

HS2 Bulletin

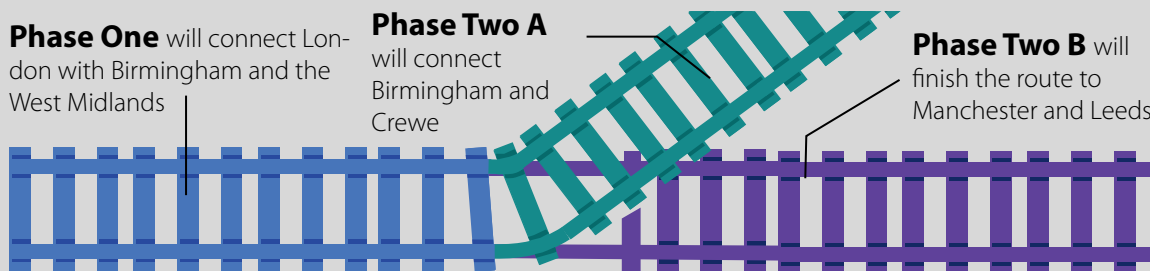
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High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's proposal for a high speed north-south railway. The proposal is being taken forward by HS2 Ltd in two phases:

Phase One will connect London with Birmingham and the West Midlands

Phase Two A will connect Birmingham and Crewe

Phase Two B will finish the route to Manchester and Leeds



The focus of Warwickshire County Council's role on HS2 is to scrutinise the implications of the scheme and develop protection and mitigation for communities around planning, highways, traffic and transport, public rights of way, historic environment, and ecology.

The Select Committee publish HS2 report

The House of Lords HS2 Select Committee published its findings after sitting for more than 60 days and hearing 314 petitions since May. Warwickshire County Council presented its fourth petition to Parliament in July on unresolved issues including local authority costs and ecology.

In the report, the Lords main recommendations are to remove Clause 48 of the HS2 Bill giving wider powers to HS2 Ltd to compulsory purchase land deemed as "undesirable and unnecessary", and for HS2 to treat urban areas the same as rural settings in compensation terms.

Following the publication of the Lords report, the HS2 Hybrid Bill can proceed to the next stage. The Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd will issue a formal reply to the report, and the Bill will go to the House of Lords for its third reading. After consideration of amendments the Bill will receive Royal Assent and will become the legislation needed for the railway to be built. Work is expected to start this year.

The committee report marks the conclusion of the Select Committee's work. Royal Assent is scheduled for February.

The report can be found here:

HS2 Phase 2b information events to support the property and route refinement consultations

HS2 Ltd is holding a series of information events along the Phase 2b route. The events will allow the communities affected by Phase 2b to talk to HS2 representatives about the proposed property schemes and the changes to the Phase 2b route from the West Midlands to Leeds. Consultations, including the route refinement consultation are open now until March 9th 2017.

Polesworth

Saturday 14 January 10am - 5pm

Polesworth Memorial Hall,
20 Bridge Street, Polesworth, Tamworth
B78 1DT

Kingsbury

Tuesday 17 January 12pm - 8pm

Kingsbury Community and Youth Centre,
Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury, Tamworth,
B78 2LN

HS2 Ltd. helpline: 020 7944 4908

HS2 Update Phase 2b Fact Sheets

HS2 Ltd has updated and released a new set of fact sheets for the Eastern line of the Phase 2b route. **The fact sheets can be found here:**

Marston to Birchmoor

Birchmoor to Worthington

Free courses for potential HS2 suppliers

HS2 Ltd is offering free courses to businesses to help them understand Building Information Modelling (BIM).

The BIM Upskilling Portal has been developed as a reference point for supply chain and delivery partners and to support wider industry in the implementation of BIM.

HS2 sees BIM as key driver for value and expect Level 2 compliance as a minimum from its suppliers. The intention of the Upskilling platform is to raise awareness of BIM implementation.

Find out more here:

Parliamentary reception promotes West Midlands connectivity

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) hosted a reception in the House of Commons to highlight the positive impact of HS2 on the region.

Speakers at the reception, titled 'HS2 at the Heart of West Midlands Connectivity', included Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and WMCA chair Cllr Bob Sleigh, who explained how the authority was determined to maximise the benefits offered by HS2.

The WMCA's 'HS2 Growth Strategy' features a range of infrastructure projects and investment that builds on the high speed rail line's potential for growth and includes:

- Metro tram extensions and other transport schemes to connect more than two million West Midland people to HS2.
- The creation of 2,000 HS2-related apprenticeships.
- Support for hundreds of businesses looking to take advantage of the opportunities created by HS2.

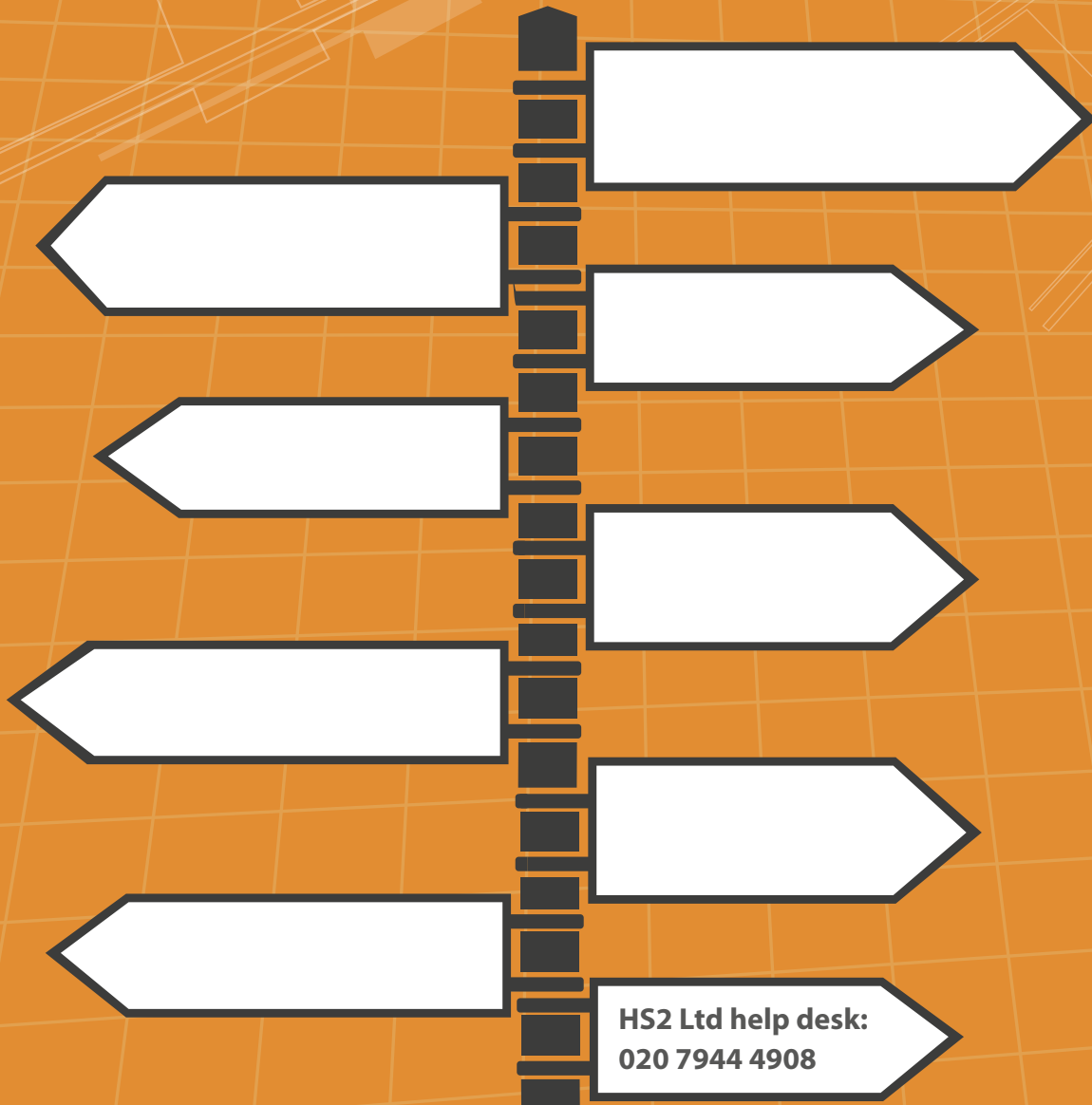
HS2 Ltd has established its headquarters in Birmingham city centre, employing 1,300 people and the National College for High Speed Rail is due to open in Birmingham next year. An investment is also being secured as part of the £1bn Curzon Masterplan centred on land around the HS2 station in the city's Eastside district, and for the UK Central development at the Interchange Station close to the National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Airport.

Find out more here:

Current HS2 timeline

March 2017	Phase 2b route consultation closes
Early 2017	Royal Assent for HS2 Phase One to become legislation
2017	Start of Phase One construction
2017	Phase 2b route decision
Summer 2018	Preparation of Phase 2b hybrid bill
2019	Deposit of Phase 2b hybrid bill
2021	Construction of Phase 2a starts
mid 2020s	target date for Royal Assent (Phase 2b) to become legislation
2026	Start of Phase 2b construction
2026	Phase One opening
2027	Phase 2a opening
2033	Phase 2b opening

Signposts – for further information



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