

LEEDS

West Yorkshire and connections

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Building a connected Britain

High Speed Two (HS2) will widen opportunities for millions of people by linking our big cities with London and with each other. It will re-write travel times between Britain's major cities, creating a high speed line that will integrate the economies of Birmingham, East Midlands, Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds and many more, as well as linking them with London, the South East and Europe.



Supporting regional jobs and housing

10,000

Phase Two construction (Leeds and Manchester)

1,400

Operation and maintenance (Leeds and Manchester)

Up to 26,700

Station-supported employment
(Leeds New Lane, Meadowhall and Toton)

Up to 19,700

Jobs created at Leeds

Up to 2,400

Station-supported housing (Leeds)

Regular, reliable services

Projected high speed services from Leeds in 2033:

1hr 23mins to London

Compared with 2hr 12mins today – three trains per hour

57mins to Birmingham

Compared with 1hr 58mins today – two trains per hour

Journey times

From Leeds New Lane

Destination	Current time (mins)	HS2 time (mins)
London	132	83
Birmingham	118	57
Nottingham Midland	106	47
Sheffield Midland	41	27

“Big projects can bring big rewards – boosting business, inspiring innovation and creating jobs. HS2 is of vital importance.”

Lord Deighton, Chair, HS2 Growth Taskforce

HOW HS2 WILL CHANGE LEEDS

HS2 will redefine the relationships between the major cities of the North and the Midlands

A lack of inter-regional connectivity has been identified as a constraint on growth in the North. Today's Victorian rail infrastructure means it takes about as long to travel by train from Birmingham to Leeds as it does from London to Brussels – but HS2 will change that.

There will also be high-speed stations in South Yorkshire and the East Midlands, allowing for travel times to those cities to be dramatically reduced.

There will be the potential for direct trains from Leeds to Paris, Brussels and beyond through a connection to the Channel Tunnel via Britain's first high speed line, HS1.

Many of the trains running on HS2 will be compatible with the existing railway and therefore able to run

beyond the HS2 lines to serve other towns and cities, including Newcastle and York.

HS2 will also free up space for additional commuter, regional and freight services on our main north-south lines, including the southern part of the East Coast Main Line (between London and Leeds/York). So there will be benefits for passengers and businesses both on and off the new high speed network.

This improved connectivity will unlock the enormous potential and opportunities that cities like Leeds have to offer. It will make them more attractive places to locate and do business, with people able to live here and work in the East Midlands or Birmingham, for example. We are working with Leeds to make the most of the opportunities that HS2 presents for people and businesses in West Yorkshire.

