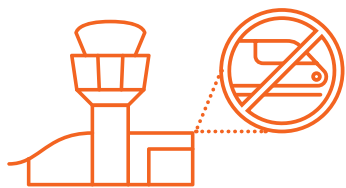


Maximising opportunities for the next East Midlands rail franchise

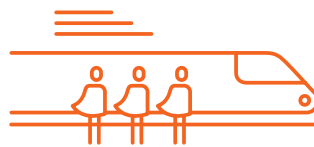
Presently, London Luton Airport (LLA) suffers from a lack of fast and frequent rail services



LLA is the only London airport without an express train service

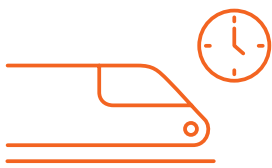


Of the London airports, LLA has the lowest percentage of passengers using rail to access the airport



160 fast East Midlands trains pass through Luton Airport Parkway daily, but only 10% stop

The opportunity: an Airport Express Service



Air/rail experts, North Star, have demonstrated that an Airport Express can be achieved through timetable change alone



It can be delivered at marginal cost...



...and will have minimal impact on other stakeholders

Delivering substantial benefits



Up to £110m additional revenue for the rail industry



Passengers will be able to access central London in less than 30mins



It will create an integrated hub (road, rail and air) linking North - South and East - West



Making best use of available runway capacity, helping LLA generate £2.3bn every year for the economy, and supporting nearly 40k jobs



Removing 70,000 cars from the road...



...and saving more than 500 tonnes of CO₂ each year

Next steps and key dates



Include question on additional fast trains to LLA into public consultation documentation



Include requirement for bidders to deliver four fast trains per hour as part of ITT award



Increase fast trains to/from Luton Airport Parkway to four per hour as part of commencement of the next East Midlands franchise

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Surface access to airports is critically important. These proposals must be seriously considered to enable Luton Airport to continue to attract a growing number of passengers.

Louise Ellman MP

Chair, Transport Select Committee

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Improving the rail connections to our airports is key to growing passenger numbers and getting as many airline passengers as possible to leave their cars at home. The East Midlands refranchising is a big opportunity for Luton that should be looked at closely.

Andy McDonald MP

Shadow Secretary of State for Transport

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The future of Luton Airport is vital to small businesses across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. Getting this right will boost our visitor economy and make it easier for us to export and import to new markets – success here is critical as we approach Brexit. To make this work, FSB members want to see improved transport links. It's time to back these proposals to upgrade Luton Airport Parkway Express Services.

Graham Buck

Regional Chairman for the

Federation of Small Businesses

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London Luton Airport has an important role to play in developing and expanding the UK's air capacity. Fast, regular rail services would make a real difference to millions of visitors and business travellers, and investing in our airports and their connections is the right step to take.

David Leam

Infrastructure Director at London First

Endorsements

This report, its findings and conclusions have the support of:

