

HIGH SPEED RAIL IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE

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.

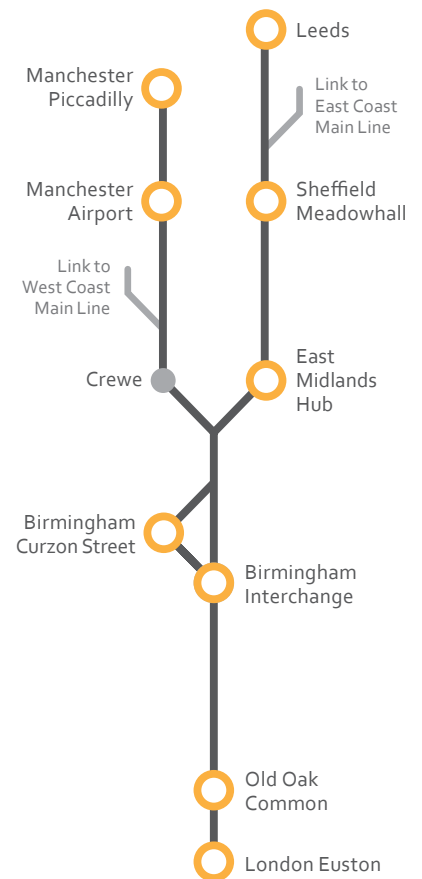
HS2 is designed to solve these issues. It'll ease congestion on important commuter lines, provide extra space for local and regional services, and reduce road traffic. It is a crucial project – and you can expect to feel the benefit even if you never board an HS2 train.

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.



The Cutting Edge Fountains and Sheffield station, Sheaf Square, Sheffield





“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.

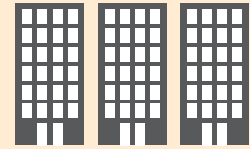
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HS2: connectivity and a catalyst for growth

With the arrival of HS2, Sheffield is set to become a world-class transport hub, benefiting transport users, visitors, businesses and the local community. We're proposing to build a high speed rail station at Sheffield Meadowhall, meaning links to Leeds, Birmingham and London will be quicker and easier. This should make the region more attractive to new businesses, and give confidence to existing businesses that South Yorkshire is the right place to expand.

HS2 also means better connections for the wider Sheffield city region. The station will connect to national rail, the Supertram and the motorway network via the M1, so residents in areas such as Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster and the Derbyshire Dales will benefit from quicker links to the rest of country.

Significant transport investment can transform an area, and the arrival of HS2 will in turn generate improvements to existing services.



6,000

potential new
businesses served



6,000

jobs directly linked
to rail industry

HS2 will provide opportunities for the local economy

South Yorkshire is well placed to take advantage of the benefits HS2 brings. The region's Strategic Economic Plan aims to create 70,000 new private sector jobs and 6,000 businesses, and generate £4bn for the local economy.

HS2 will provide local opportunities through the building and operation of the station and the route, with 4,000 to 5,400 jobs supported by the new station. Over 200 local companies have rail industry connections, and 6,000 jobs are already directly linked to the rail industry. This means local companies are primed to bid for the £11bn of contracts that will be available soon and we expect 60% of supply chain contracts to go to small and medium-sized businesses.

There'll also be an infrastructure maintenance depot in Staveley in Derbyshire, which will encourage growth in associated businesses and attract new employment to the area, as well as supporting a range of jobs at different skill levels.

South Yorkshire will be a centre for industry excellence

In 2017 we're opening a campus of the new National College for High Speed Rail in Doncaster's Lakeside. The college's vocational learning and training will help build a workforce for the rail industry and other high-tech manufacturing roles, and give thousands of young people across the region advanced skills that employers really need.



Combined value of
available contracts

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

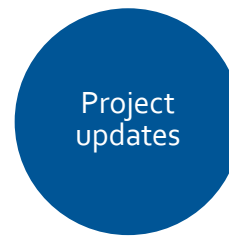
The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. You can read it by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

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

You can contact the Commissioner at 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

PHASE TWO

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/



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