



## Why Government must invest in Crossrail - now

London is home to the most productive and globally competitive sectors of the UK economy. Its continued success is vital for the whole country. Without Government commitment to Crossrail funding, the capital will become increasingly congested and unable to accommodate the forecast growth in population and employment. International investment could easily go elsewhere. Crossrail is the single most important project to support London's growth, offering substantial benefits that far outweigh its costs:

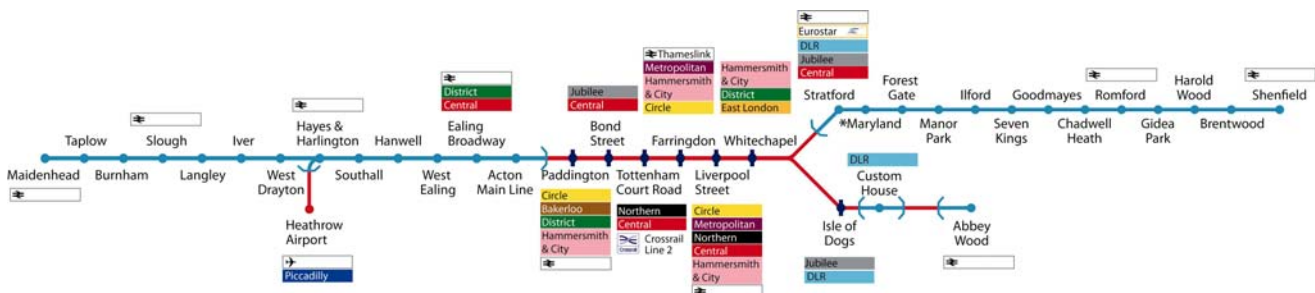
### Features

- links Heathrow, the West End, the City and Docklands, where extra capacity is needed most to get people to work
- provides **40%** of extra rail capacity needed by 2016
- will carry over **70,000** people per hour into and out of London
- gives an extra 90,000 people access to central London within 45 minutes
- interchanges with ten of the twelve Underground lines, improving access into and across London

### Benefits

- 40% of the extra rail capacity needed to support London's predicted population growth of 800,000 by 2016
- extra capacity where it is needed most – 350,00 extra jobs are forecast for central London by 2016
- relieves overcrowding on the Tube and rail network and speeds up journey times, supporting the extra 2 million journeys a day that will be made in London by 2016
- will increase UK GDP by up to £31bn over sixty years
- will increase Treasury tax revenues by £12bn over sixty years, boosting public finances nationally rather than draining them
- will act as a catalyst for regeneration, giving some of the country's most deprived communities access to jobs and opportunities
- will enable the Government to meet its projections for employment growth and support plans for the Thames Gateway

### Crossrail route



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