus on this market..

How does this help you to support other local business and jobs?

We have an established local supply chain of sub-let fabricators, painters, drawing offices, designers, insurance, transport companies, metal decking and ancillary products around our core steel product.