

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 Manchester

Manchester will have two HS2 stations. The Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport stations will receive direct HS2 trains on the new HS2 line, in addition to services on existing lines.

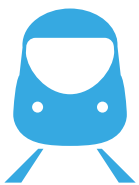
With three HS2 trains an hour in each direction, journey times to and from London will be almost cut in half. Birmingham will be under 40 minutes away, and have two trains an hour in each direction. The two new HS2 tracks on the southerly approach to Manchester Piccadilly will create space for additional train paths on the corridors from Crewe and Stockport to Manchester, providing options for more frequent local or regional stopping services.



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Image: HS2/Bob Martin

With transport and planning powers devolved to the city region, Manchester is making the most of HS2.

Manchester ↔ London



1:07

HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

Manchester ↔ Birmingham:






0:40

HS2 journey time



Journey time saving



-  HS2 line
-  HS2 services on existing network
-  Existing rail or tram network

Connectivity

Greater Manchester considers HS2, in combination with Northern Powerhouse Rail, to be vital for increasing the capacity of Britain's rail network and delivering a transformational step-change in the connectivity of the North's city regions. The benefits will be seen across the North West, with better connectivity stimulating business development and regeneration worth billions of pounds.

Economy

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority estimates that HS2 will make Greater Manchester a significantly more attractive business location, bringing in up to 180,000 new jobs by 2040 and adding £1.3bn to the regional economy.

The HS2 station at Manchester Airport will improve the airport's accessibility and capitalise on the investment programme at Terminal 2. It will increase the airport's importance as an international gateway and encourage new jobs and businesses to the area.

Regeneration around Manchester Piccadilly

Regeneration of the Mayfield district adjacent to Manchester Piccadilly station is being driven by the benefits HS2 can bring, and is expected to deliver over 6,500 new jobs and 1,330 new homes in the area. The Combined Authority expects the first phase of the project, which includes a major mixed use development, to start on site in 2017.

Redevelopment for the wider Piccadilly area is expected to deliver 4,500 new homes and over 700,000 sq.m of commercial and retail space.

"HS2 is absolutely central to supporting the continued economic growth, not only of Greater Manchester but also the wider North."

Mike Blackburn, Chair, Greater Manchester LEP

"It is vital for the region that the UK's third largest airport is connected to the HS2 network. It's the right decision for jobs and growth across Greater Manchester and the North of England."

Tony Lloyd, Mayor of Greater Manchester

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