



## WEST LONDON LINE GROUP SUPPORTS HS2

### 1. Opportunities:-

- for London to be linked by High Speed Rail to the rest of the country
- to produce new capacity between London, the Midlands, the North and Scotland
- to relieve congestion on and improve links by the West Coast Main Line
- for Birmingham Airport to become a 'London' airport
- to speed travel times between Heathrow and points north by cross-platform interchange at Old Oak Common with Crossrail, thus reducing congestion on the M1, M40 and M25
- to link HS2 with Crossrail to provide fast direct services between Stratford, Liverpool Street, Central London, Denham and Central Birmingham
- to link HS2 with HS1 via the West London Line, Clapham Junction and Merstham (for Gatwick and M23/M25 interchange, thereby making both HS networks more accessible for travel between the North, South West and Southern England, without having to travel via London

### 2. Opportunities for South Chilterns:-

To press for new Denham Parkway station on HS2 axis to:-

allow Chiltern commuters in centres between Aylesbury, Amersham and Denham swift direct access to the West End, City and Canary Wharf

allow Uxbridge/Greenford/Denham catchment swift direct access to Central Birmingham

### 3. Opportunities via Old Oak Common:-

This large brownfield site surrounded by regeneration areas should be a new major West London Interchange between Crossrail, HS2, GWML, Heathrow Express/Connect, Chiltern and the West London Line (WLL).

All West London Line stations to accommodate 12-car trains (Network Rail has announced a Benefit/Cost Ratio of 4.2 to extend all of them for 8-car trains for just one train per hour). These extended platforms would not only ease congestion at Euston, Marylebone, Paddington, Victoria and Waterloo but also provide enough capacity to serve HS2 adequately to and from south of the Thames, without needing to change via congested London terminals.

### 4. Additional capacity, flexibility, visibility and accessibility for both High Speed Networks if trains also ran directly between HS2 and HS1 via:-

- (a) Crossrail 1 by link at Old Oak Common and Stratford; and
- (b) West London Line to new stations at Philbeach (Earl's Court Opportunity Area), Clapham Junction International, East Croydon, Merstham Parkway (for M25/M23 intersection and Gatwick Airport), Tonbridge and Ashford.