RAIL REVOLUTION:
ON TRACK TO TRANSFORM EUROPE’S BEST CONNECTED AIRPORT STATION
# Timeline of Gatwick’s Rail Transformation

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| 2016 | - Introduction of Oyster and contactless fare payment for journeys to London.  
- New fleet of Gatwick Express trains. |
| 2017 | Improvements at Redhill doubles the service from Gatwick to Reading. |
| 2018 | - New fleet of Thameslink trains.  
- Thameslink benefits from the world’s first use of tube-style digital technology on a mainline railway.  
- New, state of the art signalling completed.  
- London Bridge transformation complete.  
- New twice hourly direct services to both Cambridge and Peterborough. |
| 2019 | Connections to Crossrail at Farringdon. |
| 2020 | Gatwick Airport railway station rebuilt in £120 million transformation. |
| 2025 | Planned package of improvements to increase capacity and performance. |
| 2030 | Crossrail2 and HS2 completed with connections direct to Gatwick. |
| 2035 | Further improvements deliver capacity for over 40,000 passengers each way in the peak hour. |

## Key Statistic

- **129 Stations**: Directly each day – the best connected airport in Europe by rail.
- **17.5M Users**: Gatwick is the busiest station in the south (excl. London) with 17.5M users.
- **20 Trains**: Leave Gatwick for London each hour – a train every 3 minutes.
- **15 Million**: People quarter of UK population - brought within an hour of Gatwick.
- **175 Stations**: Connects directly to up to 175 stations and to over 1000 with a single change.
- **24 Trains**: Leave Gatwick for London each hour, or a train every 2.5 minutes.
- **X3 Capacity**: Nearly trebled with over 50 trains per hour departing Gatwick in all directions.
GATWICK’S RAIL REVOLUTION

Gatwick is already the best rail connected airport in Britain, linking more people to more destinations than any other airport.

It also directly connects to more domestic stations than any other European airport station. Gatwick is now embarking on a rail revolution as approved and costed plans will soon make rail travel to Gatwick amongst the best in the world.

Gatwick was the world's first airport to have a direct train link with a dedicated, integrated railway station and has always recognised rail as the best and most sustainable way to bring passengers from their homes and work to their plane.

Gatwick is already one of Europe's busiest airport stations with over 17 million passengers per year and 38% of passengers choosing rail to travel to the airport. Ambitious plans are well underway to increase this to over 50% - the highest percentage of any UK airport and among the best in the world.

Gatwick has the largest catchment by rail of any UK airport, with 15 million of the UK population able to access the airport within 60 minutes, including the whole of London and stations in 11 counties across three English regions. It is well connected to the North, South, East and West, meaning all parts of the UK can be reached within a few hours.

The initial steps of this rail revolution are already taking place with the introduction of Oyster and contactless fare payment in January 2016 and the first of 108 new Gatwick Express carriages coming into service. But this is just the start. Huge investment, facilitated by partnerships between Gatwick and the rail industry, will mean that capacity on rail services to Gatwick will double by 2020 and nearly treble by 2035.

This investment will result in:

- **More connections:** Rail services will be extended to serve up to 175 stations directly, as far as Oxford, Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough, covering a network of around 450 miles, and more than 1,000 stations with one easy interchange.

- **Higher frequency:** there will soon be more frequent trains to more locations including departures into central London every 2.5 minutes and more than 50 trains an hour arriving at Gatwick in peak hours.

- **Faster journeys to the city:** travel times to key destinations in London are already shorter than any other major UK airport. For over 70% of the capital's population, a rail journey to Gatwick is quicker than to Heathrow. Passengers can get from Gatwick to Westminster, the West End, Victoria and London Bridge in 30 minutes and Gatwick to King’s Cross and Canary Wharf in under 40 minutes.

- **Greater reach to Great Britain:** Gatwick will be within one easy change to all the main UK inter-city rail lines by 2030: Great Western Mainline (Bristol, Wales and the West); West Coast Mainline (Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow); Midland Mainline (Sheffield, Nottingham and Derby); South West Mainline (Portsmouth, Southampton and the South West); Greater Anglia Mainline (Cambridge, Norwich and East Anglia) and East Coast Mainline (Leeds, Newcastle and Edinburgh).

- **New, state-of-the-art station:** Gatwick has £120 million investment plan, in partnership with Government and Network Rail, to transform its railway station. Already Europe’s largest capacity airport station with seven platforms, this project will dramatically improve the passenger experience and more than double the size of the concourse area by 2020 to create a world-class interchange serving the whole region.

Many of these improvements are under way and provide widespread benefits to all communities along the rail routes serving Gatwick. This investment will serve our existing passengers, support growth generated by our second runway and benefit rail users across the whole of the UK.

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At the heart of Gatwick’s rail revolution is the £6.5 billion Thameslink Programme which delivers a once in a generation improvement to rail services across the South and East of England.

Thameslink is already one of Europe’s busiest rail routes, running north-south across London, between Bedford and Brighton and serving both Gatwick and Luton airports. It is part of the UK’s biggest rail franchise serving some 240 million passengers annually. The multi-billion pound investment in Thameslink will boost rail connectivity in the South East more than any other planned rail scheme, including Crossrail. Thameslink has already transformed Blackfriars and Farringdon stations, serves both St Pancras and King’s Cross stations, and the completion of London Bridge station in 2018 will help unlock the line’s full potential.

Capacity will more than double on this route, with up to 24 new trains per hour through central London in each direction with Tube-like frequency. Similar to Crossrail but with longer, higher capacity trains operating a wider network across the South and East. Thameslink delivers direct benefits far beyond London, making journeys faster, more reliable and more direct.

Thameslink will also be the first main line railway anywhere in the world to adopt digital technology as part of the UK’s investment in a Digital Railway. It will unlock new capacity from existing track and improve the performance, reliability and resilience of rail journeys.

By 2018, improvements to the Thameslink route will see 20 trains leaving Gatwick for London each hour - a train every 3 minutes. New, twice hourly direct services to both Peterborough and Cambridge will improve connections between Gatwick and cities north of London, creating better links via interchange to the Northern Powerhouse and the rest of the UK.

By 2025, continued investment will see train services to and across London every 2.5 minutes or less. It means air passengers will have a fast, Tube-like service connecting them to leisure and business destinations across London quicker than if they were coming from any other major UK airport. A truly world class railway, fit for the future.
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