

# High Speed 2 – The Next Steps

24 March 2010, Central London



**“2010 will be the year for high speed rail in the UK”**

Lord Andrew Adonis

We are delighted that **Lord Andrew Adonis, Secretary of State for Transport**, will deliver the keynote address at this conference and will announce his detailed plans for the development of a UK high-speed rail network.

High Speed Two delivered its highly-anticipated report to Government last month and is the most detailed examination ever undertaken of how to take forward high-speed rail in Britain.

It presents a detailed route plan for the first stage of a north-south highspeed line, from London to the West Midlands, as well as options for extending high-speed services, and high speed lines, to destinations further north, including the North West, the East Midlands, Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland.

The Government is due to publish a white paper by the end of March 2010 setting out detailed plans for new high-speed rail lines and services, including route proposals, timescales and associated financial, economic, and environmental assessments. This would be followed by a full public consultation starting in the Autumn of 2010 before the proposals are finalised.

**This critical one-day conference gives you the perfect opportunity to discuss and debate the next steps for High Speed Two with key players.**

## Other confirmed speakers include:



**Teresa Villiers MP**  
Shadow Transport Secretary,  
Conservative Party



**Jim Steer**  
Managing Director,  
Steer Davies Gleeve



**Stewart Stevenson MSP**  
Minister for Transport,  
Infrastructure and  
Climate Change



**Prof David Begg**  
Chair,  
Northern Way Transport Group



**Iain Coucher**  
Chief Executive,  
Network Rail



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