

**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 Scotland

HS2 trains will serve the current stations at Lockerbie, Motherwell, Glasgow and Edinburgh. These will become 'integrated high speed stations', where passengers can catch HS2 trains and access the high speed network to the south.

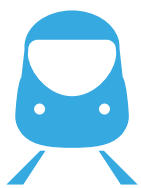
HS2 services will reduce the journey time between Scotland's central belt and London to just over 3 and a half hours.



■ Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre  
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Scotland will be part of the HS2 network from day one, with HS2 trains serving Glasgow on the West Coast Main Line.

### Glasgow ↔ London



3:40

HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

### Edinburgh ↔ London:



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HS2 journey time



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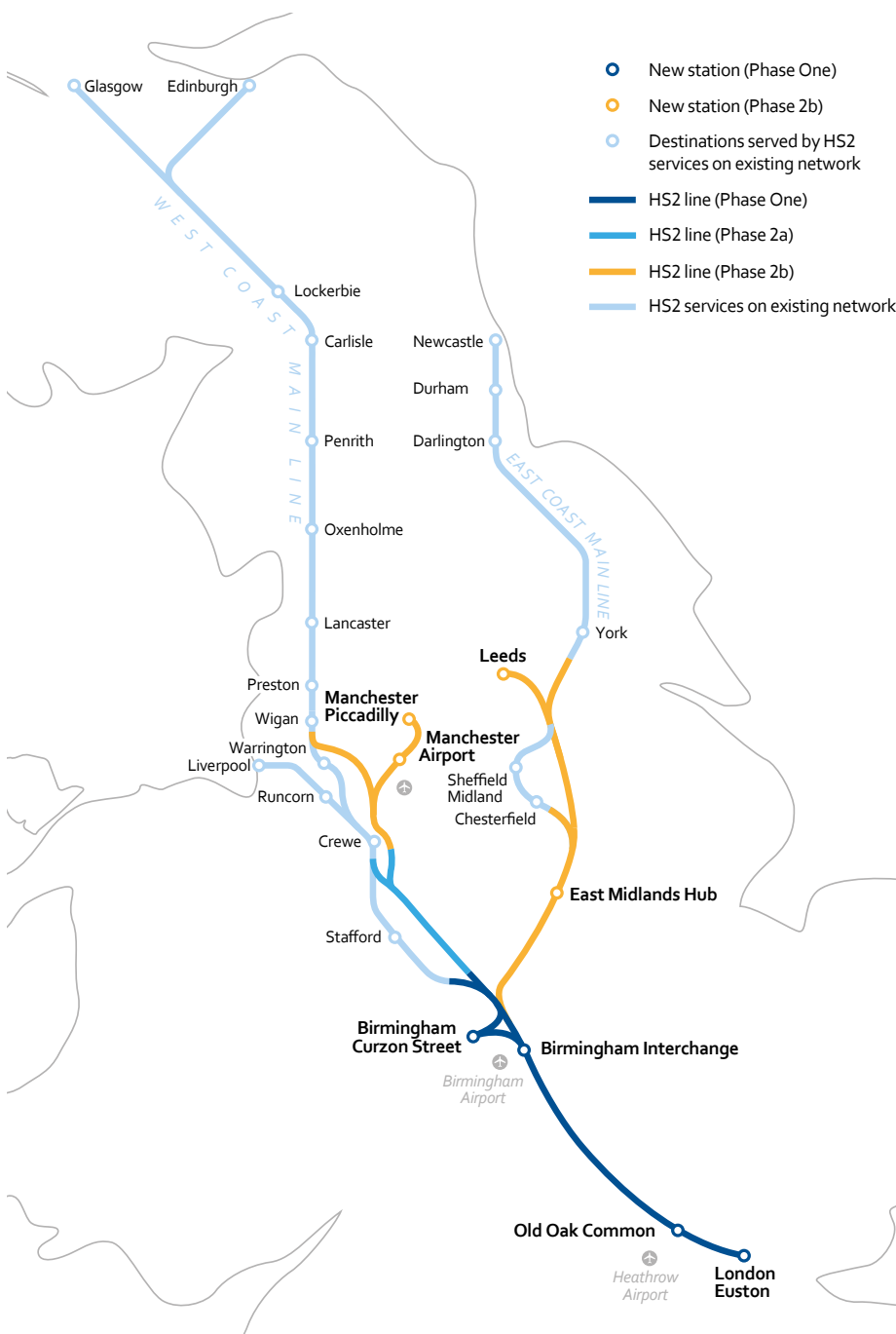
HS2 will benefit the Scottish economy by over £5bn – extending the reach of businesses and increasing productivity. As travellers move from air to rail, it could also deliver environmental benefits by reducing carbon emissions.

The UK and Scottish Government's share the ultimate ambition of three hour rail journey's between London and Scotland's Central Belt. The Department for Transport, Transport Scotland are now working with Network Rail to identify options (whether on the east or the west) with strong business cases that can make journey's quicker, add extra capacity and improve the resilience and reliability of services between England and Scotland.

Work is now planned to be carried out in 2017 for implementation between 2019-2029 as part of the normal rail network planning cycle.

"High speed rail will bring billions of pounds worth of benefit to Scotland's economy, and an infrastructure project of this magnitude – possibly the biggest Scotland's ever seen – means jobs, investment, benefits for the economy and benefits for the environment."

*Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work*



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