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16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Mr Rukin,

### **Freedom of Information Act Request – F0017282**

Thank you for your information request of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us to provide you with:-

***The projected journey times for the following trips using captive HS2 and classic compatible services, as is expected to be provided within the current £55.7bn funding envelope within the current project scope, and without any additional expenditure. I wish to be very specific that you should not include any assumptions for any additional expenditure on transport infrastructure outside the £55.7bn HS2 budget envelope in responding to this request. If it will not be possible to complete a proposed journey solely on HS2 trains within the provision of the current £55.7bn budget envelope, please make this clear. Please also provide the assumptions you have used for the fastest existing direct services for these journeys.***

***This may seem like a long list, but I would expect that given that a big deal is being made of the fact HS2 trains would serve 25 cities (though of course many aren't cities, but we'll let that one slide), you must have this data easily available, probably in table form already.***

***Chesterfield to Sheffield  
Chesterfield to Leeds  
Chesterfield to York  
Chesterfield to Darlington  
Chesterfield to Durham  
Chesterfield to Newcastle  
Chesterfield to Edinburgh***

***Chesterfield to Glasgow***  
***Sheffield to Leeds***  
***Sheffield to York***  
***Sheffield to Darlington***  
***Sheffield to Durham***  
***Sheffield to Newcastle***  
***Sheffield to Edinburgh***  
***Sheffield to Glasgow***  
***Leeds to York***  
***Leeds to Darlington***  
***Leeds to Durham***  
***Leeds to Newcastle***  
***Leeds to Edinburgh***  
***Leeds to Glasgow***  
***York to Darlington***  
***York to Durham***  
***York to Newcastle***  
***York to Edinburgh***  
***York to Glasgow***  
***Darlington to Durham***  
***Darlington to Newcastle***  
***Darlington to Edinburgh***  
***Darlington to Glasgow***  
***Durham to Newcastle***  
***Durham to Edinburgh***  
***Durham to Glasgow***  
***Newcastle to Edinburgh***  
***Newcastle to Glasgow***  
***Glasgow to Edinburgh***  
***Glasgow to Carstairs***  
***Glasgow to Lockerbie***  
***Glasgow to Carlisle***  
***Glasgow to Penrith***  
***Glasgow to Oxenholme***  
***Glasgow to Lancaster***  
***Glasgow to Preston***  
***Glasgow to Wigan***  
***Glasgow to Warrington***  
***Glasgow to Liverpool***  
***Glasgow to Runcorn***  
***Glasgow to Crewe***  
***Glasgow to Stafford***  
***Glasgow to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Edinburgh to Carstairs***  
***Edinburgh to Lockerbie***  
***Edinburgh to Carlisle***  
***Edinburgh to Penrith***  
***Edinburgh to Oxenholme***  
***Edinburgh to Lancaster***  
***Edinburgh to Preston***

***Edinburgh to Wigan***  
***Edinburgh to Warrington***  
***Edinburgh to Liverpool***  
***Edinburgh to Runcorn***  
***Edinburgh to Crewe***  
***Edinburgh to Stafford***  
***Edinburgh to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Carstairs to Lockerbie***  
***Carstairs to Carlisle***  
***Carstairs to Penrith***  
***Carstairs to Oxenholme***  
***Carstairs to Lancaster***  
***Carstairs to Preston***  
***Carstairs to Wigan***  
***Carstairs to Warrington***  
***Carstairs to Liverpool***  
***Carstairs to Runcorn***  
***Carstairs to Crewe***  
***Carstairs to Stafford***  
***Carstairs to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Lockerbie to Carlisle***  
***Lockerbie to Penrith***  
***Lockerbie to Oxenholme***  
***Lockerbie to Lancaster***  
***Lockerbie to Preston***  
***Lockerbie to Wigan***  
***Lockerbie to Warrington***  
***Lockerbie to Liverpool***  
***Lockerbie to Runcorn***  
***Lockerbie to Crewe***  
***Lockerbie to Stafford***  
***Lockerbie to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Carlisle to Penrith***  
***Carlisle to Oxenholme***  
***Carlisle to Lancaster***  
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***Carlisle to Liverpool***  
***Carlisle to Runcorn***  
***Carlisle to Crewe***  
***Carlisle to Stafford***  
***Carlisle to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Penrith to Oxenholme***  
***Penrith to Lancaster***  
***Penrith to Preston***  
***Penrith to Wigan***  
***Penrith to Warrington***  
***Penrith to Liverpool***  
***Penrith to Runcorn***

***Penrith to Crewe***  
***Penrith to Stafford***  
***Penrith to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Oxenholme to Lancaster***  
***Oxenholme to Preston***  
***Oxenholme to Wigan***  
***Oxenholme to Warrington***  
***Oxenholme to Liverpool***  
***Oxenholme to Runcorn***  
***Oxenholme to Crewe***  
***Oxenholme to Stafford***  
***Oxenholme to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Lancaster to Preston***  
***Lancaster to Wigan***  
***Lancaster to Warrington***  
***Lancaster to Liverpool***  
***Lancaster to Runcorn***  
***Lancaster to Crewe***  
***Lancaster to Stafford***  
***Lancaster to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Preston to Wigan***  
***Preston to Warrington***  
***Preston to Liverpool***  
***Preston to Runcorn***  
***Preston to Crewe***  
***Preston to Stafford***  
***Preston to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Wigan to Warrington***  
***Wigan to Liverpool***  
***Wigan to Runcorn***  
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***Wigan to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Warrington to Liverpool***  
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***Warrington to Stafford***  
***Warrington to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Liverpool to Runcorn***  
***Liverpool to Crewe***  
***Liverpool to Stafford***  
***Liverpool to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Runcorn to Crewe***  
***Runcorn to Stafford***  
***Runcorn to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Crewe to Stafford***  
***Crewe to Manchester Piccadilly***  
***Stafford to Manchester Piccadilly”***

The fleet of trains being procured for HS2 Phase 1 are conventional compatible, meaning they can run on both HS2 dedicated high-speed infrastructure and on existing conventional Network Rail infrastructure. The fleet of trains to be procured for HS2 Phase 2 could be a mixture of conventional compatible and captive trains, though no final decision has been made. Captive trains can only run on dedicated high speed HS2 infrastructure.

Of the journeys listed in your request, those in the table below could be possible by means of direct HS2 services once Phases 1, 2a and 2b are operational, but are entirely on conventional infrastructure. HS2 trains will be constrained by the conventional infrastructure and run at the speeds currently operating. Therefore our assumption is that the journey times will be the same as they are today – these can be obtained by means of the timetables published on the train operating companies’ websites and by the online journey planner at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).

Chesterfield to Sheffield	Lockerbie to Preston
York to Darlington	Lockerbie to Wigan
York to Durham	Carlisle to Penrith
York to Newcastle	Carlisle to Oxenholme
Darlington to Durham	Carlisle to Lancaster
Darlington to Newcastle	Carlisle to Preston
Durham to Newcastle	Carlisle to Wigan
Glasgow to Lockerbie	Penrith to Lancaster
Glasgow to Carlisle	Penrith to Preston
Glasgow to Penrith	Penrith to Wigan
Glasgow to Oxenholme	Oxenholme to Lancaster
Glasgow to Lancaster	Oxenholme to Preston
Glasgow to Preston	Oxenholme to Wigan
Glasgow to Wigan	Lancaster to Preston
Edinburgh to Lockerbie	Lancaster to Wigan
Edinburgh to Carlisle	Preston to Wigan
Edinburgh to Penrith	Preston to Warrington
Edinburgh to Oxenholme	Preston to Crewe
Edinburgh to Lancaster	Wigan to Warrington
Edinburgh to Preston	Wigan to Crewe
Edinburgh to Wigan	Warrington to Crewe
Lockerbie to Carlisle	Liverpool to Runcorn
Lockerbie to Penrith	Liverpool to Crewe
Lockerbie to Oxenholme	Runcorn to Crewe
Lockerbie to Lancaster	

The journeys listed in your request that are not in the table above will not be possible by means of a direct HS2 train (assuming the £55.7 billion HS2 project scope, as per your request) but will be possible by changing between HS2 trains at an intermediate station. Information on journey times that involve a change of trains is not held as it will depend on the timetable, which has not yet been written.

Please note that there is no intention for HS2 to provide a passenger service to Carstairs station. The stop that has been indicated in some documents is solely for 400m HS2 trains to split/join, with separate portions going to Edinburgh and Glasgow – there will be no opportunity for passengers to board and alight at Carstairs.

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Sedlescombe Road North  
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East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

**ANDREW FORSTER**

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