

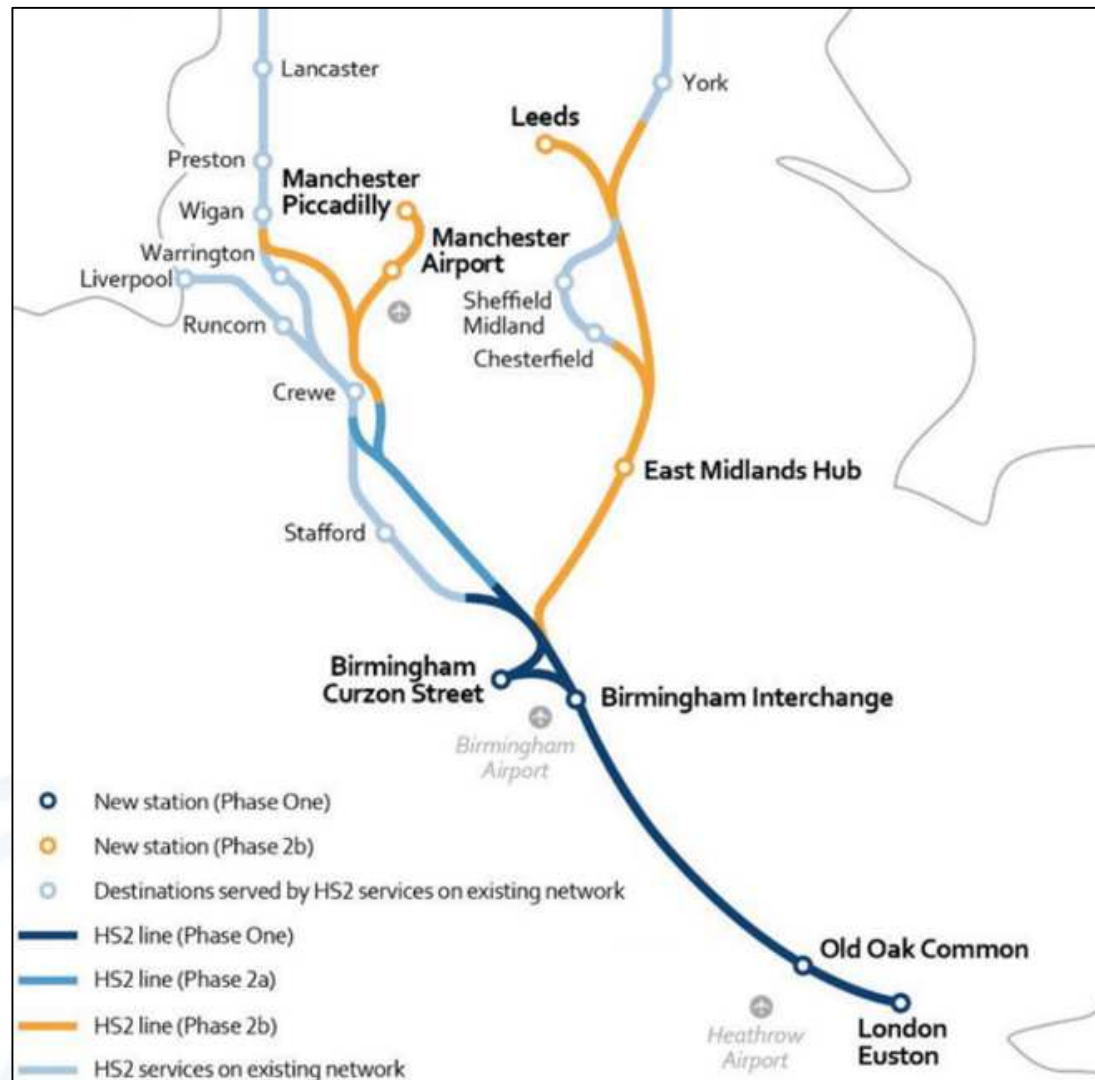
HS2 Connectivity

Links to Europe and Impacts/Opportunities for Coventry



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HS2 Route and Proposed Stations



HS2 Birmingham Interchange



Connectivity to Europe by HS2



HS2's Impact on Coventry

Challenges

- HS2 bypasses the City and provides no direct improvement in journey times to London
- HS2 could lead to a reduction in frequency of express services between Coventry and London
- HS2's Birmingham Interchange is a stimulus to Solihull's UK Central Project and its forecast 60,000 new jobs could draw development away from the city unless connectivity between Coventry and UK Central is enhanced

Opportunities for Coventry

- HS2 frees capacity on the existing rail network providing opportunities for improved connectivity to both the local and wider UK rail network
- HS2 offers major journey time benefits to the North of England, via Birmingham Interchange, transforming the City's potential relationship with economies such as Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield.
- HS2 places Coventry within a 'best connected' region providing opportunities to attract inward investment

Maximising opportunities

- Enhance improvements to transport connectivity between Coventry and HS2 / UKC, for example:
 - Coventry Station Master Plan
 - Improvements at other stations such as Tile Hill
 - Safeguarding future provision for “4-tracking” WCML
 - Potential improvements to road links
 - Development of “Very Light Rail”

Coventry's Rail Connectivity to the North

Key Routes	Current Journey Time	Future Journey Time (via HS2 Birmingham Interchange) (approx.)	Journey Time Savings (approx.)
Coventry - Manchester	1 hour 56 mins	1 hour 7 mins (approx)	49 mins
Coventry - Leeds	2 hours 38 mins	1 hour 16 mins (approx)	1 hour 22 mins
Coventry - Newcastle	3 hours 35 mins	2 hours 27 mins (approx)	1 hour 8 mins
Coventry - Edinburgh	4 hours 32 mins	3 hours 36 mins (approx)	56 mins



Thank You. Any Questions?