High Speed Two is the Government’s planned new, high speed railway. HS2 Ltd is the company responsible for designing and building the railway, and for making recommendations to the Government.

This factsheet is to update you about the proposal for depots. It explains:

• where we are proposing to locate the depots, and how this has changed since the consultation in 2013;

• the purpose of the depots;

• how to find more information about the route and the project;

• how to get in touch with us.

Depots

Two types of depot would be required for the new railway:

1. Rolling stock depots – to undertake maintenance on HS2 trains and provide stabling; and

2. Infrastructure maintenance depots – to undertake maintenance of the HS2 infrastructure, such as track, overhead electrical equipment and structures.

In addition, smaller facilities such as maintenance loops or storage facilities would be required along the route.

Between July 2013 and January 2014

HS2 Ltd consulted the public on the proposed route and stations for Phase Two of HS2, from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond.

In November 2015

The Government announced its intention to bring forward the delivery of the Phase Two route between the West Midlands and Crewe, known as Phase 2a.

In November 2016

The Government announced proposals for the remainder of the Phase Two route, known as Phase 2b.
Phase 2b depot locations

The Phase 2b route includes two rolling stock maintenance depots at a site located north of Crewe (western leg) and New Crofton (eastern leg), and one infrastructure maintenance depot at Staveley (eastern leg).

There are additional depots on the Phase One and Phase 2a routes.
Changes since 2013 consultation

In 2013, HS2 Ltd proposed to locate the western leg rolling stock depot at Golborne. We received a number of responses about this location due to the potential impacts, and reviewed alternative sites.

HS2 Ltd now recommends that the western leg rolling stock depot is located at a site north of Crewe, between the West Coast Main Line and HS2 and we are consulting on this proposal.

The eastern leg depot locations have not changed since 2013, however the footprints have developed as a result of HS2 Ltd’s work on Phase One and will be refined further in the next stage of design.

We are also undertaking further work to consider possible alternative locations for the New Crofton rolling stock depot on the eastern leg and we expect to report further on this in 2017.

For more information about changes to the Phase 2b route since 2013, please review the Summary of Route Refinements.

Depot operations

The depots would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the majority of the work would be undertaken at night. As part of the next stage of design, we will review the potential impacts of this (including light and noise pollution) and incorporate mitigation to reduce these impacts.

It is envisaged that worksites along the railway would be primarily accessed by rail; however, there would also be a number of vehicular access locations.

The depots will support jobs in the local areas.

Design

At this stage of the project, indicative footprints for the depots are shown on the Plan and Profile drawings, and further information within the Route Engineering Reports. The depot requirements and designs will be developed further as the project progresses.

Contact us at HS2

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For the latest documents including route plans and profile maps visit:
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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:

You can contact the Commissioner at: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

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