

# HIGH SPEED RAIL IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

On behalf of all the team at HS2 Ltd, welcome to this update, which we hope is the start of renewed conversations with everyone along the route of our new national railway.

Not everyone needs an introduction to HS2, so we've split this update into three sections. On this page, we explain what HS2 means for the country as we get ready for construction. Inside, you can read about HS2 activity in your area. On the back page are links to information we hope you find useful, including how to contact us.

We'd welcome your feedback on this update, so please do get in touch.

## What is HS2?

HS2 is a new railway that will connect the whole country like never before. When it's complete, this new high speed spine will seamlessly connect to the existing network and support fast, frequent, reliable connections for over 100 cities and towns, including eight of our largest cities.

## Why are we building it?

Over the last 20 years, the number of people travelling by train has doubled, and it's growing each year. This puts more and more pressure on the existing rail network and if we don't act, thousands of people will have to endure increasingly overcrowded journeys. And in the Midlands and the North, economic growth has been held back because we haven't invested enough in new, high-quality transport connections.

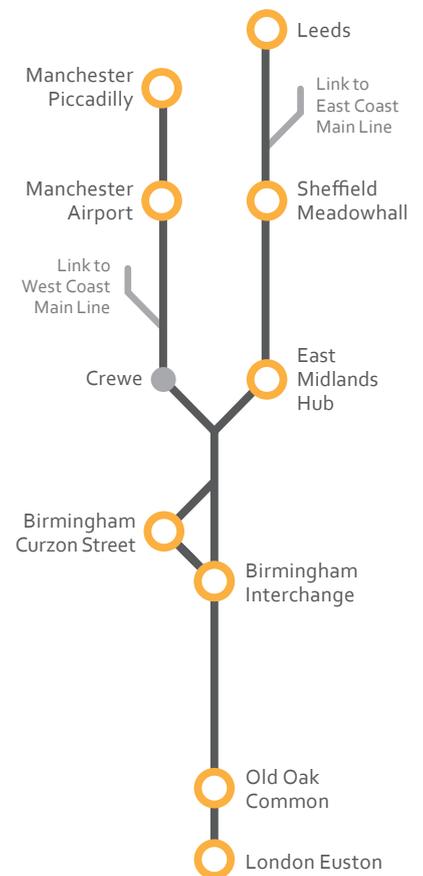
HS2 is designed to solve these issues. It'll ease congestion on important commuter lines, provide extra space for local and regional services, and reduce road traffic. It is a crucial project – and you can expect to feel the benefit even if you never board an HS2 train.

## What does it mean for me?

We're extremely aware of the issues that building a new railway presents to those who live nearby, and we take our responsibility to you very seriously. Ultimately, we want to make HS2 mean something positive to everyone, whether it stands for fairness and clarity, better training for current and future engineers, a catalyst for jobs and investment in your area, a world-class railway or simply a new and exciting way to travel.



Nottingham Council House, Old Market Square





“We are committed to working in a fair, respectful and transparent way with people who are affected. Living up to this aspiration is critical to the success of the project.”

*Sir David Higgins, Chairman, HS2 Ltd*

## DELIVERING HS2

HS2 Ltd was set up by the Government to deal with the design, engineering and technical requirements of building the railway. But we also have an important role in making sure that if you're affected by the Government's plans, you understand what to expect (and when), and how we can help. These pages explain the work we're doing, and what's going on in your area.

HS2 will be built in two phases. It will connect London to Birmingham ('Phase One') from 2026 and then, following a Y-shaped route, to Manchester in the west and Leeds in the east ('Phase Two') from 2033.

### **Phase One (London-West Midlands)**

If you're in a region that's on the Phase One line of route, then the legislation for your part of the project is currently being considered by Parliament – this is how the Government gets permission to build the railway, and ensures everyone's comments are heard. We're expecting formal planning permission, known as Royal Assent, at the end of 2016, but you may see us carrying out surveys or preparing things before then.

### **Phase Two (Birmingham-Leeds, Manchester and beyond)**

We held a public consultation on the Phase Two line of route in 2013. We're still working on the plans, and the Government intends to announce the way forward later in 2015. The plans will follow a similar parliamentary process to Phase One.

# EAST MIDLANDS

## A new destination of choice for businesses

HS2 can help the East Midlands to become a world-class commercial hub, to rival the largest economic regions in the UK.

We're proposing to build an HS2 station at Toton, adding to heavy investment in regional transport which will enhance connections to local towns and cities. HS2 will also complement plans by Midlands Connect to recognise the region's full potential. A new station will help to realise the region's vision of an integrated transport network for commuters, shoppers and visitors.

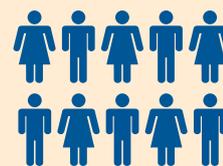
With quick and easy connections in place, Derby, Leicester and Nottingham will each be close to high speed services to Birmingham, Sheffield and London. It'll also be cheaper for businesses to be based in the region. For example, salary and office costs in Nottingham are 5-7% lower than the UK average. This will make the area more attractive to new businesses, and give existing businesses confidence that they don't need to relocate to expand.

We believe HS2 can help the region become a real destination of choice for businesses.

## HS2 will provide opportunities for the local economy

The East Midlands is synonymous with transport and manufacturing: over 1,000 people are employed at the Railway Technical Centre Business Park; the region is 40% more productive than any other UK region in automotive, aerospace and rail; and the construction of the NET tram line extension to Nottingham demonstrates there's a skilled workforce in the area.

HS2 will create opportunities in these areas through the building and operation of the station and the route. These include 10,000 construction jobs in the North and Midlands alone, as well as over 1,500 jobs that will be supported by the new station. An infrastructure maintenance depot we're planning to build at Staveley in Derbyshire will support a range of jobs at different skills levels. And with their historic strength in engineering and rail, local companies are primed to bid for the £11bn of railway and £7.5bn of rolling stock contracts that will be available soon, 60% of which we expect to be awarded to small and medium-sized businesses.



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### Find out more

We are continuing to review and refine our proposals for the Phase Two route to ensure they bring the best solution in terms of sustainability impacts for communities and the environment as well as delivering connectivity and economic growth. The Government intends to announce the way forward on Phase Two later this year.

# USEFUL LINKS



Residents'  
Charter and  
Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. You can read it by visiting:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter)

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. The first of the Residents' Commissioner's reports is published at:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-commissioner-report-1-may-2015](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-commissioner-report-1-may-2015)

You can contact the Commissioner at [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto:residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk)



Project  
updates

Updates on the project can be found at:

## PHASE ONE

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill)

## PHASE TWO

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-two-from-the-west-midlands-to-leeds-and-manchester](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-two-from-the-west-midlands-to-leeds-and-manchester)

The Select Committee is the group of MPs who are independently considering objections to the Phase One proposals. The Parliament website publishes information about their work here:

[www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/)



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Property and  
compensation

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[www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property)

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