

HS2 is a new high speed railway that will form the backbone of Britain's rail network. HS2 will run between London and Birmingham from 2026, extend to Crewe by 2027 and then link to Manchester and Leeds from 2033.

Trains will continue on up the East and West Coast Main Lines, serving towns and cities in the north of England and Scotland. This will provide millions of people with access to the new high speed network.

HS2 will help unlock Britain's economic potential by bridging geographic divides and delivering a better connected and more balanced economy. It will provide more capacity for local, regional and freight services on existing lines, relieving congestion and providing people with better travel options.

Towns, cities and regions across Britain are planning to use the arrival of HS2 services as a catalyst for growth, with schemes to regenerate urban areas, create jobs and provide greater opportunities for local people.

HS2 services in East Midlands

The East Midlands will have a brand new HS2 hub station at Toton. The station's surrounding towns and cities are planning to capitalise on the enhanced connectivity HS2 delivers, which includes proposals for the station to link to the existing motorway, classic rail and tram networks.

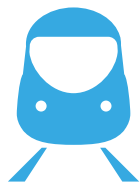
Derby and Nottingham are working together on an ambition that envisages a journey time of just 10 minutes from their city centres to the HS2 hub, as well as better links the two cities in the process.



■ Market Square House, Nottingham
Image: HS2/Bob Martin

The East Midlands Hub station at Toton will support over 1,500 new jobs in and around the station and serve the cities of Derby, Nottingham and Leicester.

East Midlands ↔ London



0:52

HS2 journey time

East Midlands ↔ Leeds:



0:27

HS2 journey time

East Midlands ↔ Birmingham:



0:20

HS2 journey time



Connectivity & capacity

HS2 will transform connectivity between the East Midlands and the rest of the UK. It will release capacity from the existing rail network for more local services with more trains, less overcrowding, quicker journey times and better local transport connections for both work and leisure.

Economic growth

HS2 will support the region to be a globally competitive centre for hi-tech manufacturing and engineering, as well as creating opportunities for more higher paid jobs. The East Midlands HS2 Strategic Board have recently published their emerging HS2 Growth Strategy which estimates that with strong local action the opportunities for trade, investment and jobs that HS2 brings are equivalent to 74,000 new jobs and an extra £4bn to the local economy.

Redevelopment plans

Local Councils, LEPs and the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce are working together to develop aspirational, deliverable proposals for maximising the economic potential of a new HS2 and classic rail hub station at Toton and the proposed Infrastructure Maintenance Depot at Staveley.

The Broxtowe Borough Council has agreed a strategic master plan for development around the hub station including land for economic development, housing, and community use. The HS2 Maintenance Depot at Staveley offers major opportunities and Derbyshire County Council's masterplan includes 1,500 new homes and 800 new jobs on site.

“Bringing the benefits of HS2 to the Midlands and North will play a critical role in rebalancing the national economy and provide the potential to create substantial opportunities to boost skills and create employment in the East Midlands region.”

Cllr Jon Collins, Chair of the East Midlands Strategic Board

“The East Midlands lies at the heart of the country and is a real logistics sweet spot for the UK. HS2 is a crucial part of the solution to boost connectivity north to south and east to west, which will also deliver the enhanced capacity we need in the long term. High speed rail is the best way to achieve a more sustainable, re-balanced economic future.”

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