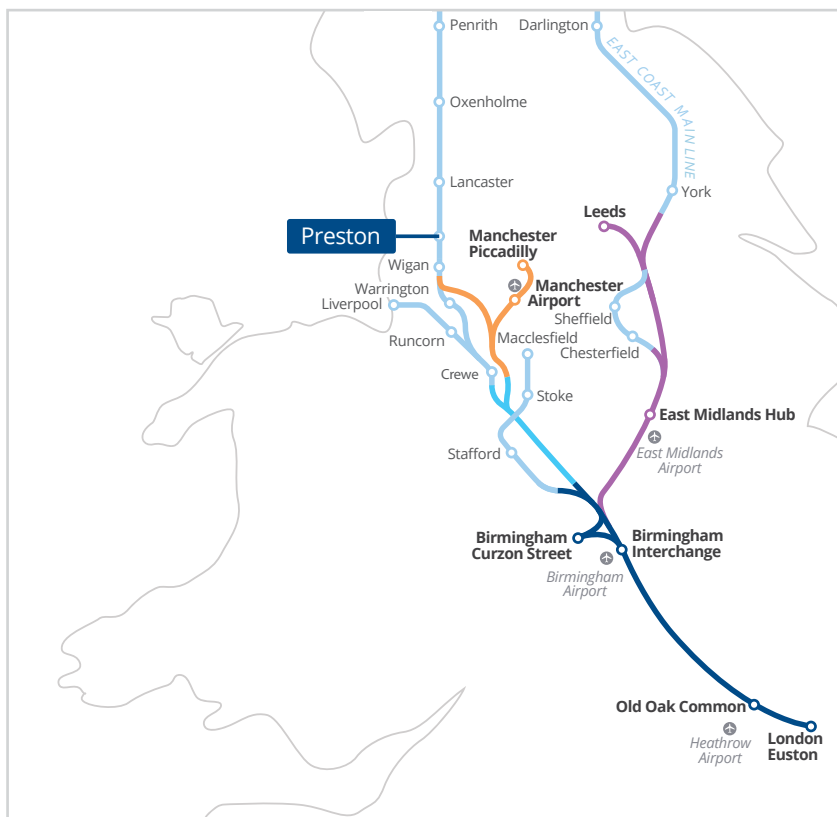


In your area

Preston Station



In this booklet you can find information about:

- The proposals in your area
- The Western Leg hybrid Bill
- Jobs, skills and education

Key

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— HS2 Phase One

— HS2 Phase 2a

— HS2 Phase 2b western leg

— HS2 Phase 2b eastern leg

— HS2 services on existing network

Subject to the outcome of the UK Government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP), due to be published shortly. Final HS2 timetable subject to consultation.

Introduction

We've produced this booklet to provide you with information about our proposals for the Western Leg of HS2, between Crewe and Manchester and the North West.

Plans for the Western Leg of HS2 Phase 2b would see the dedicated high-speed network extend from Crewe to Manchester and serve new high-speed stations at Manchester Airport and Manchester Piccadilly.

HS2's trains will also join the West Coast Main Line and serve towns and cities en route to Scotland. This will provide more people across the North-West, and in Scotland with direct access to new, low-carbon, high-speed rail services.



In line with its commitment to build back better and deliver economic benefits and improved transport links to the North quicker, the UK Government has instructed us to proceed with the development of legislation for the Western Leg of Phase 2b as a priority. The UK Government intend to submit a hybrid Bill between Crewe and Manchester, with a connection to the West Coast Main Line (WCML) to serve towns and cities en route to Scotland, in early 2022, or sooner if possible.

This is subject to the outcome of the UK Government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP), due to be published shortly, which will look at how to deliver HS2 Phase 2b, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub and other rail programmes better and more effectively.

In your area

Since our update last year – alongside the Western Leg Design Refinement Consultation, which included proposals for a number of changes on the route between Crewe and Manchester and into Scotland - we have been working on finalising our designs for Preston Station to allow HS2 services to stop there.

The main features of the design in this area, which haven't changed since our last update, include upgrading facilities at Preston to provide for three trains per hour travelling between Edinburgh and Glasgow to Birmingham and London. A fourth train will start and finish at Lancaster running south. This means we need to make changes at Preston station to accommodate the longer HS2 trains.

- Platforms 3 and 4 at Preston Station will be extended, with platforms 3c and 4c also filled in to accommodate the longer HS2 trains.
- We will create a new platform on the southern side of the station, to be known as platform 0, to replace the capacity currently provided by platforms 3c and 4c.
- A new footbridge will be provided for access to the new platform 0.

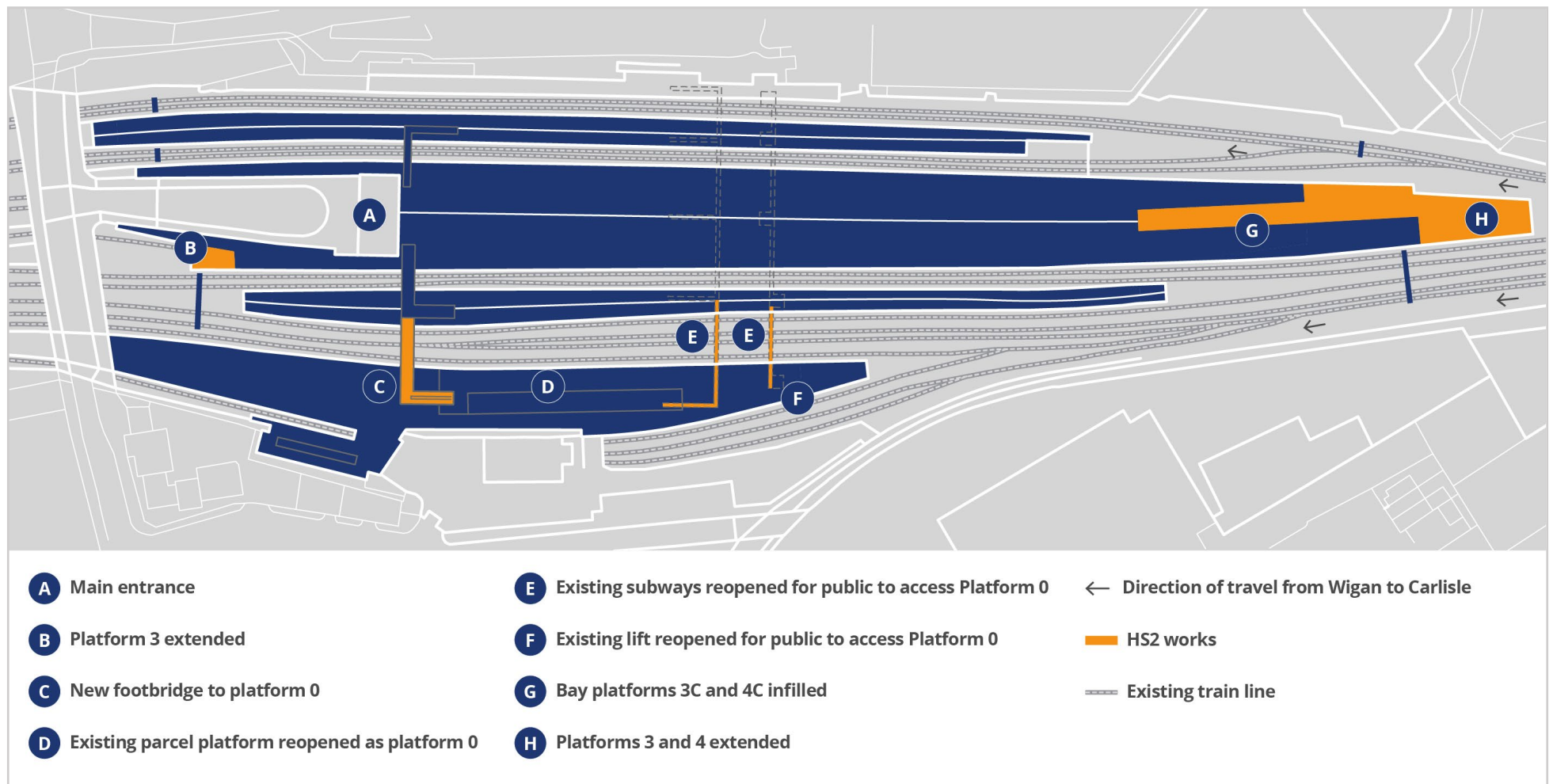
The diagram opposite shows the scheme at Preston station.

Further help and advice

If you want to find out more about our proposals in this area, or view the designs, visit our website: **hs2.org.uk/phase-2b**.

Alternatively, you can contact our Helpdesk team who are available all day, every day, using the details provided at the end of this booklet.

Proposed development of Preston 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.

The Western Leg hybrid Bill

A hybrid Bill is draft legislation promoted by Government in Parliament to secure powers to construct and operate major infrastructure projects of national importance. Previous hybrid Bills include those leading to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (High Speed One) and the Crossrail Act 2008. Hybrid Bills have also been approved for Phase One of HS2 (London to the West Midlands) in 2017 and Phase 2a (West Midlands to Crewe) in 2021, and both schemes are now underway.

Documents published alongside the Bill will include:

- an Environmental Statement (ES), which will report the results of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), carried out to identify the impacts of the scheme and describe how they would be managed;
- draft Environmental Minimum Requirements which set out the environmental and sustainability commitments that will be observed during the construction phase, for example a draft Code of Construction Practice;
- Parliamentary Plans and Sections showing the works and land required for the construction and operation of the Proposed Scheme;
- a Book of Reference detailing the land interests affected; and
- an Estimate of Expense which will set out the costs.

Changes to hybrid Bills during their passage through Parliament aren't unusual and can be made as a result of:

- design development;
- new information being received;
- engagement and discussions with affected individuals and stakeholders; or
- changes introduced during the Parliamentary process.

Formal consultation on the ES

People will have an opportunity to provide their views on the environmental impact of the scheme through a formal public consultation on the Environmental Statement. The consultation will be run by Parliament shortly after the deposit of the Bill.

Those who feel strongly about the Bill, or project in principle, have the same opportunity to influence Parliament as they would on any other Government Bill and can contact their MP or a member of the House of Lords to raise an issue on their behalf.

Petitioning

In due course, those whose property or interests are 'directly and specially affected' by the proposals in the Bill may submit a petition against it in the House of Commons and/or the House of Lords. Guidance on petitioning will be made available by Parliament in advance of the petitioning period.



Further information is available in the HS2 'Hybrid Bill process' factsheet, which can be found on our website at hs2.org.uk/phase-2b/factsheets

Alternatively, if you need help understanding what this means for you, you can contact our Helpdesk using the details at the end of this booklet, or register to join one of our webinars at hs2.org.uk/events



Preet Kaur Gill MP (second left) meets HS2 engineers in Birmingham. © HS2 Ltd

Jobs, skills and education

HS2 is much more than just a railway - it's also a catalyst for growth; revitalising the country, creating new opportunities for jobs and skills, regenerating towns and cities, and bringing us closer as a nation.

The construction of HS2 will also show the very best of British skills, innovation and ambition. 95 per cent of contracts are going to UK-based businesses; 60 per cent with small- and medium-sized businesses (SME) and over 1,000 direct SME contracts.

We are delivering a programme of skills, education and employment activities to meet the requirements to build the railway and leave a legacy of a highly-skilled and diverse workforce.

The scale of the project means it provides a unique opportunity for engaging young people and promoting transport infrastructure related careers. As a result, we are committed to stimulating interest in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), supporting the priorities outlined in the UK Government's Transport Infrastructure Skills Strategy (TISS) 6.

We will achieve this via our dedicated Education Programme and by working in partnership with our supply-chain to engage with a wide range of education providers.

If you are looking for a new career, please visit our website at hs2.org.uk/careers



30,000

people to design and build the railway



2,000

apprentices on their first career steps or retraining



95%

contracts awarded to UK-based businesses

Keeping you informed

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 via the helpline. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:
www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact us

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