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Secretary of State for Transport officially opens Leeds Bradford Airport's Departure Lounge Redevelopment

The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, has today (Thursday 2nd August 2018) officially opened phase one of Leeds Bradford Airport's redevelopment.

Designed to offer more choice for customers with a modern and vibrant feel, a multi-million pound development has seen the entire departure lounge transformed with additional seating plus a range of new shops, cafes, restaurants, bar areas and airport lounges. The region's largest airport has also recently been rebranded as Leeds Bradford: Yorkshire's Airport.

The Yorkshire Lounge, The White Rose Suite and 1432 Club are three purpose built lounges with stunning floor to ceiling runway views designed to offer a leisure, business or first-class experience.

A brand new Cabin Bar, where passengers can indulge with elegant cocktails, small plates and craft beers has been added in addition to a complete refurbishment of the Saltaire restaurant. A dedicated area to cater for large groups has seen the installation of The Beer House that has replaced The Sports Bar.

Coffee lovers can now sit back and relax with works now complete on a brand new Starbucks facility offering its globally renowned coffee experience.

As well as developing its food and beverage offering, the airport has also invested in free non-commercial seating within the departure lounge.

Works on the terminal front are now complete and include an improved Meet & Greet car-park facility, which now allows passengers to collect their car right at the front of the terminal building. The airport's official taxi service, Arrow Cars, have relocated with their new office and taxi-lane now on the terminal forecourt.

In March, the airport opened its first off-site car park, Viking Airport Parking. Situated just off the airport roundabout located on Warren House Lane, Viking ensures passengers have the smoothest possible start to their holiday. With members of staff on hand to park customers' cars 24/7, shuttle buses transport passengers from the car park to the terminal in less than five minutes.

With an ambition to create an airport that matches the needs and requirements of the region it serves and the surrounding area, panels right across the front of the terminal building have been fully decorated with multi-coloured versions of Welcome to Yorkshire's famous "Y" logo.

Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, who also viewed the Airport's new winter resilience kit and hosted a private roundtable with a number of stakeholders during his visit to discuss a range of key regional issues, said:

"Leeds Bradford Airport is an important global gateway to Yorkshire, and this multi-million pound development will provide passengers from all over the world with an exceptional travelling experience to and from the region.

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“We are working closely with Leeds Bradford Airport to ensure it has what it needs to offer greater choices for passengers secure further international routes and deliver more investment opportunities as we leave the EU.

“And today I welcomed discussions with local businesses and leaders on our transport investment strategy for the region, and how we can work together to open up Yorkshire to new global opportunities.”

Chief Executive, David Laws said: “We are delighted to welcome The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP to the airport to officially open phase one of our terminal redevelopment.

“We have some exciting plans for the airport and want the people of our thriving region to get behind their airport to help us move forward. The more people use the airport the more successful we can be.

“Work continues to improve our route offering for both business and leisure services while we are now working on our plans for phase two of the terminal infrastructure which we hope to commence later this year on a new state of the art arrivals experience.”

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The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, with Simon Whitby, Operations Director at Leeds Bradford Airport.



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