

**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 York

HS2 trains will serve the current station in York. It will become an 'integrated high speed station', where passengers can catch HS2 trains and access the high speed network to the south.

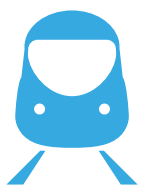
There will be up to three trains an hour to London, and the journey time to Birmingham will be cut in half. Over 35,000 passengers a day will be able to travel on the high speed network to and from York.



■ York Central – artist impression  
Image: City of York Council

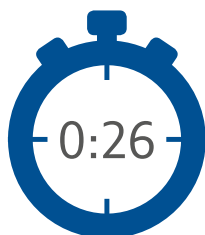
**HS2 will connect York to the East Midlands and to international air services from Birmingham Airport, all in less than 90 minutes.**

### York ↔ London



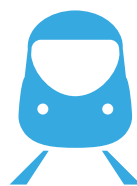
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### York ↔ Birmingham

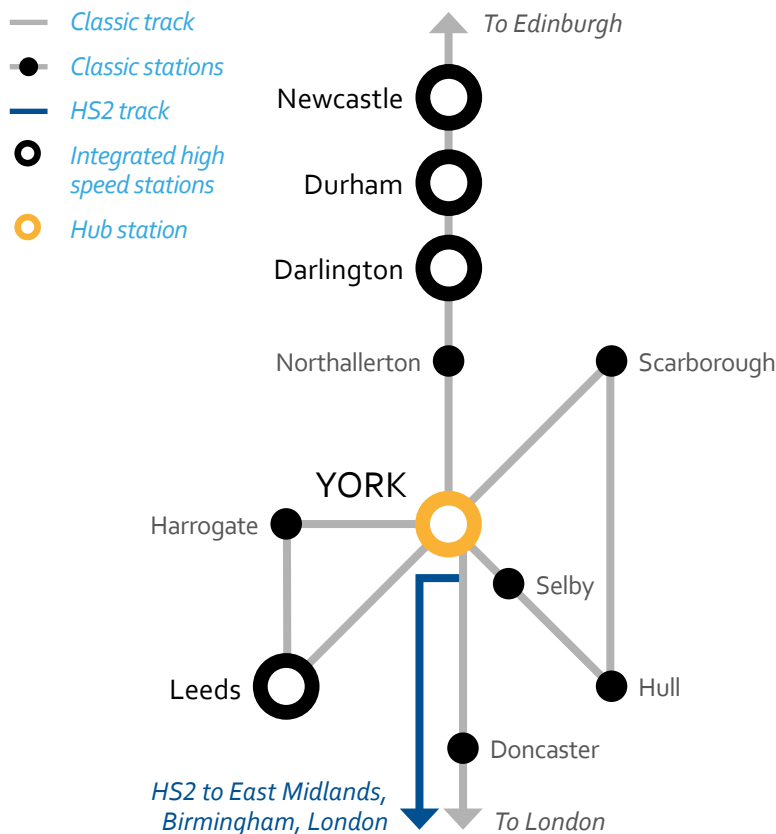


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“HS2 will make York the key point on the East Coast Mainline and the HS2 network, with links to North East England and Scotland.”

*Cllr Chris Steward,  
Leader, City of York Council*

“HS2 will improve links from York and support the rebalancing of the economy.”

*Stirling Kimkeran, Chief Executive  
of Omnicon Engineering*

## Connectivity

The York Central partnership sees HS2 services as an economic magnet not just for York itself, but also for towns in the region such as Harrogate, Northallerton, Scarborough, Selby and Thirsk. In addition to connections to London and Birmingham, HS2 will connect York to the East Midlands and the international air services at Birmingham Airport. This will help put York firmly on the map for UK and international investors.

## Economic growth

York, North Yorkshire and East Riding have a combined population of over a million and more than half a million people work in jobs which contributed almost £24 billion to the UK economy in 2014. An integrated high speed hub is central to York’s vision for increasing wages and improving career prospects by attracting and nurturing high value businesses.

York’s people have some of the highest skill levels of any northern city. The city is home to two universities and world-class research and training facilities, such as the National Agri-food Innovation Campus, Nestlé’s Product Technology Centre and Network Rail’s Workforce Development Centre.

## Redevelopment plans

The City of York Council is partnering with Network Rail, the Homes and Communities Agency and the National Railway Museum to develop ‘York Central’, a project to regenerate land next to the railway station. By creating commercial space, up to 1,500 new homes and new attractive public spaces, the York Central plan will provide the opportunity for up to 7,000 new high value jobs. The Council is using the site’s Enterprise Zone status to help finance around £80 million of infrastructure investment.

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