



Moving Britain Ahead



- We have kept HS2 on track. Inevitably for a £50bn project there has been much scrutiny and some criticism, but we have built a powerful evidence-backed case, strengthened parliamentary consensus, won 20 out of 21 legal challenges to the project and agreed a funding package for HS2's first phase.

- We've laid the foundations for delivery of HS2 – Britain's new North-South railway. We have created a strong and compelling case for the project – backed by powerful evidence – which has helped us win support.
- HS2 will help rebalance our economy, generating over £2 of benefits for every £1 spent on it.
- Before settling on the route and strategy for HS2, in 2011 we conducted one of the largest ever public consultations in British history.
- HS2 will link 8 of Britain's 10 largest cities, directly serving 1 in 5 of the UK population.
- To get 'planning permission' to build the first phase of HS2 we have compiled the HS2 Phase One hybrid bill, the biggest bill ever produced by Government – some 50,000 pages.
- HS2 will support over 100,000 jobs in the areas around stations – the Core Cities group estimate this could be as high as 400,000 jobs in total.
- We are helping those who are adversely affected by the development of HS2 and have developed tailored compensation and assistance schemes which go well beyond legal requirements.
- Network Rail estimate that over 100 towns and cities could benefit from new commuter and intercity services on existing lines once HS2 is built.
- We have secured overwhelming Parliamentary support – 452 votes to 41 – in April 2014, for the HS2 Phase One hybrid bill.
- HS2 will be able to carry up to 18 trains each hour in each direction – each carrying as many as 1,100 passengers.
- Over 70% of the jobs created by HS2 are expected to be outside of London.



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