



Midlands Engine APPG, Transport Sub-Group

3rd November 2020

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AGENDA

Welcome

Presentation – Stephen Pauling, Midlands Connect

Discussion

Next steps

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Stephen Pauling, Interim Head of Rail and HS2, Midlands Connect

State of play

- Post-Oakervee report, PM Boris Johnson signalled the green light for HS2 to proceed in February 2020.
- Press ahead with:
 - Phase One (from London to Birmingham) - 2029 onwards
 - Phase 2a (from Birmingham to Crewe) - legislation progressing through parliament
- Further development on Phase 2b (Eastern and Western legs) + integration with Northern Powerhouse Rail and Midlands Engine Rail:
 - National Infrastructure Commission “Rail Needs Assessment” (expected Nov)
 - Integrated Rail Plan (expected end of 2020)



Prime Minister Boris Johnson, addressing Parliament on 11th February 2020

“The review recently conducted by Douglas Oakervee leaves no doubt of the clinching case for High Speed Rail.”

“The cabinet has given high-speed rail the green signal. We are going to get this done.”

“Together, this revolution in local and national transport has the potential to be truly transformative for the entire country.”

The Integrated Rail Plan

- Our one chance to secure the benefits of our high speed network for the Midlands
- Integrating local and regional improvements into HS2
- Midlands Connect's response to the NIC submitted in May, this year:
 - Consensus from the region on priorities
 - Accelerating, maximising and securing benefits the benefits from all phases of HS2
 - Upgrades and improvements prior to HS2 being delivered





HS2	
Package West	
Package East	
Package Connect	

Our submission

Three 'packages':

1) Package West

Utilises high speed infrastructure delivered in HS2 Phase One

2) Package East

Utilises high speed infrastructure on HS2's Eastern Leg

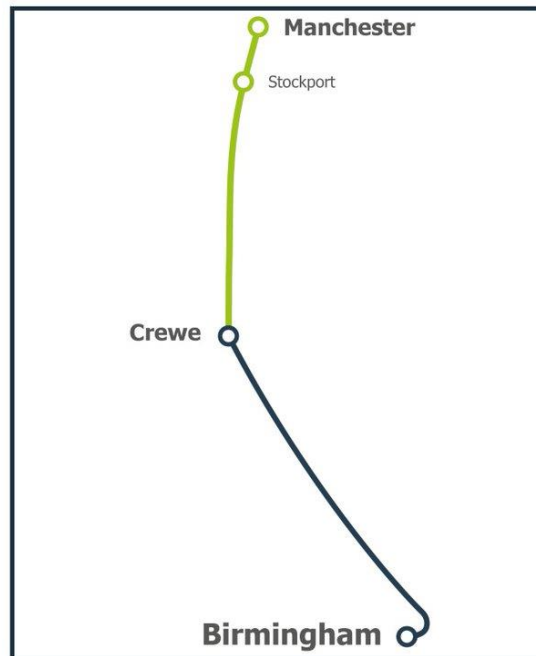
3) Package Connect

Seeks to improve east-west connectivity across the Midlands

Package West

Incrementally delivered from 2025-2029

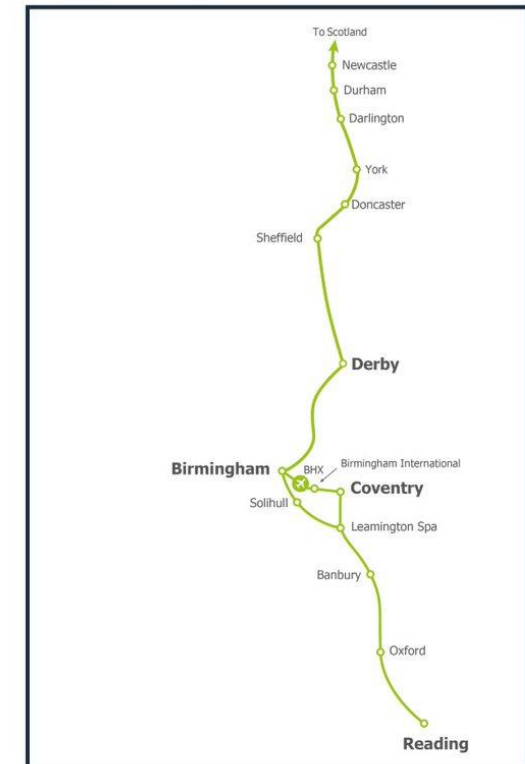
Accelerate Birmingham – Manchester



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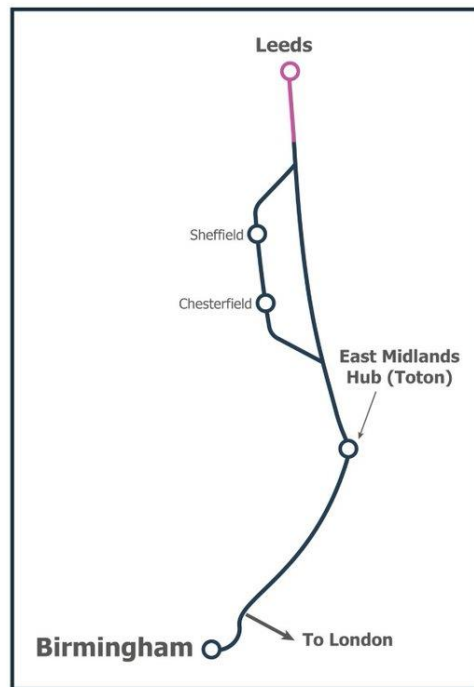
Birmingham Airport Connectivity



Package East

Incrementally delivered from 2027-2031

Accelerate Birmingham – Leeds



Access to Toton



MC Conventional Compatible Services



Package Connect

Incrementally delivered from 2021-2033

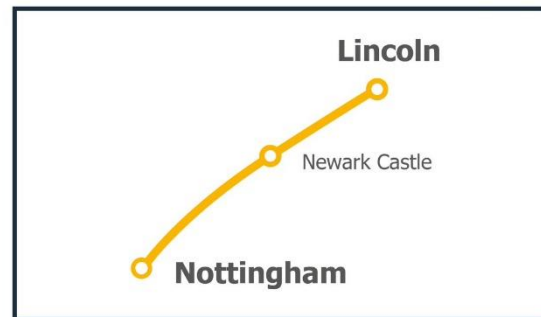
Birmingham – Black Country – Shrewsbury



Derby – Stoke - Crewe



Nottingham – Lincoln



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HS2 East 'Mind the gap'

- The importance of HS2 in the context of 'levelling up'
- Report published at the start of last month by HS2 East (supported by Midlands Connect)
- Over 50 MPs, peers and business leaders signed letter calling for 'full delivery of HS2'.

Compared to HS2's Western Leg and UK average, communities surrounding HS2's Eastern leg:

- Lower productivity
- More social mobility 'coldspots'
- More financially stretched families
- Deprivation correlates with areas of transport poverty





Questions?