



Our plan for trains and tracks

Great British Railways

Easy read version

About this document



This is an easy read version of a longer plan called the Rolling Stock and Infrastructure Strategy.



In this document "we" means **Great British Railways**.



You can ask someone you trust to help you read this.





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Important things to know



Great British Railways is a new organisation. It will be in charge of passenger trains and tracks.



This plan says how we will choose and look after trains and tracks.



We want new trains to be easier to get on and off without help.



We plan to use more electric trains instead of old diesel trains.



Each project still needs its own decision about money.

Why we have a plan



Since 1993 different organisations have made decisions about trains and tracks.



This means many trains are different from each other. This can make them harder to fix and swap.



Many trains will soon need replacing or updating.



New trains can be used for 35 to 40 years. So we need to choose carefully.



Great British Railways brings trains and tracks together. This helps us make better choices.





What passengers need



Passengers want trains that run on time.



More passengers want to get on and off trains without help.



Passengers want clear information and good internet on trains.



Passengers want to feel safe on trains.



In the future more people who travel will be older.



What we want to achieve



We want trains to be better for passengers for a long time.



We want to use public money well.



We want to give companies that make trains steady work.



We will make trains easier for everyone to use.



We want more people to travel by train.



Getting on and off trains



We want you to get on and off trains without help.



We will usually buy new trains with low floors. This makes it easier to get on without a step.



We will ask companies that make trains to explain their plan for getting on and off without help.



A study is checking the height of platforms across the country.



Low floors will not work at every station. Some platforms are too different.



Better trains for you



We will design new trains with more toilets that more people can use. The exact number will depend on the train and the journey.



We will think about families when we plan new trains. This includes space for buggies and baby changing.



We will look to put good internet on new trains and updated trains.



We will make travel information work better for people with sight loss or hearing loss.



We will look at new ways to help you feel safe on trains.



Moving away from diesel trains



About 4000 diesel trains will need replacing over many years.



We plan to use more electric trains instead. Most of these will be **battery trains**.



A battery train runs on electricity. It charges its battery from overhead power lines or charging points.



Electric trains are quieter than diesel trains. They also make the air cleaner.



Some diesel trains will keep running while this change happens.

Keeping trains working



Trains go to a **depot** to be fixed. A depot is a place where trains are cleaned and fixed.



Problems with trains caused about 1 in 8 train delays in 2025 to 2026.



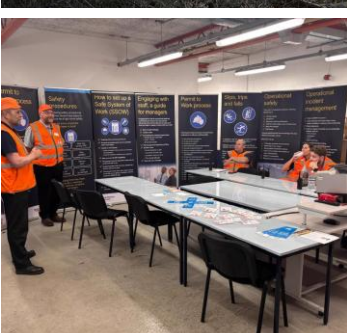
We will make depots an important part of our plans.



We will use information from trains to find problems early.



We want to improve depots where this helps trains work better. This includes better places for staff.





Planning trains and tracks together



We will plan new trains and the tracks they need at the same time.



We will order new trains in 4 groups. Each group suits a different kind of journey.



Trains in the same group will be more alike. This makes them easier to move between routes.



We are making a list of the train and track work we expect to do.



Each project on the list still needs its own decision about money.



When things will happen



Our plan covers many years. Some changes will take a long time.



Our list of future work will look 25 years ahead.



The law says that by 2050 the country must stop adding to the gases that cause climate change.



This means we need to move away from diesel trains.



How we will check our plan is working



We will update our list of future work regularly.



The list will show how each piece of work is getting on. Some work already has money. Some work is still being planned. Some work is only an idea for later.



We will set up a team to check on all our trains across the country.



Have your say



We will ask passengers what they think before we buy new trains.



We will also ask before we make big changes to older trains.



We are working with groups of disabled people on new design advice.

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