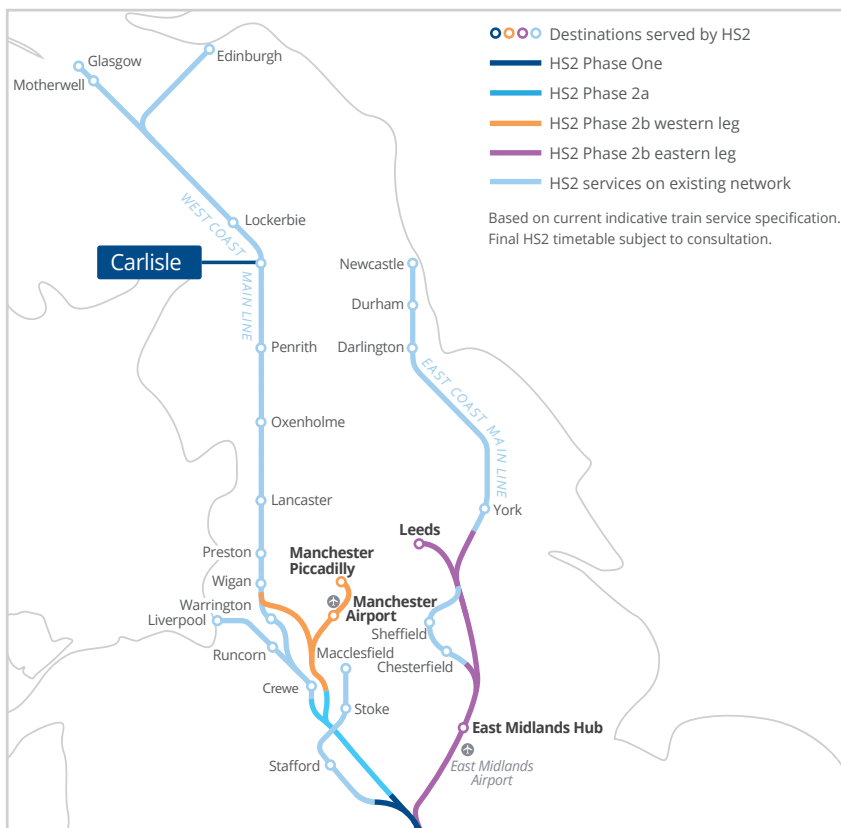


Project update

Carlisle station



High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's planned new high speed railway, which will connect the North of England and Scotland with the Midlands and London. High Speed Two Limited (HS2 Ltd) is the company responsible for developing and promoting the new rail network.

In July 2017, the Government confirmed the route for the next phase of HS2, known as Phase 2b, including a 'western leg' section running north from Crewe to Manchester and connecting to the West Coast Main Line near Wigan.

HS2 Ltd has been developing designs to include changes to existing stations, including Carlisle, that will need to be made so we can run services along the West Coast Main Line to and from Scotland.

Introduction

This information has been produced by HS2 Ltd to update you on our proposals for Carlisle station and the surrounding area.

It includes:

- a summary of the proposed HS2 train services for Carlisle;
- proposals for changing Carlisle station to accommodate these services;
- how to find out more about the project; and
- how to get in touch with us.



Development of the HS2 route

In July 2017, the Government confirmed the route for Phase 2b of HS2 and the train services they wanted HS2 to provide. When Phases One and 2a have opened, between 2029 and 2031, one HS2 train an hour will serve Carlisle, on a route between London and Glasgow.

In August 2019, the Prime Minister announced an independent review of HS2, known as the 'Oakervee Review'. Having received the review, the Government committed to delivering HS2. It also said it would prepare an 'Integrated Rail Plan' (IRP) for the North and Midlands so that HS2 Phase 2b (in particular the eastern leg between Birmingham and Leeds), Northern Powerhouse Rail, the Midlands Rail Hub and other major rail schemes could be built more effectively and efficiently, maximising their benefits and improving the value of the investment. The IRP is being informed by a 'Rail Needs Assessment', which is being carried out by the National Infrastructure Commission.

While this work is going on, the Government wants to bring forward legislation for the remaining part of HS2's Western Leg, which takes the railway from Crewe to Manchester. While plans may be subject to change once the IRP is published, the changes are not likely to be as significant in this area.

HS2 in Carlisle

Our designs for the Phase 2b route from Crewe to Manchester include a connection to the West Coast Main Line at Wigan, which will allow us to then run trains along the existing line from Wigan serving Edinburgh, Glasgow and other stations.

This will include more services at Carlisle station, where we will allow for three trains an hour between Edinburgh/Glasgow and Birmingham/London. Some services south of Carlisle will run as 400m trains, while services running to the north, to Edinburgh and Glasgow, will be 200m trains.

This means we need to make changes at the station to accommodate longer trains, split northbound trains to make them 200m, and join southbound trains back together to make them 400m.

To achieve this, we intend to extend platforms 1 and 3, and fill in platform 2. We will also create a new platform on the southern side of the station, shown as platform 0 on the diagram opposite, to replace the capacity lost by filling in platform 2. We will also build a new footbridge for passenger access to the new platform.

We have worked closely with Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council on the Carlisle Gateway project so that our plans complement theirs.

For more information about the changes we are making at Carlisle station please visit www.hs2.gov.uk/phase2b



Next steps

Hybrid Bill

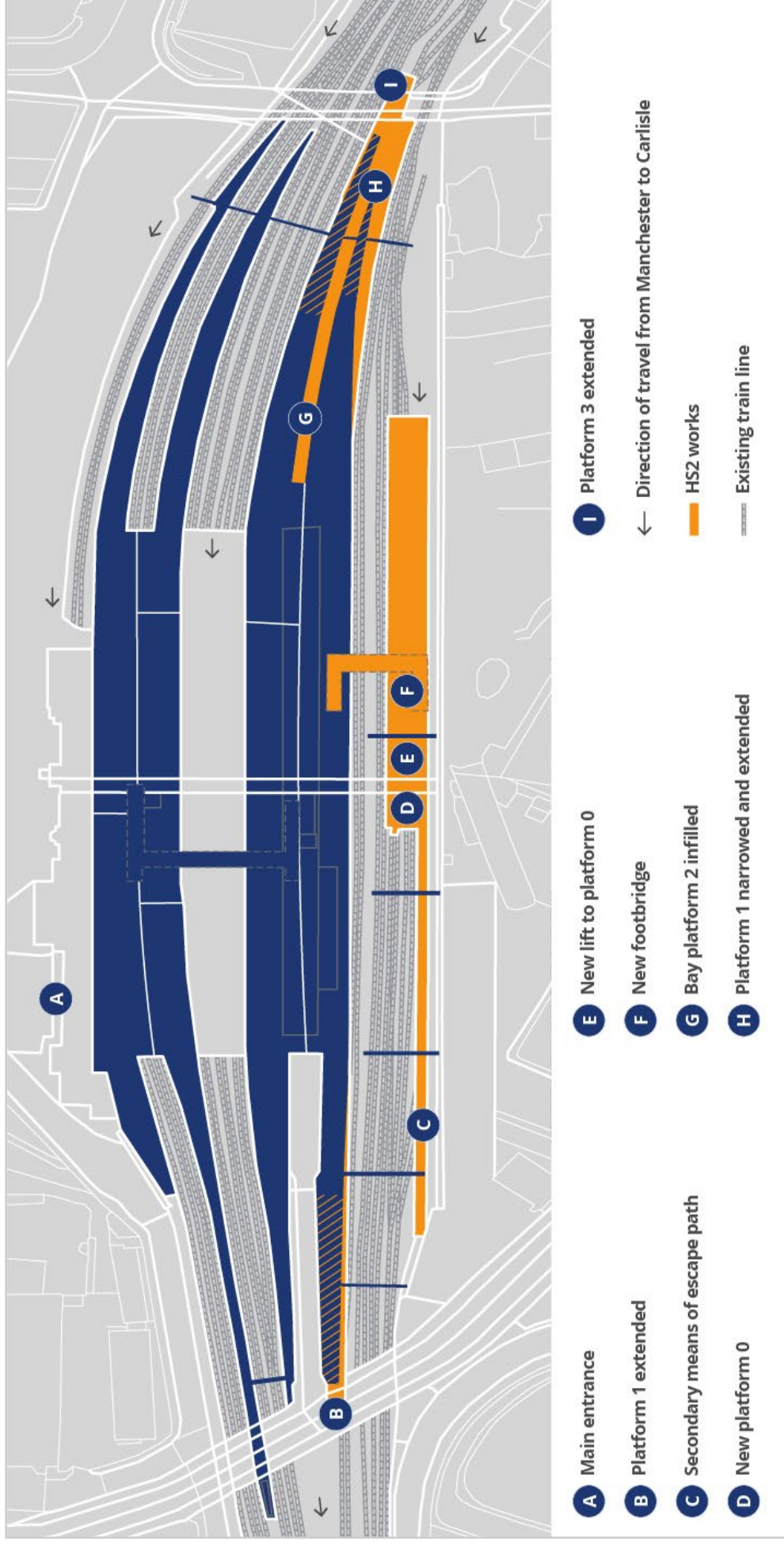
The Government gains permission for nationally important infrastructure by submitting a piece of legislation known as a 'hybrid Bill' to Parliament.

We are now preparing a hybrid Bill for the western leg of the Phase 2b route. We plan to deposit the Bill in early 2022, or sooner if possible. The Bill will include the proposals for Carlisle station outlined in this booklet.

Once the Bill has been deposited, you will have a further opportunity to comment on the design. Parliament or the Secretary of State will review all comments we receive, after which changes may be made.

For more information, please visit www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b

Proposed development of Carlisle station to support HS2 services



This diagram provides an illustrative representation of the proposed HS2 changes at this station.

Please refer to the off-route mapbook available at www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b for the full construction and operational details.

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

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. 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. Find reports at: www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

You can contact the Commissioner at: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner at: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

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

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason, you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them via:

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