

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 South Yorkshire

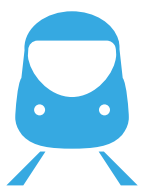
Under current proposals, Sheffield Midland would be served by up to two HS2 trains per hour on a dedicated link coming off the high-speed route, with the additional option of a station stop at Chesterfield, saving around 40 minutes on journeys to and from London.



■ Crucible Theatre, Sheffield
Image: HS2/Bob Martin

Based on Sir David Higgins 2016 report 'Sheffield and South Yorkshire', a Route Refinement Consultation has been launched and a decision will be taken on HS2 in South Yorkshire in 2017.

Sheffield ↔ London



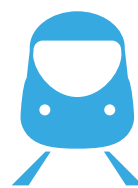
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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

Sheffield ↔ Leeds:



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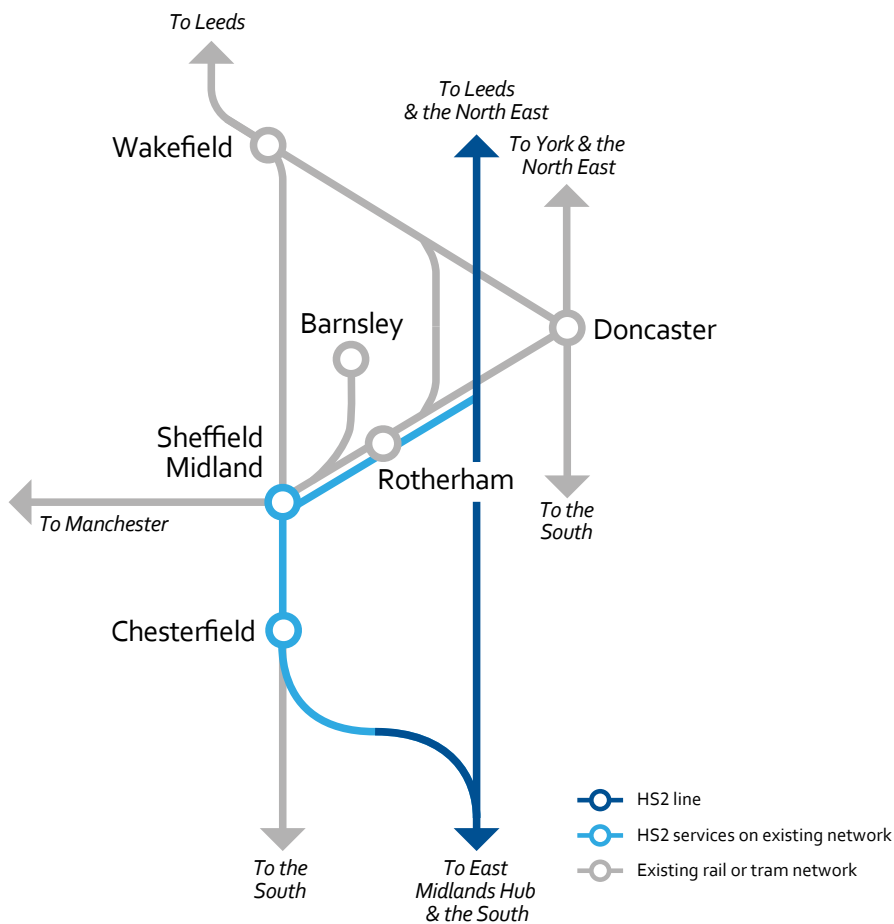
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Connectivity

The HS2 route would create possibilities for HS2 services to transfer on to the existing line and run through Sheffield Midland to other destinations, such as Barnsley, Meadowhall and Rotherham. We are also considering, whether it would be feasible to deliver a parkway-style HS2 station elsewhere in the region.
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“Sheaf Square is now one of the best development sites in Sheffield with the news that HS2 will come into Sheffield Midland station, as well as its proximity to the city centre and Sheffield Hallam University’s campus.”

*Leigh Bramall, Council Deputy Leader
Sheffield City Council*

“HS2 has the potential to bring transformational change to our city region but we must ensure that we maximise its potential so that it benefits all residents and businesses and has as little negative impact on homes and communities as possible.”

*Sir Nigel Knowles,
Chairman, Sheffield LEP*

HS2 will deliver benefits to a range of destinations on the existing network. For example, the capacity released by HS2 will allow the use of the existing rail network to be re-evaluated in order to optimise the services delivered to places such as Barnsley and Wakefield.

Doncaster would continue to gain from the extra capacity that will be freed up on the East Coast Mainline, as well as the planned Intercity Express Programme.

National College for High Speed Rail

With over 6,000 jobs in the Sheffield City Region directly linked to the rail industry, local companies are in prime position to compete for HS2’s supply chain opportunities. The National College for High Speed Rail – at Doncaster’s Lakeside Campus – will provide high-tech vocational training, relevant to most engineering and transport sector disciplines, from 2017.

Northern Powerhouse Rail

As part of the current consultation, we are seeking views from stakeholders about the case to deliver a connection between HS2 and the existing network in the Clayton area, to the north of Sheffield. This could allow HS2 services to travel between Sheffield and Leeds city centres.

This would help to deliver the aspiration of the Northern Powerhouse Rail programme for frequent fast services linking key city centre locations such as Sheffield and Leeds, as well as delivering capacity benefits on the classic network.

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