

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 London

London will have two HS2 stations, with high speed lines at a redeveloped Euston station, and a brand new stop at Old Oak Common.

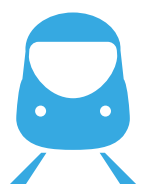
Euston was London's original intercity station. The redeveloped station will transform the local area, with a world-class design and additional capacity within the station building, as well as on the HS2 service line that serves it. Old Oak Common will serve around a quarter of a million people every day. The new hub will have links to Heathrow airport, the wider London transport system and rail services to Wales and the South West.



■ Proposed Euston Station – Artist's impression

HS2 provides 18 train paths per hour into and out of Euston, and frees up space on the existing network to allow more frequent, reliable and comfortable journeys to and from London, whether travelling on HS2 or not.

Birmingham ↔ London



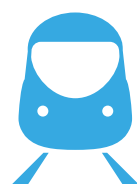
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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

Manchester ↔ London:



1:07

HS2 journey time



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Capacity

The current Euston station was designed to handle 20 million people a year. In 2015 it was trying to cope with over double that amount, while passenger numbers continue to rise. A redesigned terminus with 11 new high speed platforms and 18 HS2 trains an hour in each direction will help prepare Euston for further growth in demand, and release capacity on the West Coast Main Line for more regional trains, commuter services and economy-boosting rail freight.

Regeneration

The redevelopment of Euston will benefit London residents, businesses and visitors. With double the number of exits and entrances to London Underground, new pedestrian tunnels and connections to the local area, Euston will become a public space with shops, restaurants and cafés. This community hub will bring investment and jobs.

Old Oak Common is where HS2 will meet Crossrail, two of Europe's largest infrastructure projects. These projects provide an exceptional opportunity to deliver the largest programme of regeneration London has seen since the 2012 Olympics.

The new station will provide the conditions to build more than 25,000 new homes and create 65,000 jobs in Old Oak Common and Park Royal. Working with the Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation, which published its Strategic Plan in May 2016, HS2 will help this part of London to reclaim its place as an engine for growth for London.

"HS2 will boost capacity on our railways and tie the great cities of Britain closer together."

*Baroness Jo Valentine,
Chief Executive, London First*

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