HIGH SPEED UK ...connecting in London

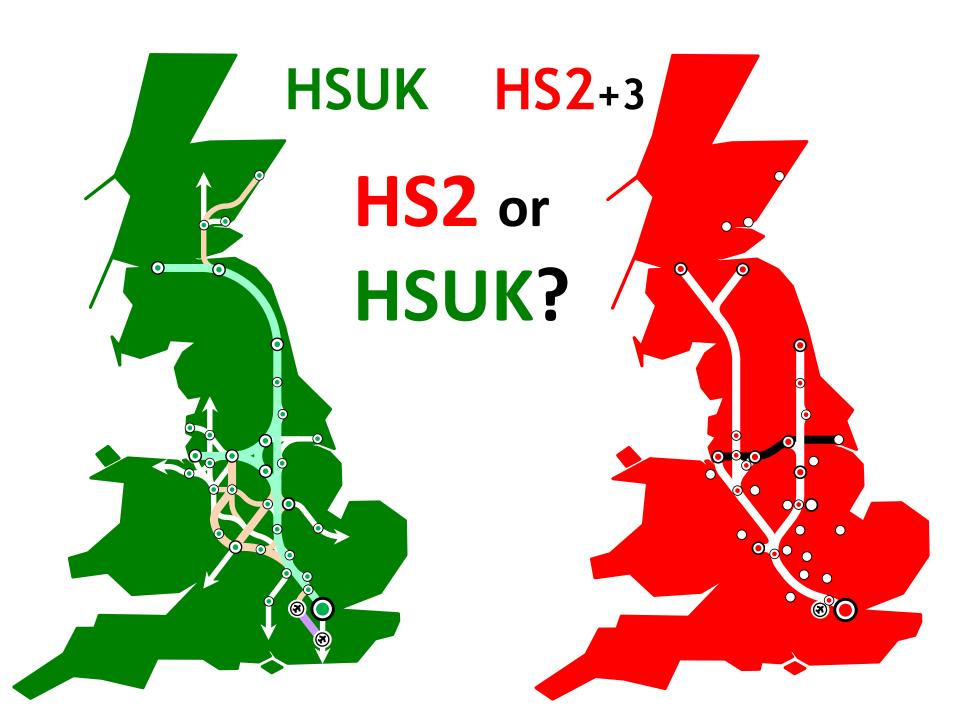
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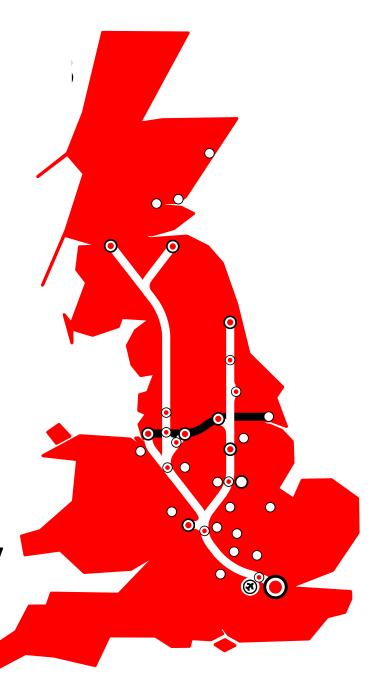
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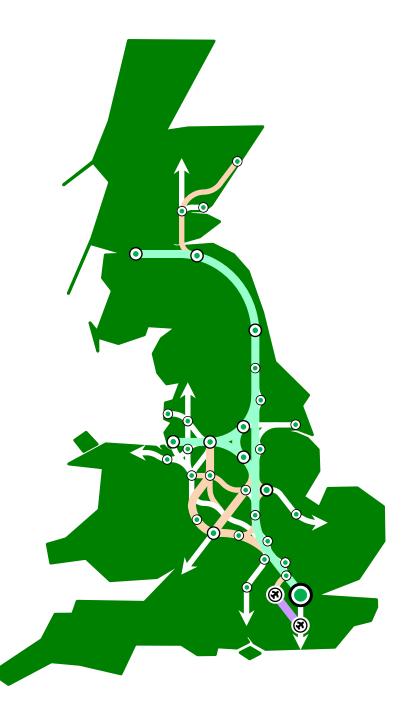
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High Speed 2 (+3)

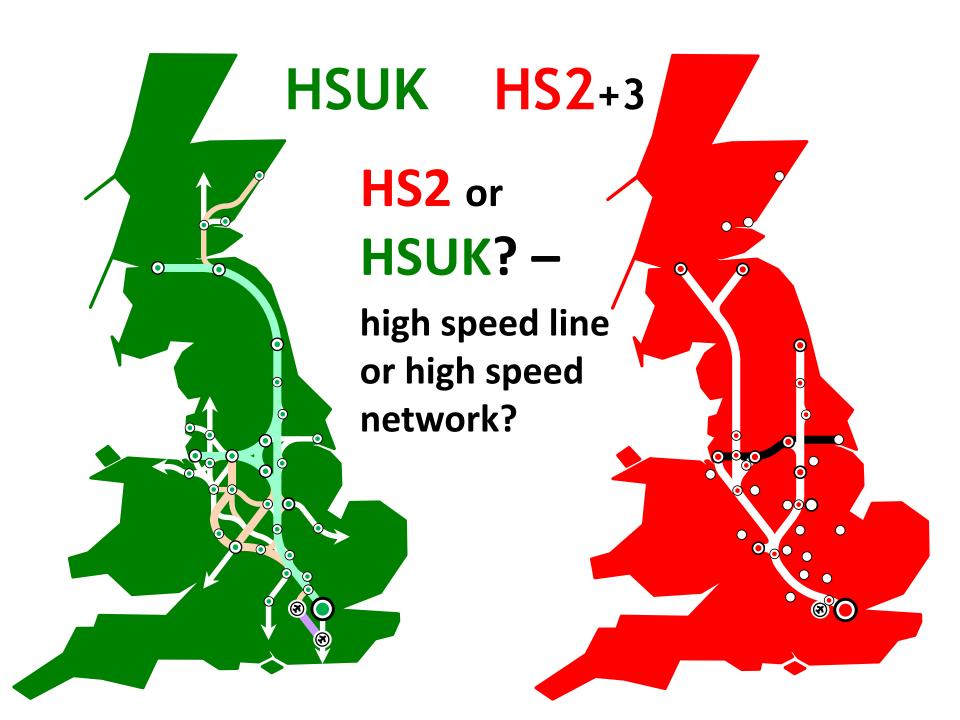
- High speed line segregated from existing network
- Poorly sited stations in most primary regional centres
- Other communities left disconnected
- Journey time reductions confined to high speed line
- Integrity of national intercity network destroyed





High Speed UK

- High speed line integrated fully with existing network
- 21 key regional centres fully interconnected with direct intercity services
- Accesses city centre hubs
- Follows existing corridors
- 40% average journey time reductions
- £20 billion/33% cheaper to build than HS2



High Speed Rail in London (HSUK)



4 Key Objectives

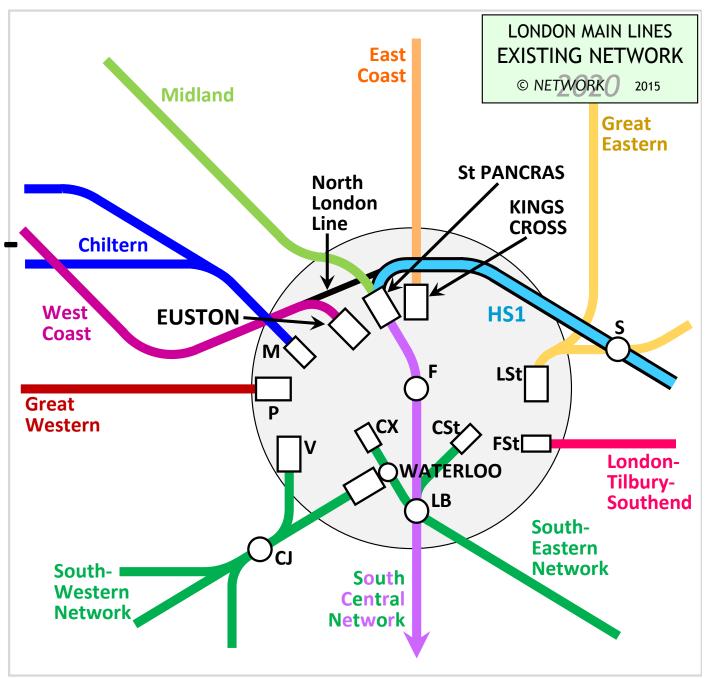
- Regions linked to central London
- Regions linked to the wider Metropolitan area
- Regions linked to Heathrow
- Regions linked to HS1

2 Key Questions

- Where do we put the principal station?
- What extra lines are needed to facilitate this?

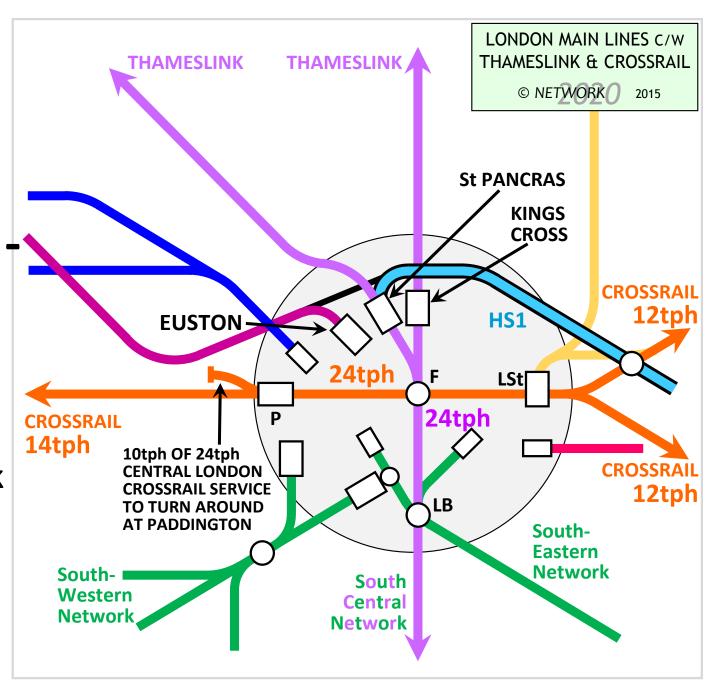


London existing primary network





London
future
network
including
Crossrail &
Thameslink



Primary Requirements for London's HSR Terminal



- Central London location for Tube & HS1 links
- Central London location for links to London & SE regional network
- Preferably on the surface (probably a terminus)
- Minimum impact on the neighbourhood both:
 - During construction works and
 - In daily operation

Only practical location at existing mainline station.

Problem - they are already full of trains!

HS2: Search for a Terminus



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- Paddington
- St Pancras
- Kings Cross
- KX Railway Lands

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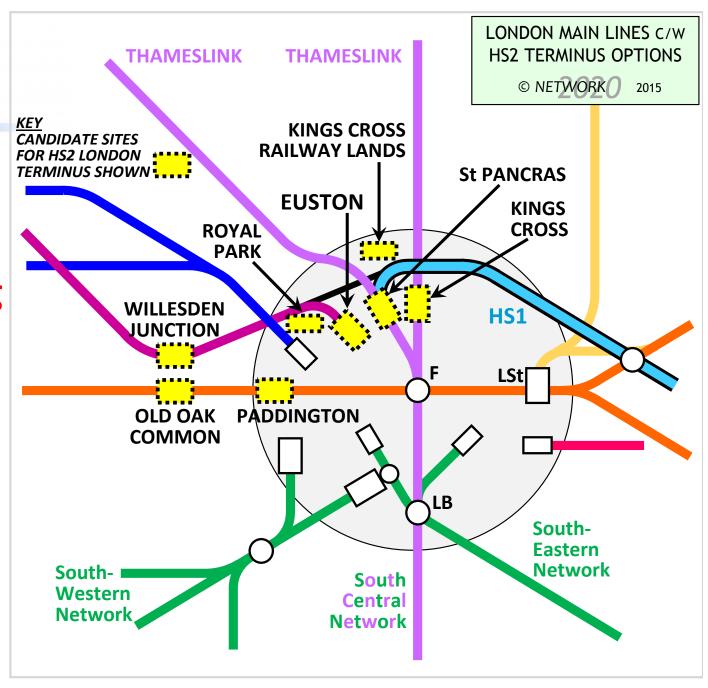


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- St Pancras
- Kings Cross
- KX Railway Lands
- Beneath Regents Park

- And at Euston which
 - Meets most criteria but:
 - Its Tube links are mediocre, and
 - It is not connected to Crossrail or Thameslink

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HS2 searching
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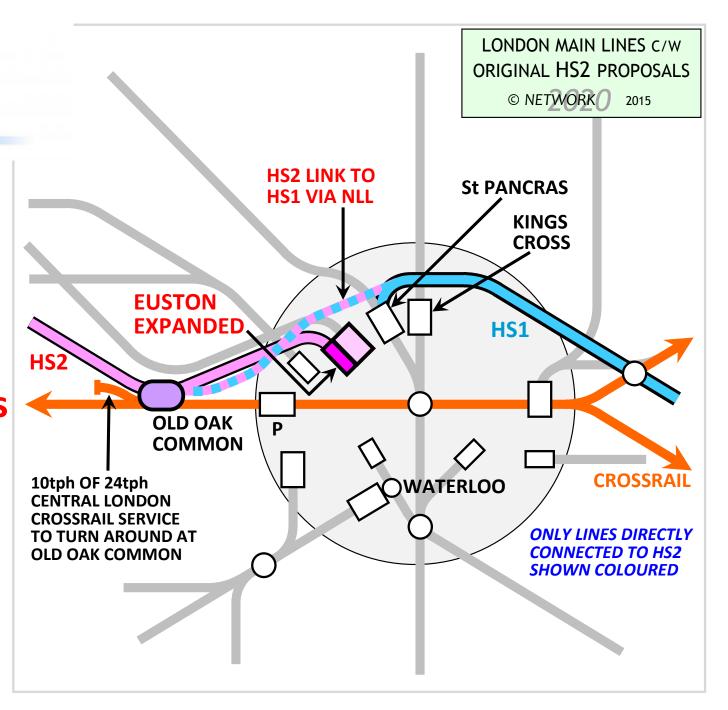
Original HS2 Proposals



- Terminus at Euston
- No significant improvement to Tube links other than to Euston Square for Circle and Metropolitan
- Supplementary interchange at Old Oak Common for connections to Heathrow and Crossrail
- Large area of London still disconnected
- HS2 to HS1 link very controversial because of significant environmental damage and high cost

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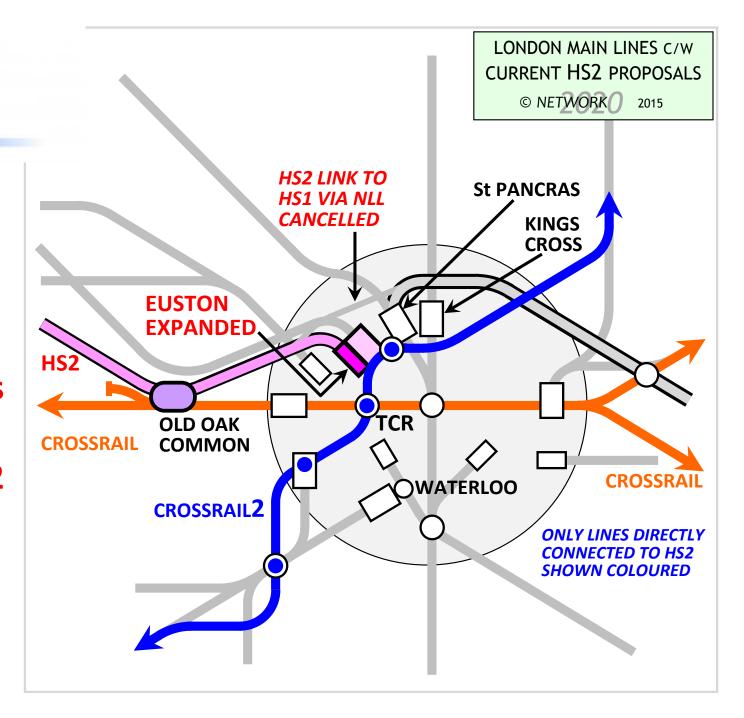
Current HS2 Proposals



- HS2 to HS1 link cancelled
- Transfer to/from St Pancras by taxi, tube, bus or foot
- Crossrail 2 necessary to improve Euston's tube links (and adding another £16 billion to the bill for HS2)
- Large area of London still disconnected
- Still requires a 60 metre widening of Euston station to the west

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HS2 current
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Current Services at Euston (HSUK)

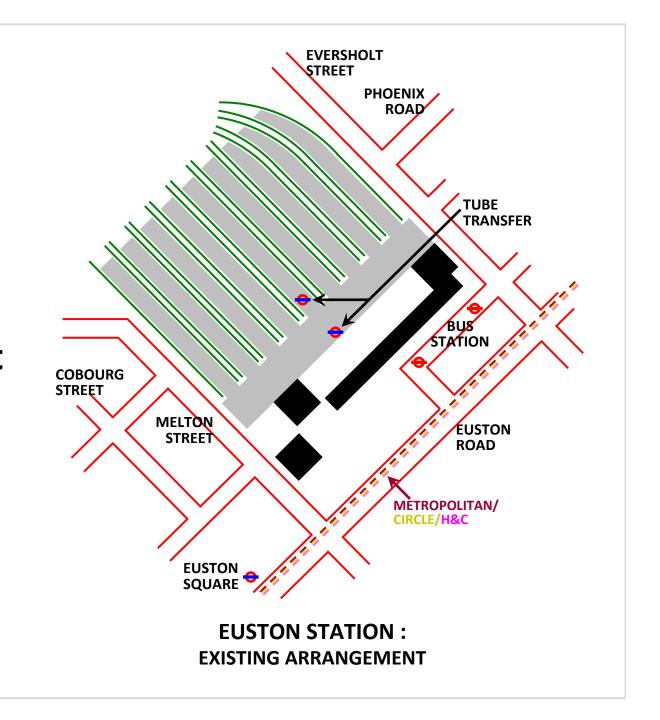


- 18 Existing platforms
 - 2 used by Watford DC electrics
- Hourly off peak services 19 trains per hour
 - 9 Virgin, 7 London Midland, 3 Watford DCs
 - That is just over 1 train per platform per hour!
- Hourly peak services 25 trains per hour
 - 10 Virgin, 12 London Midland, 3 Watford DCs
 - That is 1.4 trains per platform per hour
- As a rule of thumb a single platform can turnaround:
 - 2 trains per hour with full catering facilities
 - 3 trains per hour with catering trollies
 - 4 trains per hour with no catering trollies

Euston is hardly ticking over



Euston - existing arrangement





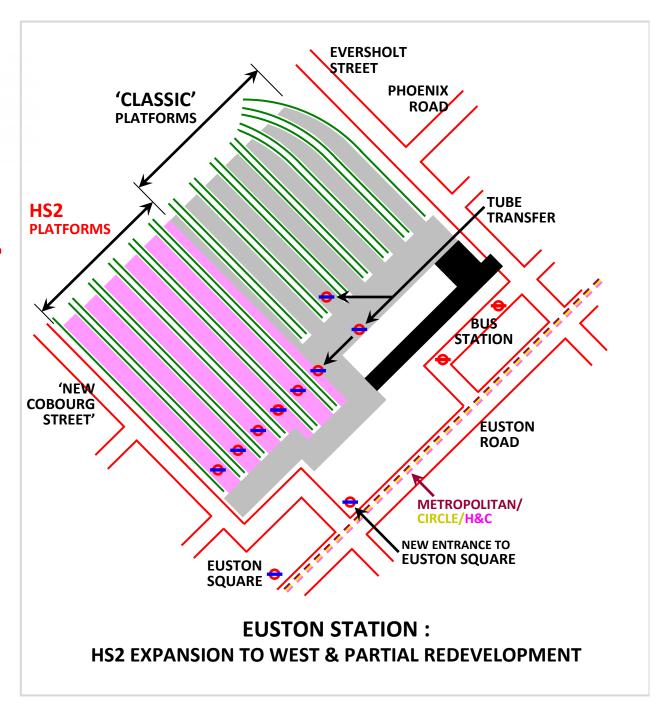
HS2 Proposals for Euston

Either partial or full reconstruction:

- Run existing services (24 tph in peak) from 13 platforms
 - That is 1.85 trains per platform per hour
- Build a new High Speed station with 11 platforms to serve 18 trains per hour
 - That is 1.64 trains per platform per hour
- Remember the rule of thumb for a single platform:
 - 2 trains per hour with full catering facilities
 - 3 trains per hour with catering trollies
 - 4 trains per hour with no catering trollies
- Euston is still hardly ticking over

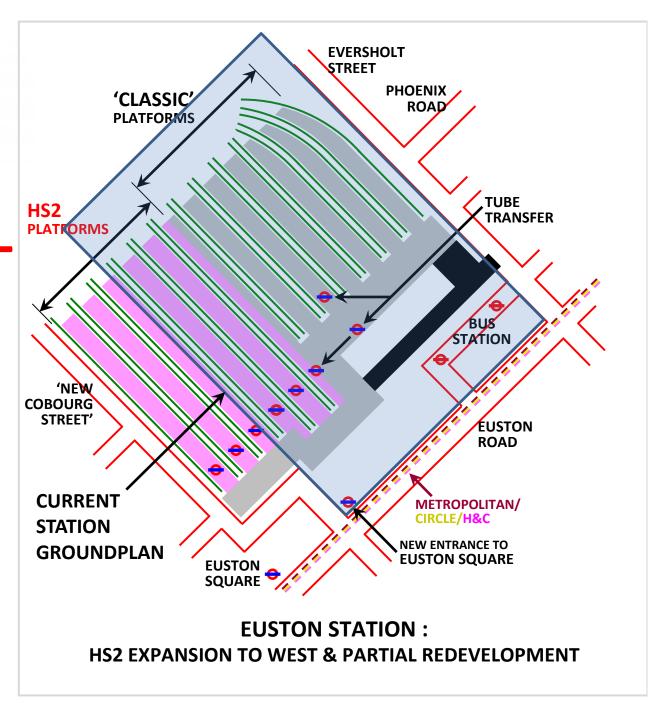


Euston - the cheapskate option



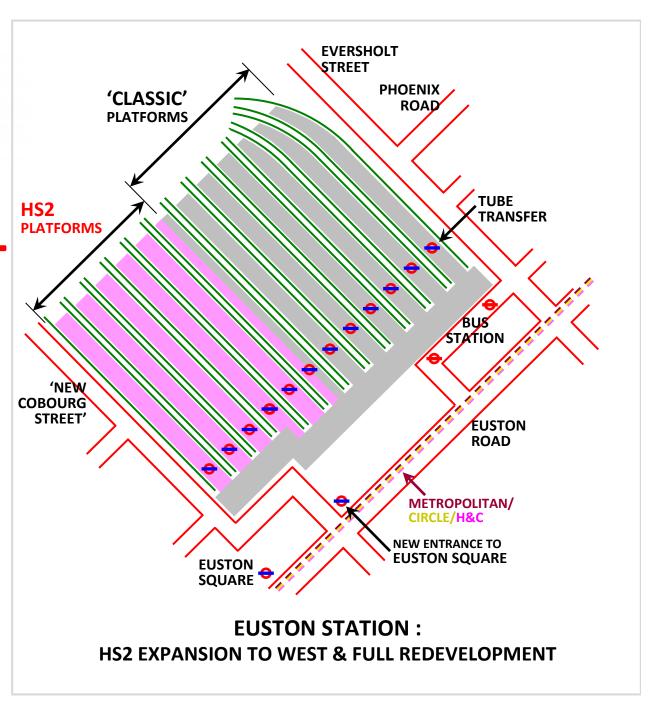


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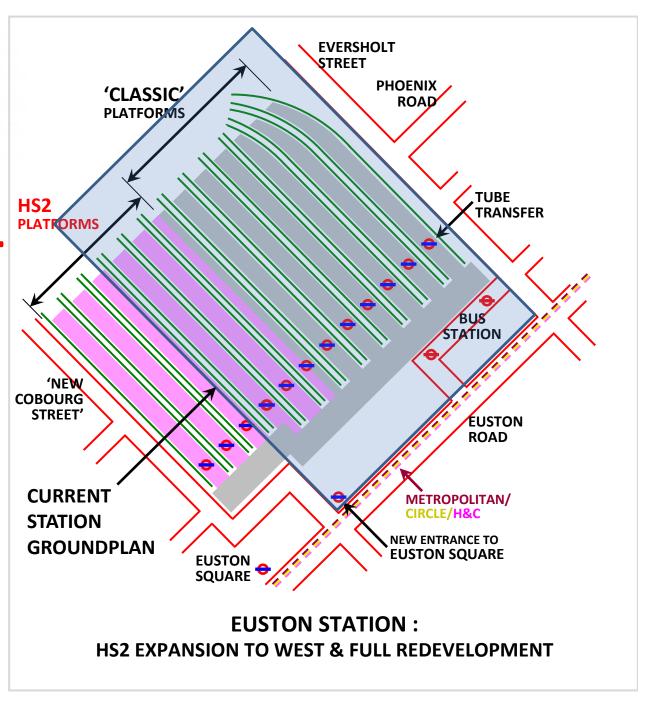


Euston – full rebuild





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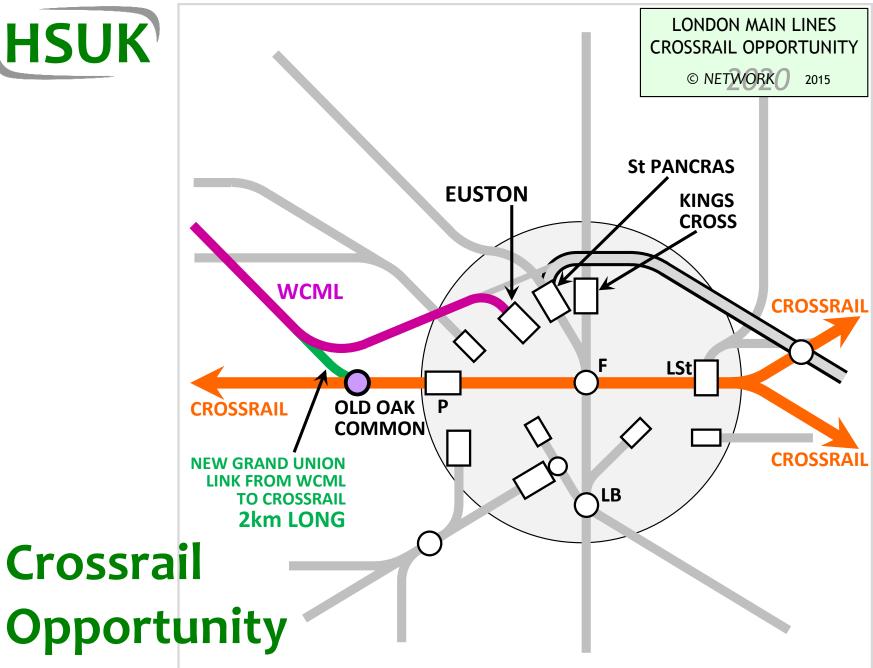
Alternatives to Westward Expansion??



- Double deck by building a second deck on top?
- Double deck by building a second deck underneath?
- Euston Cross underground station?

 All of these solutions are far from ideal because they are:
- Very expensive, very disruptive & technically undesirable
- Euston left badly connected and isolated
 The alternative is obvious but dismissed by HS2:
- Divert the LM commuter services Crossrail
- Euston just handles WCML residual services and HSUK





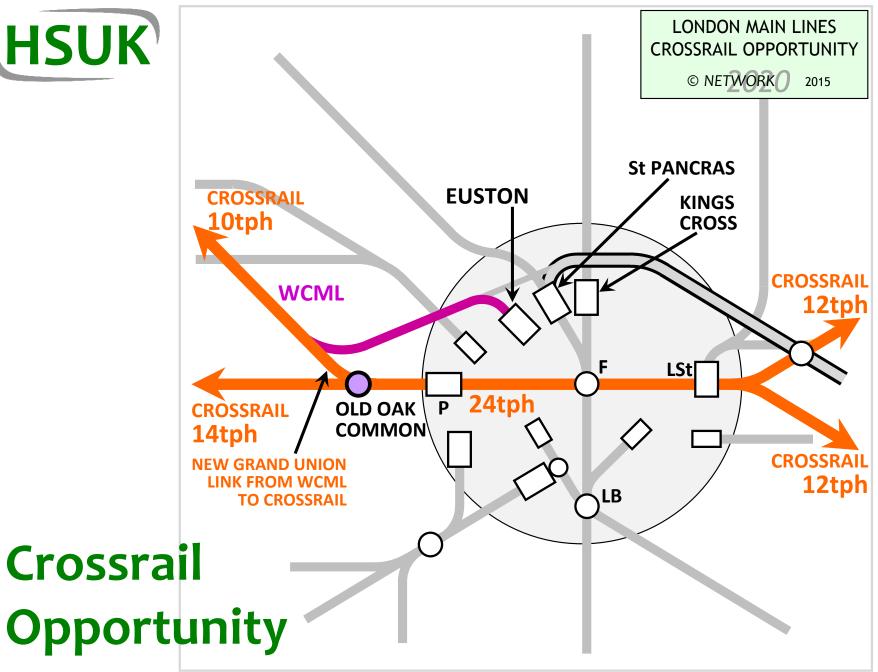
The Crossrail Opportunity (HSUK)



- Grand Union Link from Old Oak Common to Harlesden on WCML linking to WCML Slows
- 2km in length, on surface no serious obstacles
- London Midland services diverted to Crossrail
- 10 trains per hour on Crossrail planned to reverse at Old Oak Common, instead can access the WCML
- Great improvement to commuter journeys
- Euston becomes an intercity terminus





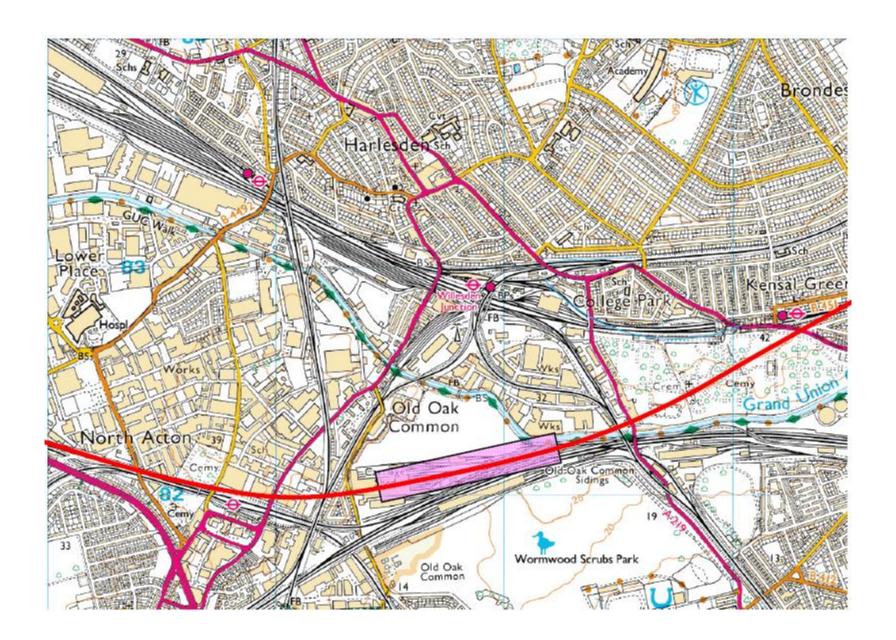


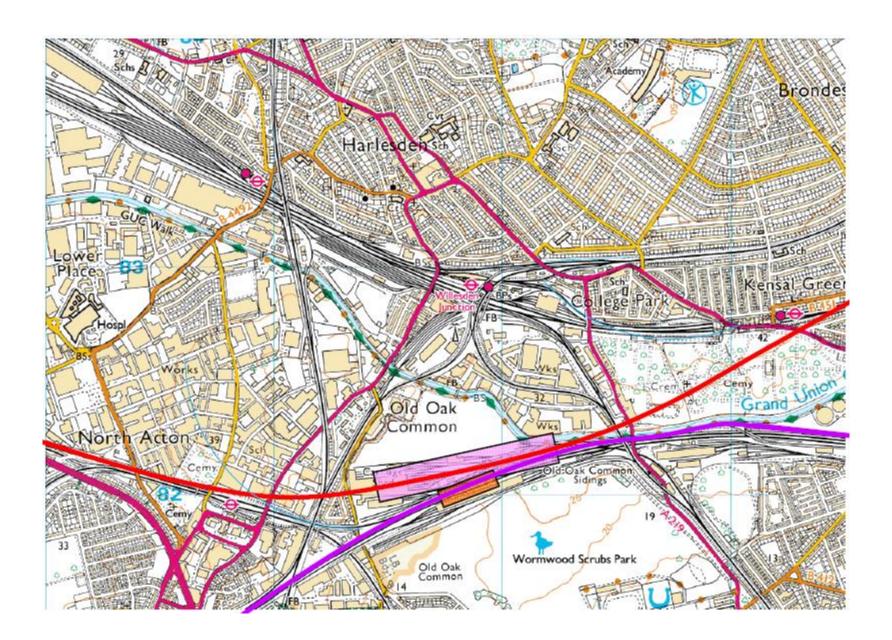
HS2 Ltd false rationale for not diverting to Crossrail

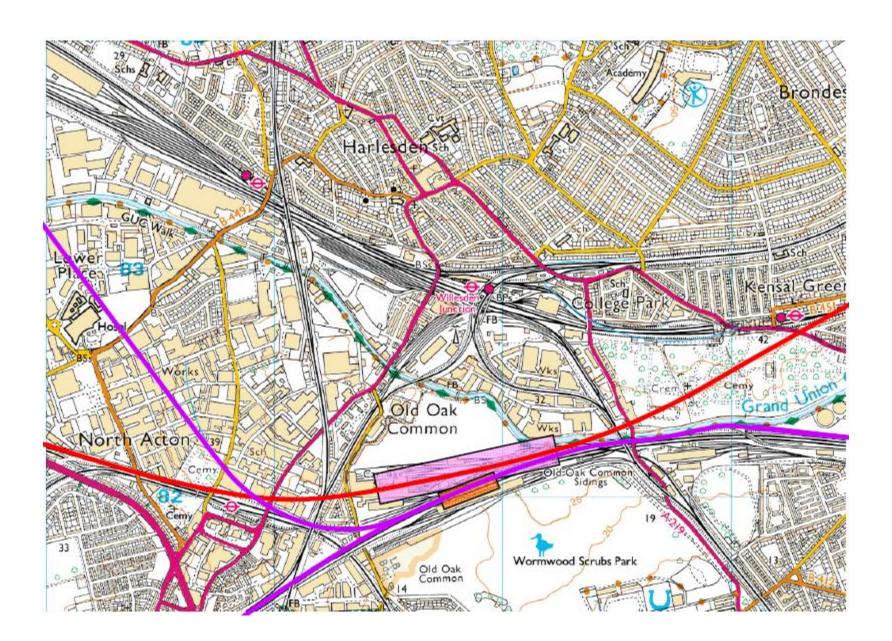


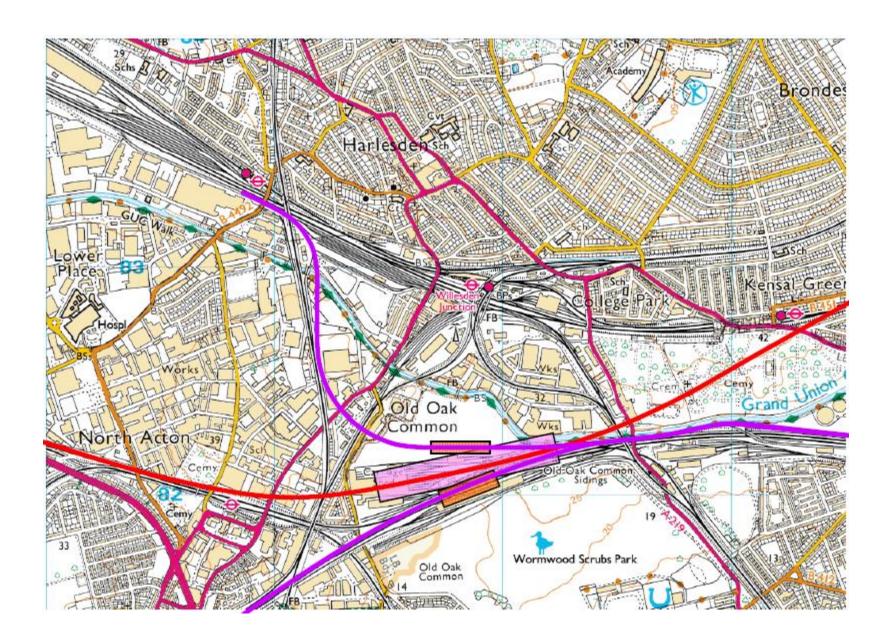
- 4km tunnel required from Old Oak Common to Wembley – simply not necessary
- Impacts on residential property *not on our route*
- 4 years to construct hardly
- Programming difficulties only with HS2 Old Oak
 Common box
- £600M cost HSUK notional cost £100M
- It would not avoid the need to expand Euston ??

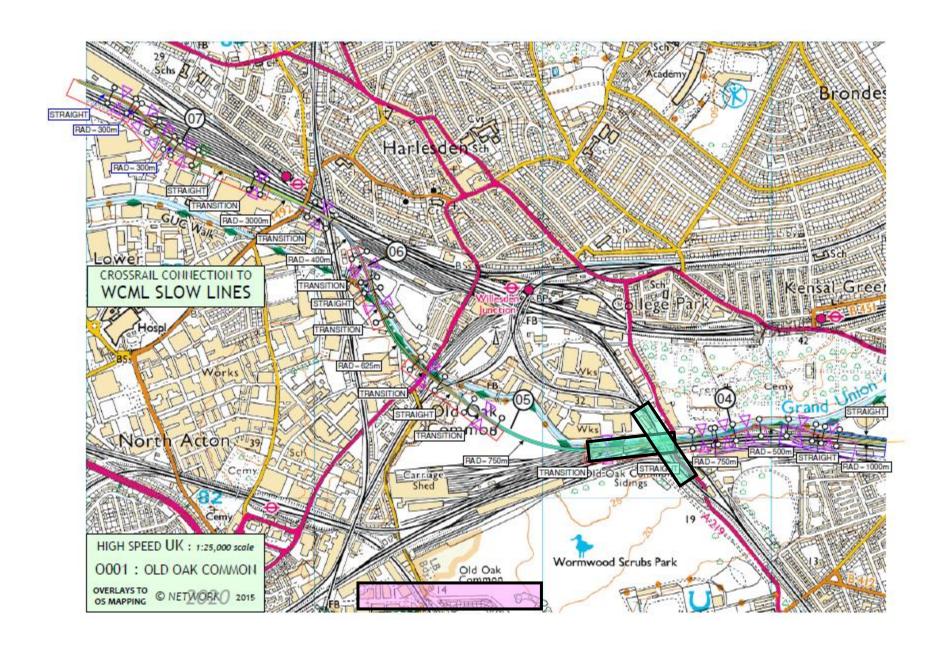
They just did not want to do it!!

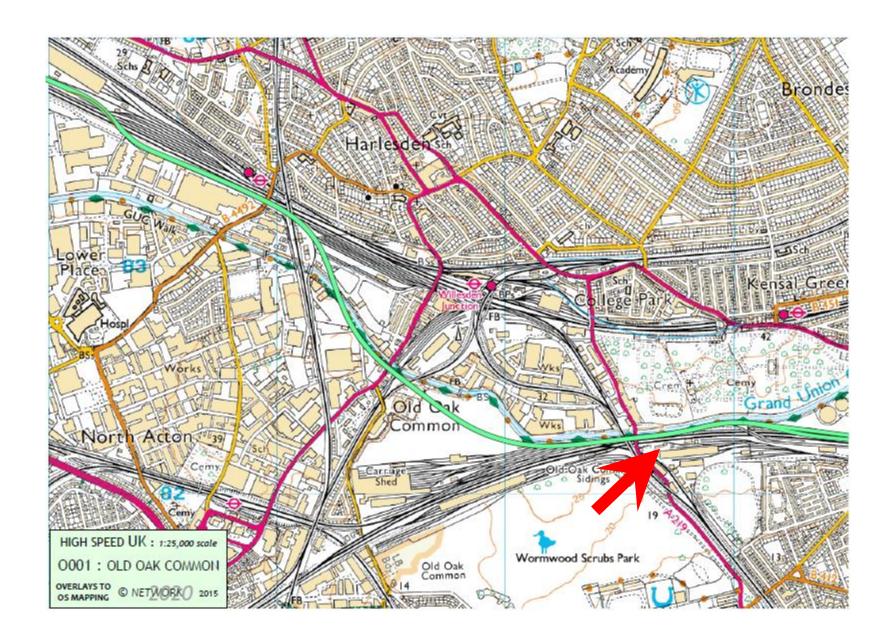




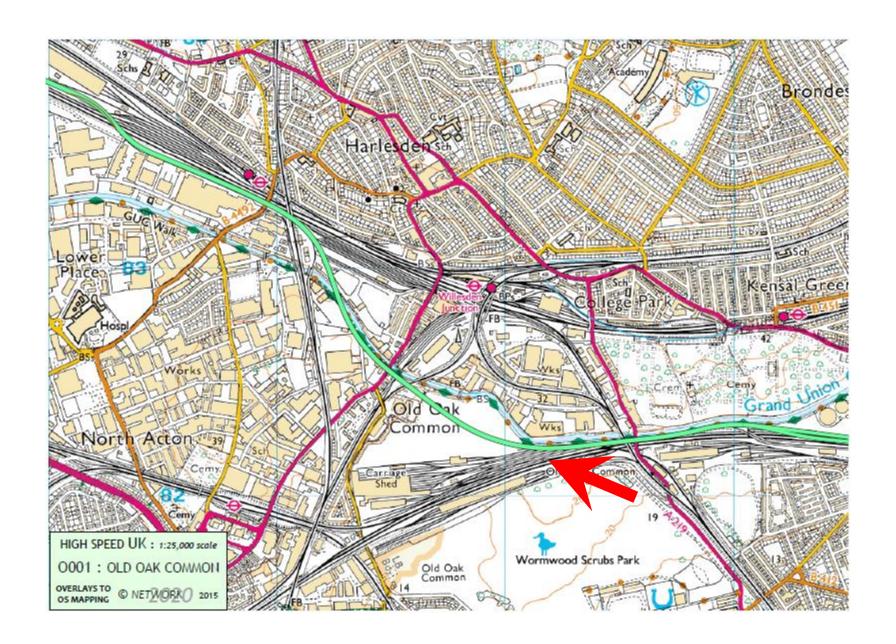




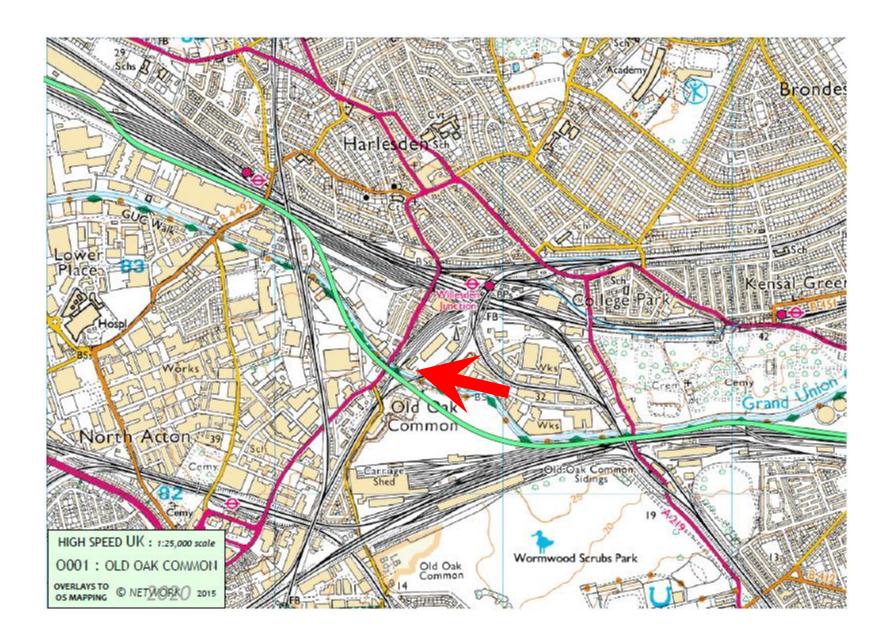




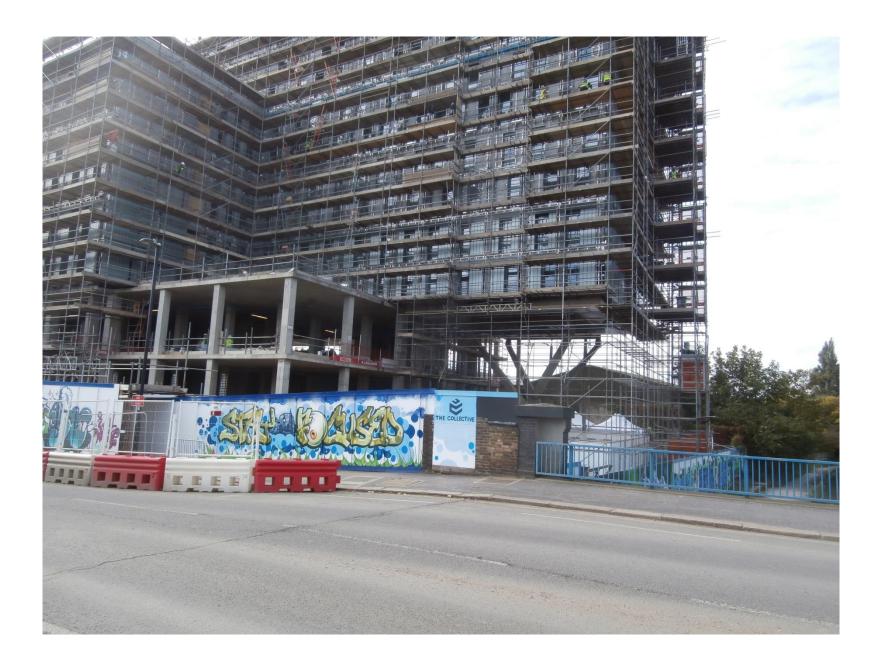




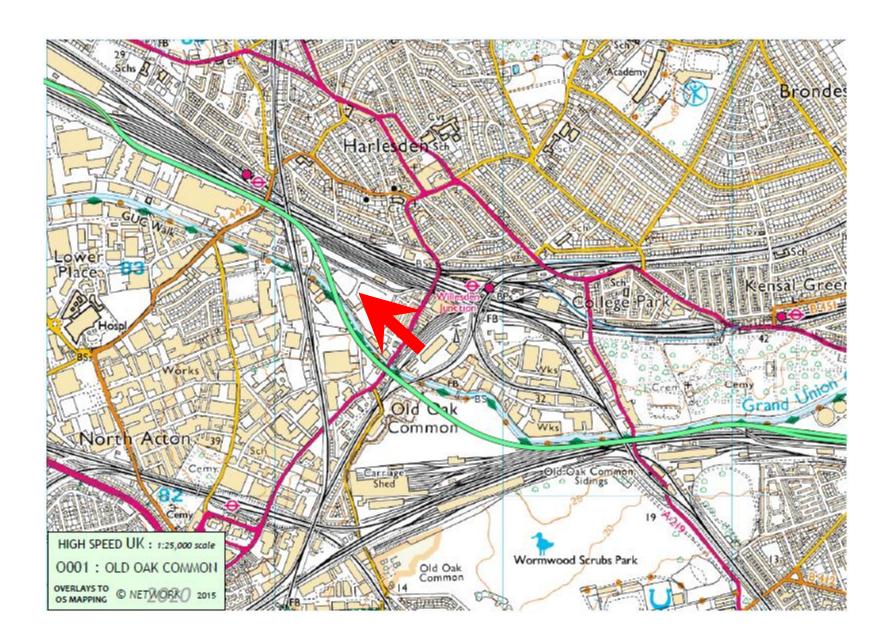




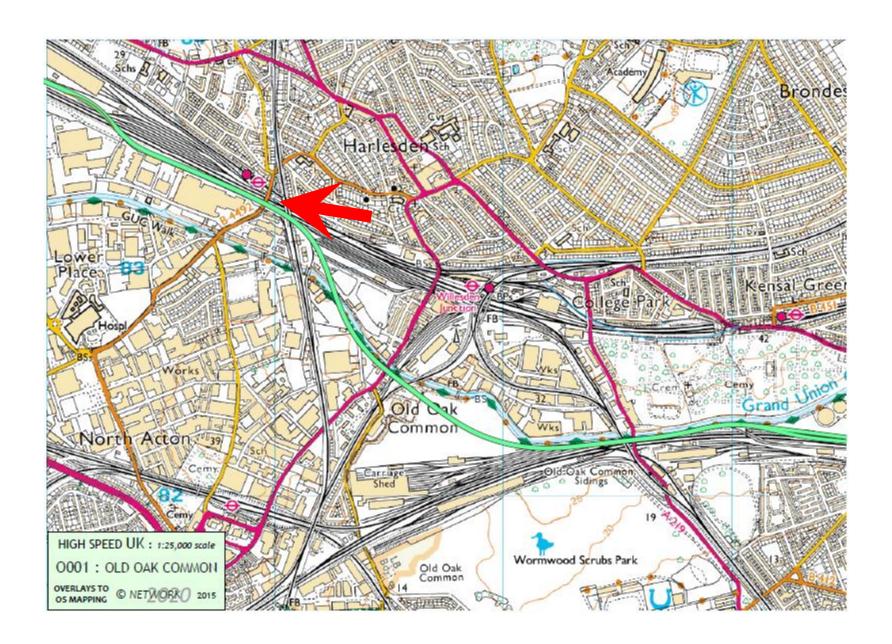














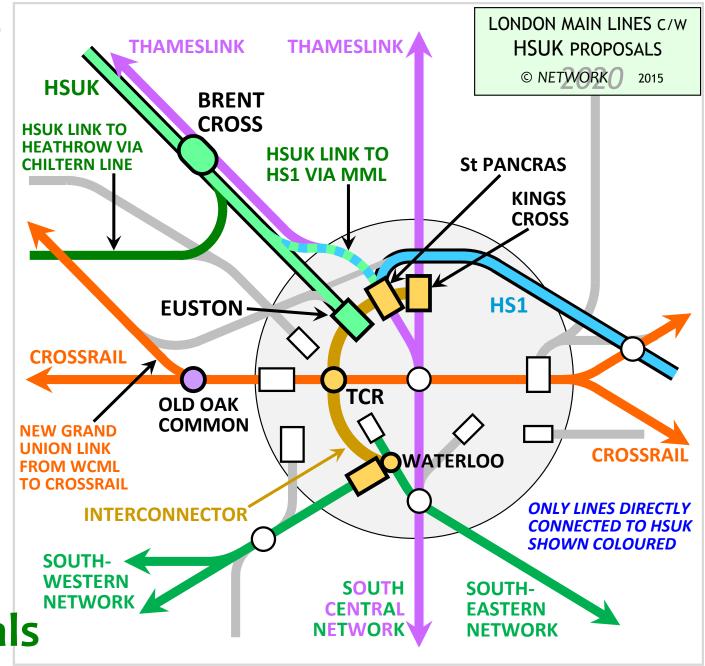
HSUK Proposals for London (HSUK)

- Euston to be the primary London terminus
- HSUK also linked to St Pancras via Midland Main Line
- HSUK-HS1 link achievable at minimal cost & disruption
- Suburban station at Brent Cross providing interchange with Thameslink and Heathrow services
- Direct route from HSUK at Brent Cross to Heathrow
 Express platforms at LHR through trains from North
- WCML suburban services diverted to Crossrail via the new 2km Grand Union Link (Old Oak Common to Harlesden)
- Interconnector for seamless dispersal of passengers to Crossrail, Thameslink, HS1 & Southern network services

HSUK Proposals for London HSUK

No need to expand Euston outside the existing footprint!!





HSUK London Proposals

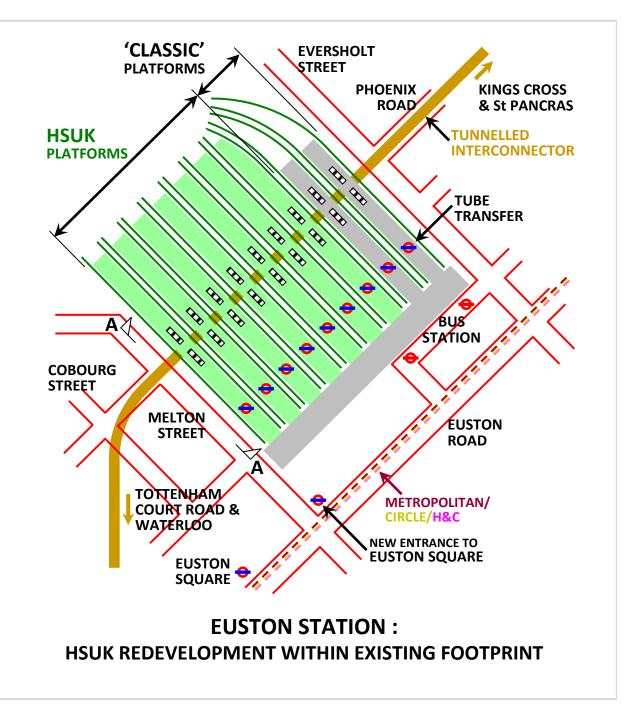
The HSUK Vision for Euston (HSUK)



- All construction within existing station footprint
- Still 18 platforms
- 14 platforms 400 metres long
- 4 platforms 280 metres long
- New passenger departure deck above the platforms
- Interconnector access at mid platform with Interconnector directly below the trains
- Direct access to Euston Square station with underground travelator connection
- Euston Gardens and Melton Street unaffected

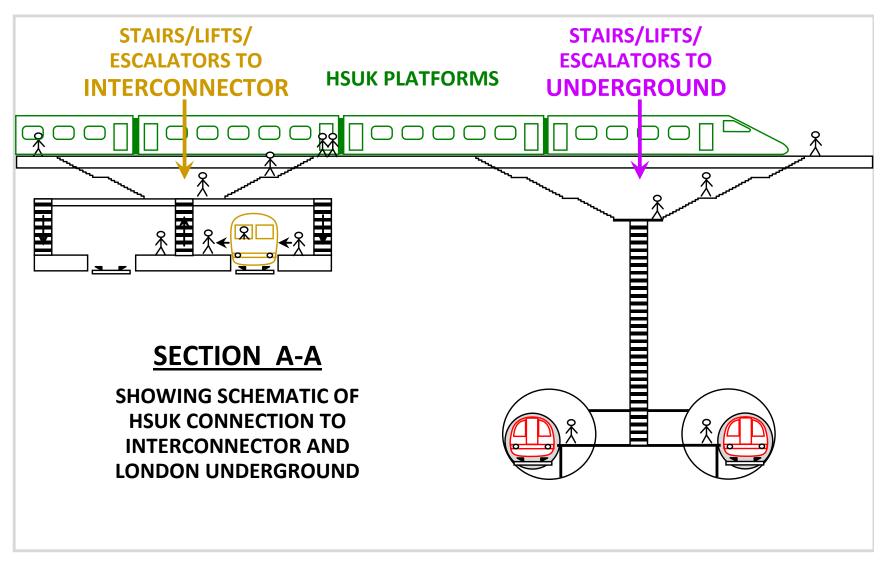


HSUK at Euston



The HSUK Interconnector





The HSUK Interconnector



- Initially proposed to link King's Cross/St Pancras with Euston, Tottenham Court Road and Waterloo
- 1 minute to KX/St P and 4.5 minutes to Waterloo
- Has the potential for a second phase to complete the circle linking Waterloo to London Bridge, Fenchurch Street, Liverpool Street, Farringdon and back to King's Cross/St Pancras
- Designed to handle ¾ incoming HSUK arrivals
- Remaining ¼ of arrivals will use tube, bus taxi and foot

HSUK at Euston: Construction Impacts

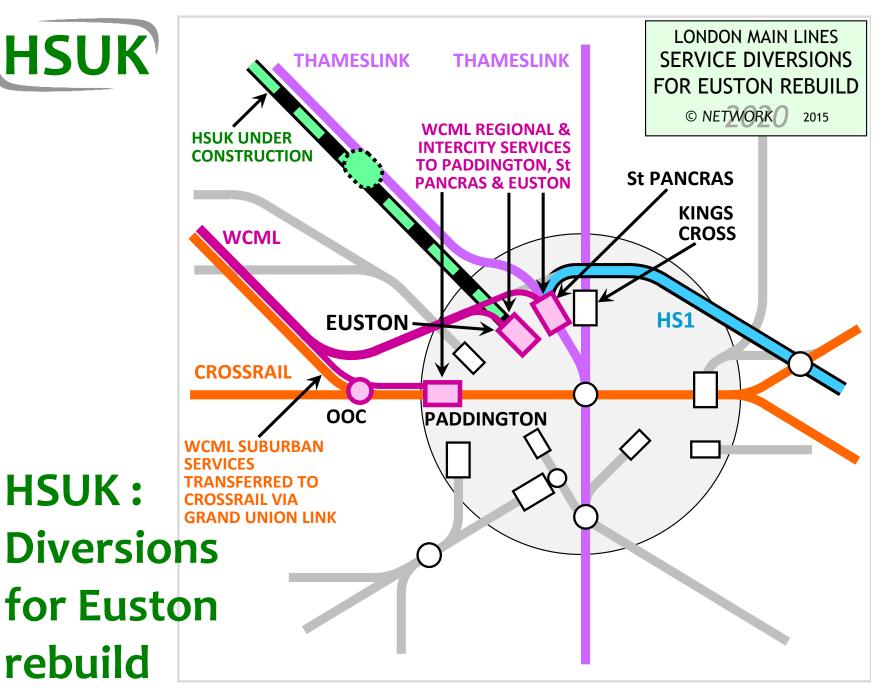


Let's consider how we transform Euston into London's Intercity Gateway to the North...



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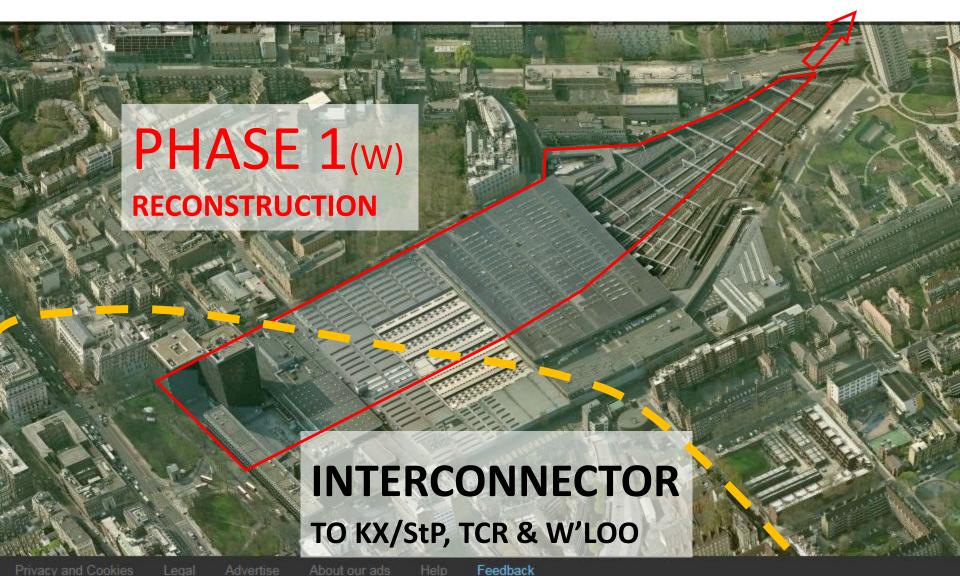


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- All LM suburban services diverted to Crossrail
- Potential to divert some Virgin Services to Paddington (via Grand Union Link) and St Pancras (via NLL link)
- Services to Euston then reduced to less than 50%
 - 9 Virgins & 3 Watford DCs
- Then possible to reconstruct the station one half at a time
- All construction work on existing railway land
- Most material brought in by rail
- All spoil removed by rail
- HSUK to HS1 link via MML no impact on the community
 - all within the existing railway boundaries

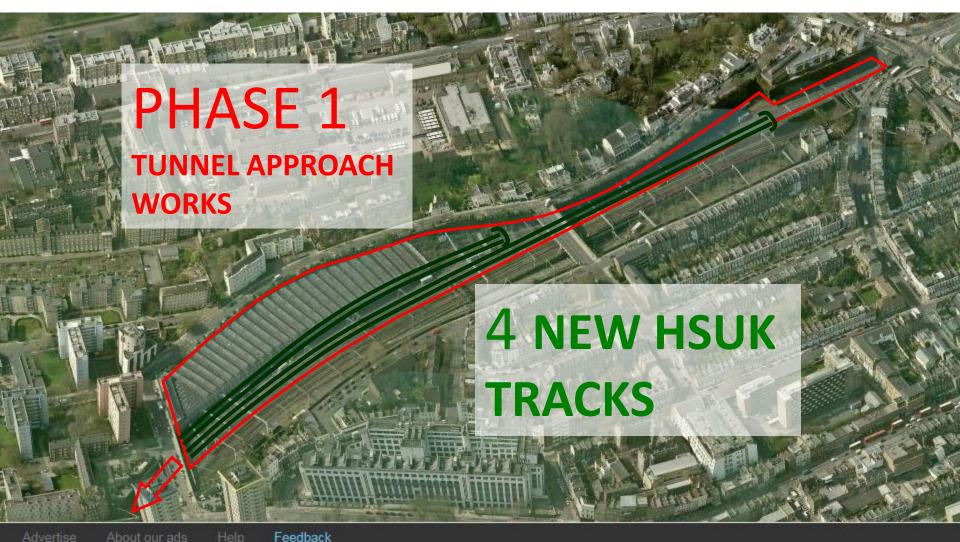
HSUK Euston Reconstruction: Phase 1



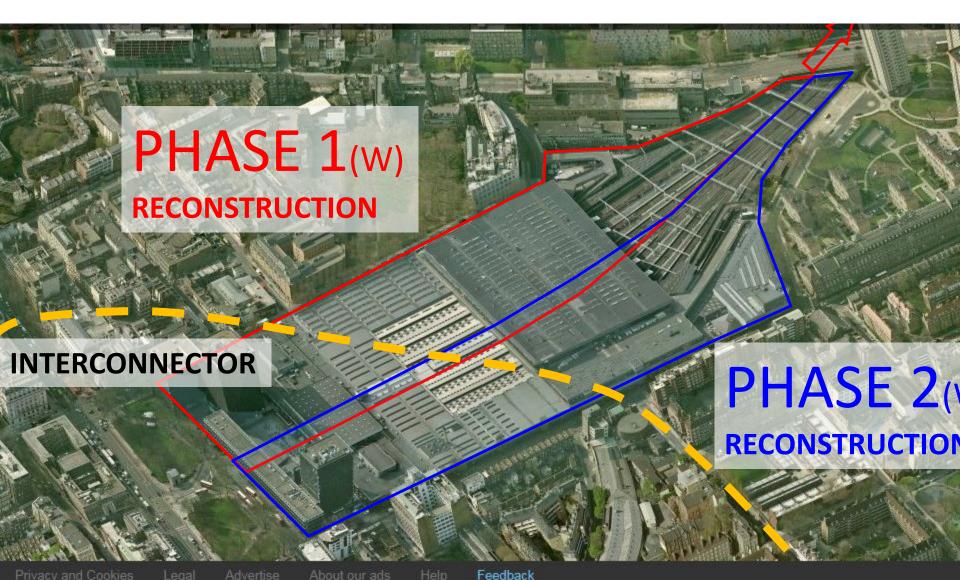
HSUK Tunnel Approach Works: Construction Area (all Phase 1)



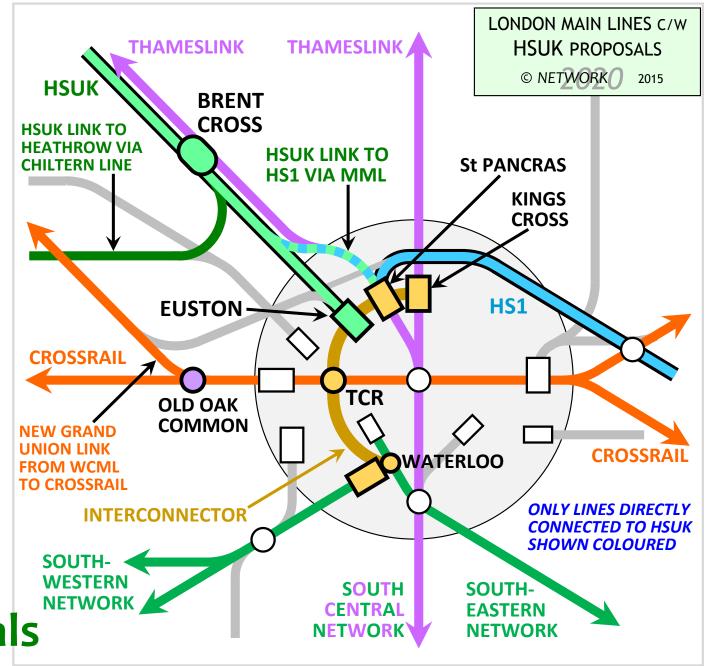
HSUK Tunnel Approach Works: Sequenced Entry to Tunnels



HSUK Euston Reconstruction: Phase 2







HSUK London Proposals

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