

High Speed Two is the Government's planned new, high speed railway. HS2 Ltd is the company responsible for designing and building the railway, and for making recommendations to the Government.

This factsheet is to update you about the proposal for depots. It explains:

- where we are proposing to locate the depots, and how this has changed since the consultations in 2013 and 2016;
- the purpose of the depots;
- how to find more information about the route and the project; and
- how to get in touch with us.

Depots

Two types of depot would be required for the new railway:

1. Rolling stock depots (RSD) – to undertake maintenance on HS2 trains and provide stabling; and
2. Infrastructure maintenance depots (IMD) – to undertake maintenance of the HS2 infrastructure, such as track, overhead electrical equipment and structures.

In addition, smaller facilities such as maintenance loops or storage facilities would be required along the route.



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Between July 2013 and January 2014

HS2 Ltd consulted the public on the proposed route and stations for Phase Two of HS2, from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond.

In November 2015

The Government announced its intention to bring forward the delivery of the Phase Two route between the West Midlands and Crewe, known as Phase 2a.

In November 2016

The Government announced proposals for the remainder of the Phase Two route, known as Phase 2b.

The revised route proposals prompted the Secretary of State to request a study to consider alternative sites for an RSD on the Eastern Leg of the Phase 2b route.

Phase 2b depot locations

The Phase 2b route includes two RSDs – at a site located north of Crewe (western leg) and a proposed site to the east of Leeds in the Aire Valley, adjacent to the M1 (eastern leg). There will also be an IMD at Staveley (eastern leg).

There are additional depots on the Phase One and Phase 2a routes.



■ HS2 network map and proposed depot location

- Confirmed Phase 2b depot locations
- Proposed Phase 2b depot location
- New station (Phase 2b)
- Destinations served by HS2 services on existing network
- HS2 line (Phase One)
- HS2 line (Phase 2a)
- HS2 line (Phase 2b)
- HS2 services on existing network

Changes since the 2016 consultation

Western leg RSD

In 2013, HS2 Ltd proposed to locate the western leg RSD at Golborne. People raised a number of issues with this proposal and, as a consequence, HS2 Ltd began work to identify alternative sites.

HS2 Ltd has since recommended that the western leg RSD be located at a site north of Crewe and put forward this proposal to consultation in November 2016. Following consideration of the responses to the consultation, the Government has confirmed this location.

Eastern leg RSD

The location for the eastern leg RSD was also reviewed, following the publication of the route refinements (consulted on in November 2016), and is now proposed to be sited to the east of Leeds in the Aire Valley, adjacent to the M1.

The 2016 route proposal included a substantial change in the alignment of the main high speed line between Derbyshire and West Yorkshire. This, in turn, changed the alignment of the tracks into the proposed RSD at New Crofton from that shown in the 2013 consultation. The Secretary of State recognised that this change would result in a greater impact on the local community than the 2013 proposals and asked HS2 Ltd to undertake a study into possible alternative sites for the eastern leg RSD.

Location options

For a site to be potentially suitable for an RSD, it needs to meet a number of requirements, such as:

- a large, flat site;
- preferably brownfield rather than greenfield site;
- suitable for 24-hour working; and
- accessible to workforce and local transport network.

In assessing the various locations along the eastern leg that were identified as suitable, HS2 considered the balance between a range of factors including operational suitability, impact on the environment and local community, engineering complexity and cost. The site east of Leeds, in the Aire Valley adjacent to the M1, was identified as the most suitable option, taking into account the concerns raised regarding the originally proposed site.

Depot operations

The depots would operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the majority of the work would be undertaken at night. As part of the next stage of design, we will review the potential impacts of this (including light and noise pollution) and incorporate mitigation to reduce these impacts.

It is envisaged that worksites along the railway would be primarily accessed by rail; however, there would also be a number of vehicular access locations.

Contact us at HS2

If you have any questions about this leaflet, please get in touch. You can contact our helpdesk on:

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For the latest documents including route plans and profile maps visit:

www.gov.uk/hs2

Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed via various channels



Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. You can read it by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. The first of the Residents' Commissioner's reports is published at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-commissioner-report-1-may-2015

You can contact the Commissioner at:

residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Project updates

For more information about Phase Two, visit

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-two-from-the-west-midlands-to-leeds-and-manchester

And for details of events in your area, visit

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-events

Contact us

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Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

You can also find out if you're eligible for compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

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<http://careers.hs2.org.uk>

If you're a student wondering what careers in STEM subjects are like, check out articles and have a look around our Plotr World:

www.plotr.co.uk/careers/worlds/hs2

And if you're a business wondering how to get involved with HS2, have a look at our guides and updates on:

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