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 describes how frequent the HS2 services would be and the journey time savings that HS2 would deliver.

**Frequency of HS2 services**

HS2 would provide high-frequency, high-capacity services for passengers. Up to 18 trains per hour would run in each direction between London and the UK’s major cities, carrying up to 1,100 passengers. The HS2 network is expected to carry more than 300,000 people every day.

The current indicative service patterns used for the Economic Case show that the following services could operate:

- Three trains per hour from London to each of Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds, with intermediate stops on the way.
- Two trains per hour from London to each of Liverpool, Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh, with intermediate stops along the way.
- Two trains per hour from Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds.
- Additional services from Birmingham to Newcastle, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

A key component of the HS2 service pattern is that certain trains can operate on the existing network to serve other destinations not on the HS2 network. These trains would operate at high speed on the HS2 network and at conventional speeds on the existing network.

For more information, please review the ‘Train types’ factsheet.
Journey time savings

HS2 will reduce the journey times between Britain’s major cities. The diagram below shows the current journey times on the existing rail network compared with the predicted journey times that the HS2 network would deliver.

Out of date as of 17 July 2017

Fastest journey times based on assumptions and analysis as at Summer 2016

Source: HS2 Ltd
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:

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

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

You can also find out if you’re eligible for compensation at:
www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Jobs and skills

To see what jobs are available on HS2 at the moment, check our careers page:
http://careers.hs2.org.uk

If you’re a student wondering what careers in STEM subjects are like, check out articles and have a look around our Plotr World:
www.plotr.co.uk/careers/worlds/hs2

And if you’re a business wondering how to get involved with HS2, have a look at our guides and updates on:
www.gov.uk/hs2 – search for HS2 business

Project updates

For more information about Phase Two, visit

And for details of events in your area, visit
www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-events

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