

# HS2 Bulletin

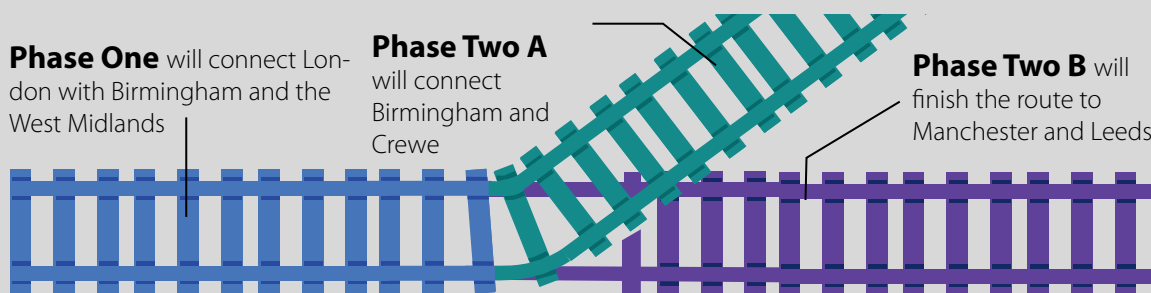
## Summer 2016

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.

## HS2 hybrid bill in the House of Lords

The HS2 hybrid bill continues its progress in the House of Lords with a select committee hearing further petitions on the scheme.

The Lords Select Committee was appointed on May 5 and provides individuals and bodies directly and specially affected by the bill with the opportunity to object to specific provisions and seek amendments.

Warwickshire County Council appeared before the committee on July 12 to present its case on the reimbursement of local authority costs and the remit of the ecology review group.

Here is a list of the links from WCC's appearance:

**Petition:**

[Useful House of Lords Select Committee documents:](#)

**Transcripts:**

[House of Lords HS2 select committee membership:](#)

**Parliament TV:**

[Second Reading \(Hansard\):](#)

The committee also heard petitions from affected Warwickshire communities – *Kingsbury, Lea Marston, Middleton, Water Orton, Burton Green, Cubbington, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Southam, Long Itchington and Priors Hardwick.*

**Transcripts available here:**

**House of Lords petitions:**

*The Lords Committee is in recess from July 22 to September 6 and from September 15 to October 10.*

## BREXIT and Government changes

HS2 Ltd and the Department for Transport insist that the EU Referendum will not endanger the proposed high speed rail scheme.

On July 11, Patrick McLoughlin, the outgoing Secretary of State for Transport, said: *"We are even more dependent on the jobs, capacity and opportunities HS2 will provide. Not going ahead with it would not only consign rail passengers to increases in overcrowding but show the kind of short-termism that has plagued infrastructure planning for decades. The construction of the first phase will begin on schedule next year. The full network will be completed on time and on budget."*



Following the Government post-referendum reshuffle, **Chris Grayling MP** was appointed as the new Transport Secretary, which includes responsibility for HS2, while Mr McLoughlin was handed the role as Conservative Party Chairman.

Mr Grayling confirmed to the BBC that HS2 will go ahead and deliver rail capacity. Report here:

## HS2 Supply Chain Regional Roadshow

HS2 Ltd has hosted a series of supply chain roadshows for businesses across the country to understand how they can be a part of the project.

The roadshow visited Coventry on July 7 where local businesses heard from HS2 Ltd about the work packages that will be available, how to get involved, and how to get in the best position to win work.

Download the HS2 supplier guide here:

## Phase one construction

HS2 Ltd has appointed its phase one engineering delivery partner

- a consortium made up of CH2M, Atkins and SENER.

Specifically, the consortium will be responsible for:

- Supporting preparation for, and procurement of, the main civils contracts and subsequent work packages, including stations and railway systems
- Managing support of the design stage and construction stages of the works
- Providing project engineering and construction management
- Providing technical assurance of design

It is likely that more detail will emerge on the construction side in the coming months.

**Further reading here:**



## Independent review critical of HS2

Ian Bynoe was appointed to carry out an independent review of HS2 Ltd's complaints handling and community engagement. This followed an investigation by the Parliamentary and Health Services Ombudsman (PHSO) on an investigation into complaints about HS2 Ltd.

Mr Bynoe highlighted concerns about HS2 Ltd's conduct and made 14 recommendations on how the organisation should improve its procedures.

### **Final report:**

### **HS2 response:**

## Concerns raised over HS2 delivery timetable

A report published by the National Audit Office raised questions about the delivery of HS2.

The NAO said that the 2026 target opening date for Phase One is at risk despite good progress with some major procurement contracts.

The Department for Transport has asked HS2 Ltd to revisit the programme schedule in order to increase confidence for delivery from 60 per cent to 80 per cent, without increasing costs. It has also asked HS2 Ltd to assess the impact of extending the timetable for opening Phase One by up to 12 months.

### **Full report:**

## Phase Two news

Alternative recommendations for HS2's route and station proposals in South Yorkshire have been published by HS2 Ltd.

The new option proposes that HS2 services between London and Sheffield would take a spur off the new north-south high speed line and travel directly to the existing Sheffield Midland station using the existing railway line.

A city centre HS2 station at Sheffield would allow the main HS2 line to be built east of the previously proposed route, through less densely populated areas. The new route would cut journey times on services heading to Leeds, York and Newcastle, and would reduce the cost of the project by around £1 billion.

The Government is expected to make a full announcement on Phase Two in the Autumn.

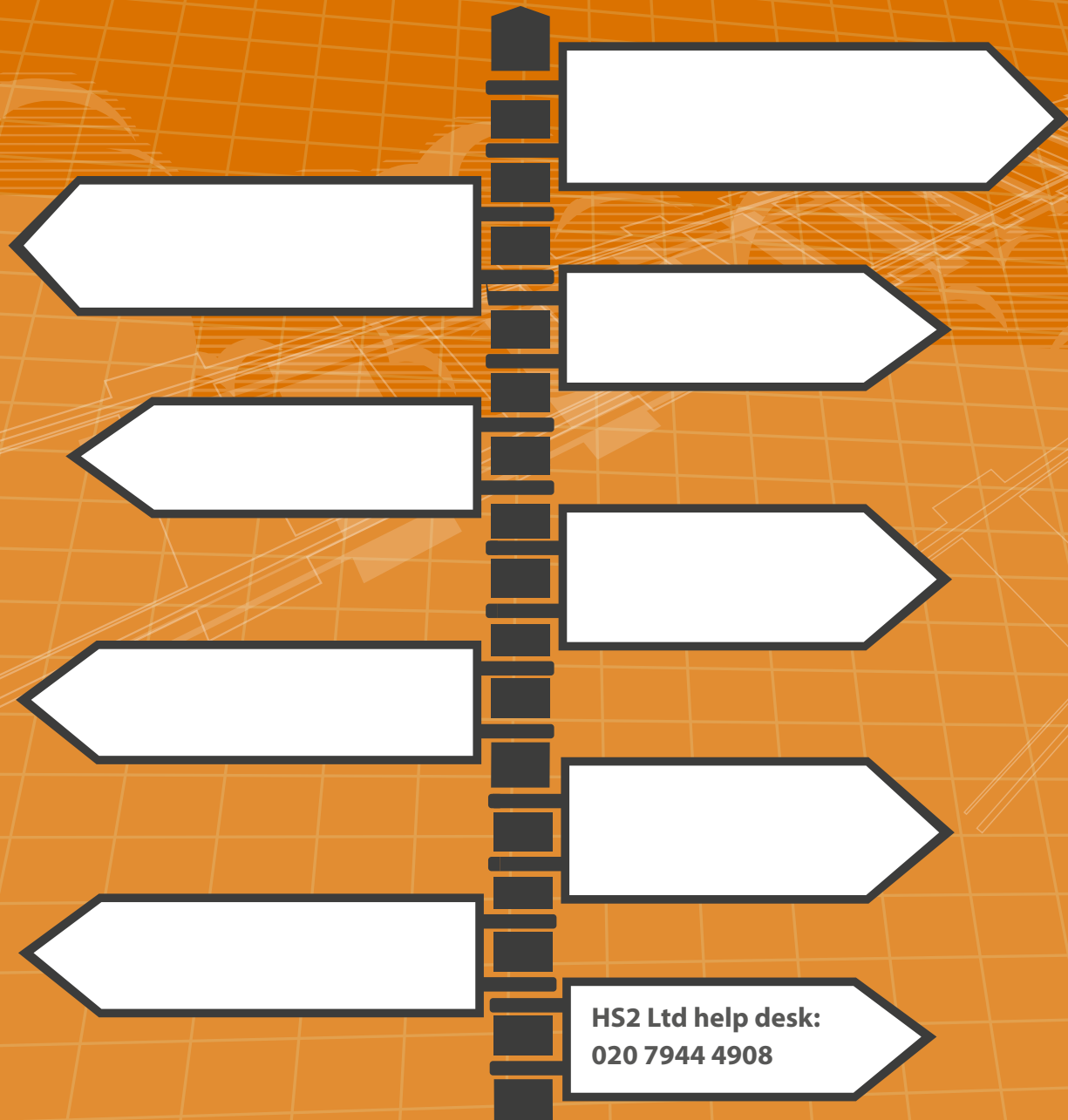


## Current HS2 timeline

End of 2016	Royal Assent for Phase One hybrid bill
2017	Hybrid bill for Phase 2a deposited in Parliament
2017	Construction on Phase One starts
2018/19	Hybrid bill for Phase 2b deposited in Parliament
2019	Royal Assent for Phase 2a hybrid bill
2020	Construction on Phase 2a starts
mid-2020s	Construction for the rest of Phase Two starts
2026	Phase One opens
2027	Phase 2a opens
2033	Whole of Phase Two opens



# Signposts – for further information



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## Construction commissioner appointed

Gareth Epps has been appointed as independent HS2 Construction Commissioner. Formerly of Crossrail, he will be responsible for investigating issues arising from the construction of the railway. This includes any unresolved complaints lodged with HS2 Ltd, and mediating in financial disputes.

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