

High Speed Rail: Crewe – Manchester

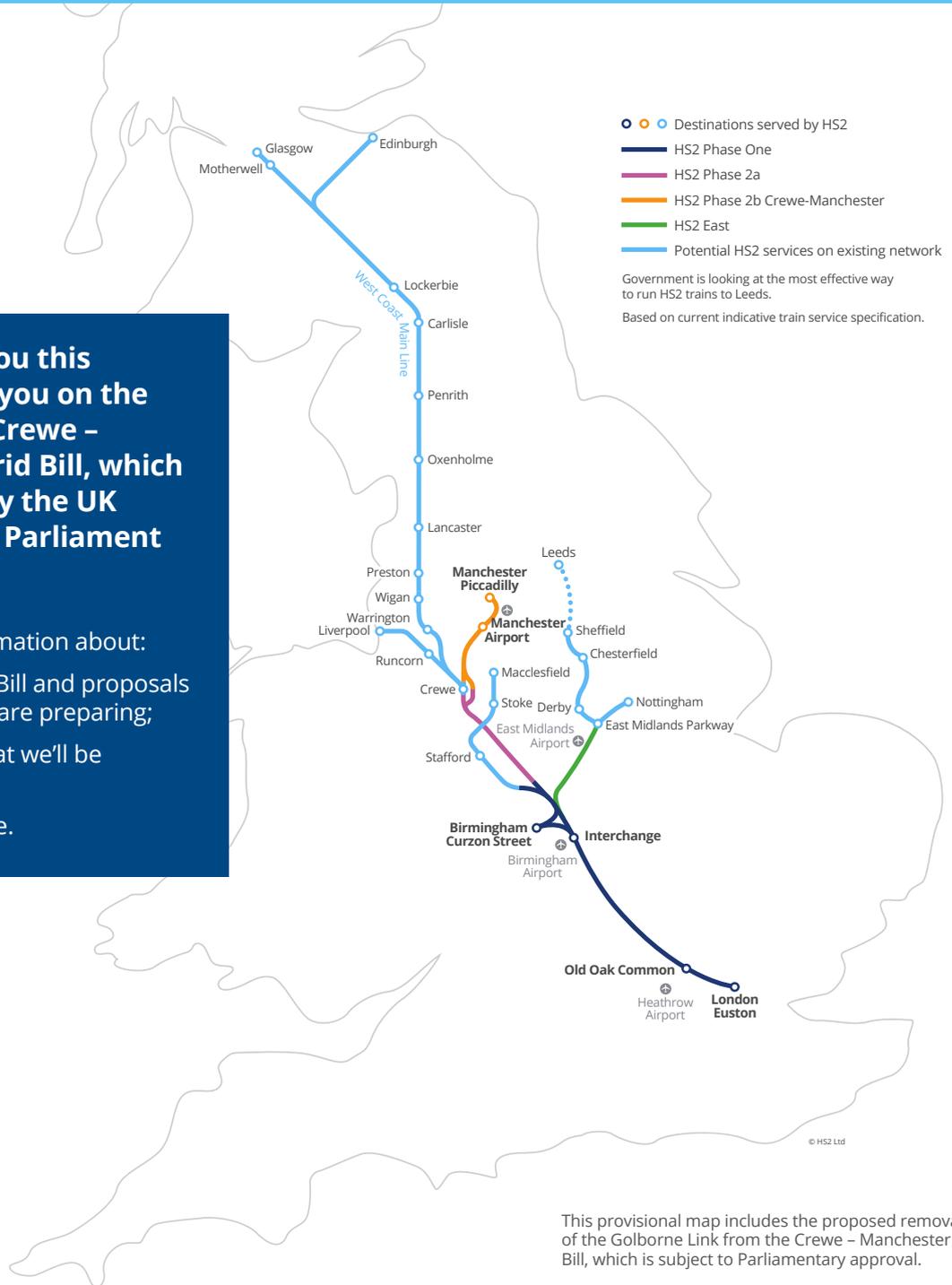
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June 2022

We are sending you this leaflet to update you on the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) hybrid Bill, which was introduced by the UK Government into Parliament earlier this year.

In it you will find information about:

- The progress of the Bill and proposals for changes that we are preparing;
- a series of events that we'll be holding; and
- how to find out more.



This provisional map includes the proposed removal of the Golborne Link from the Crewe – Manchester Bill, which is subject to Parliamentary approval.



Update

The High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill, which was introduced on 24 January 2022, is still in the early stages of its journey through Parliament - a journey which could take several years.

The timing of the various stages that the Bill will go through are subject to the Parliamentary timetable.

Public consultations on two reports that were published with the Bill – the Environmental Statement (ES) and the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) – closed on 31 March. Responses received to the consultation on the ES were analysed by an Independent Assessor appointed by Parliament. A report summarising the issues raised in the responses has been published by Parliament and can be accessed via our website at www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester.

Responses to the consultation on the EQIA are being analysed by a response analysis company and a report will be published in due course.

During Second Reading, which we expect to take place this Summer, the principle of the Bill will be debated and voted on by Members of Parliament.

Shortly afterwards, those whose property or interests are directly and specially affected by the Bill will be able to submit a petition against it. Petitions would then be heard by a special Select Committee appointed for the purpose.

You can find out more about the Bill process by visiting www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester or by getting in touch with our Helpdesk using the contact details shown at the end of this leaflet.

Finally, we have been helping the Government to prepare new safeguarding directions to help ensure that land identified in the Bill as being needed to construct and operate the planned new railway is protected from conflicting development. You can find out more about safeguarding at www.hs2.org.uk/safeguarding.

We will be writing to property owners who are affected by safeguarding changes.

Changes being prepared

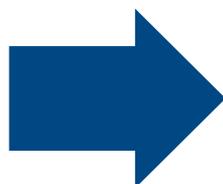
We are currently preparing changes to some of the proposals put forward in the Bill.

Changes to hybrid Bills as they pass 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.

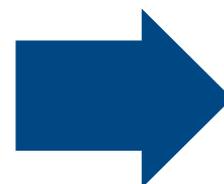
You can find out more about these proposed changes at www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/local-community-webpages, by contacting our Helpdesk or by coming to one of the events that we will be holding in June and July.

The early stages of the hybrid Bill as currently expected

24 January 2022:
Bill introduced
by Government



31 March 2022:
Public
consultations
closed



Summer 2022:
Second
Reading
of the Bill



What to do if you need help

If you need any help understanding our proposals or accessing documents please contact our Helpdesk.

We recognise HS2 will affect communities along the route of the new railway and how important it is to deliver this project with compassion and empathy.

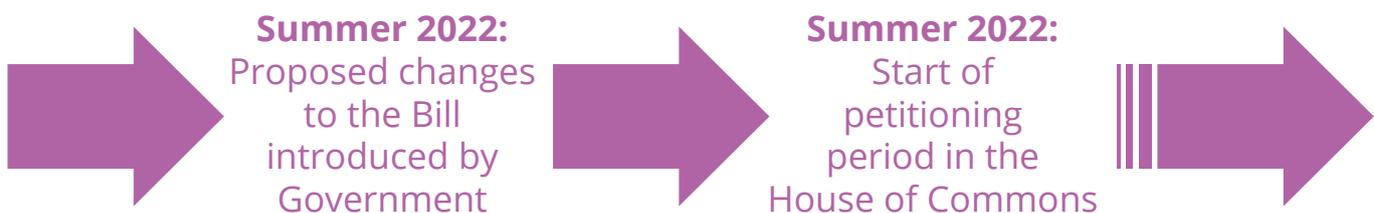
If you've not yet had a chance to speak with a member of our team please do get in touch.

Events

In June and July we are holding a series of events for people to come and find out about the Crewe – Manchester Bill, as well as the proposed changes that we have been working on for some areas. You can find out about these events by visiting www.hs2.org.uk/events or by contacting our Helpdesk.

How to find out more

Online	Visit www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester to find out more about the project and access information about the aspects that are most important to you.
Helpdesk	Our Helpdesk is available all day every day to answer your questions or put you in contact with a member of our team that can help. Contact details can be found at the end of this leaflet. People who are unable to access the internet can call our Helpdesk to request a copy of published documents.
Public libraries and local authority offices	You can view the Bill and accompanying documents at public libraries and local authority offices. You can find a list of these at www.gov.uk/hs2-phase2b-crewe-manchester , or contact our Helpdesk if you need assistance.



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' Commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you. The Commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner>

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the [HS2 Community Engagement Strategy](#). The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2. The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The Commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The Commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted 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:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

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