

Gatwick Airport Upgrade

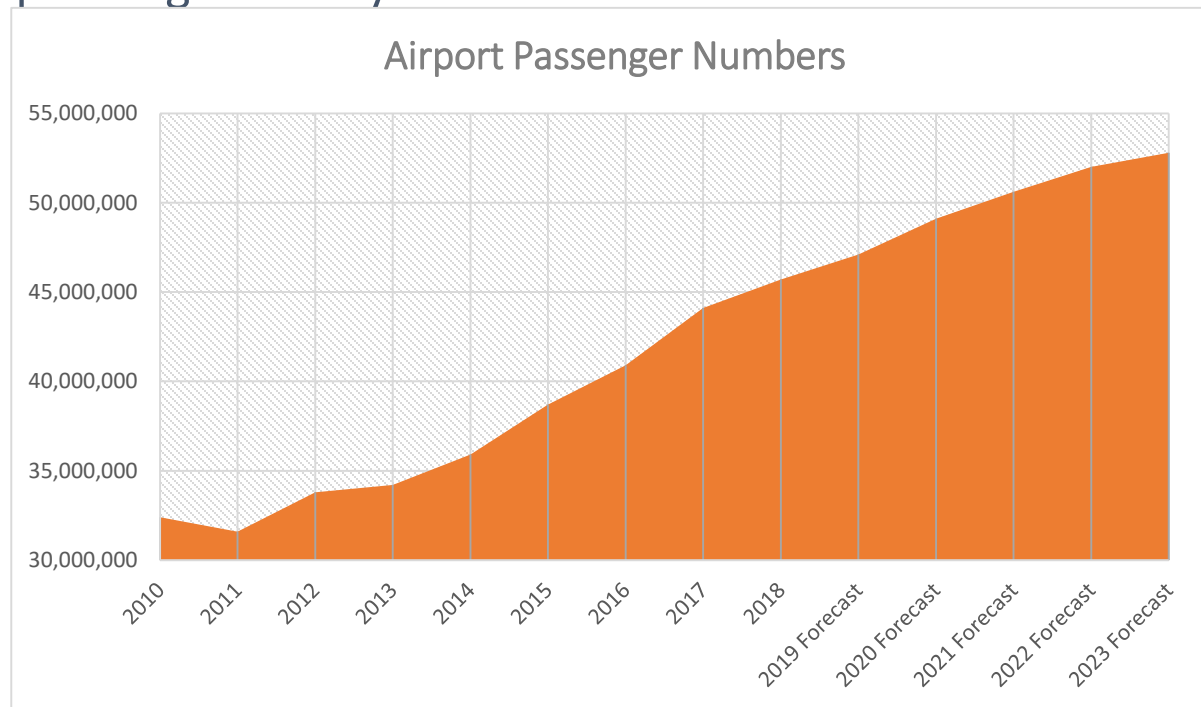
2020-2023



Purpose

Gatwick Airport railway station will be transformed through a £150m project, funded by the DfT, Gatwick Airport and C2C LEP and delivered by Network Rail between May 2020 and 2023.

Objective is to **reduce crowding, improve accessibility and increase capacity** for passengers today and into the future

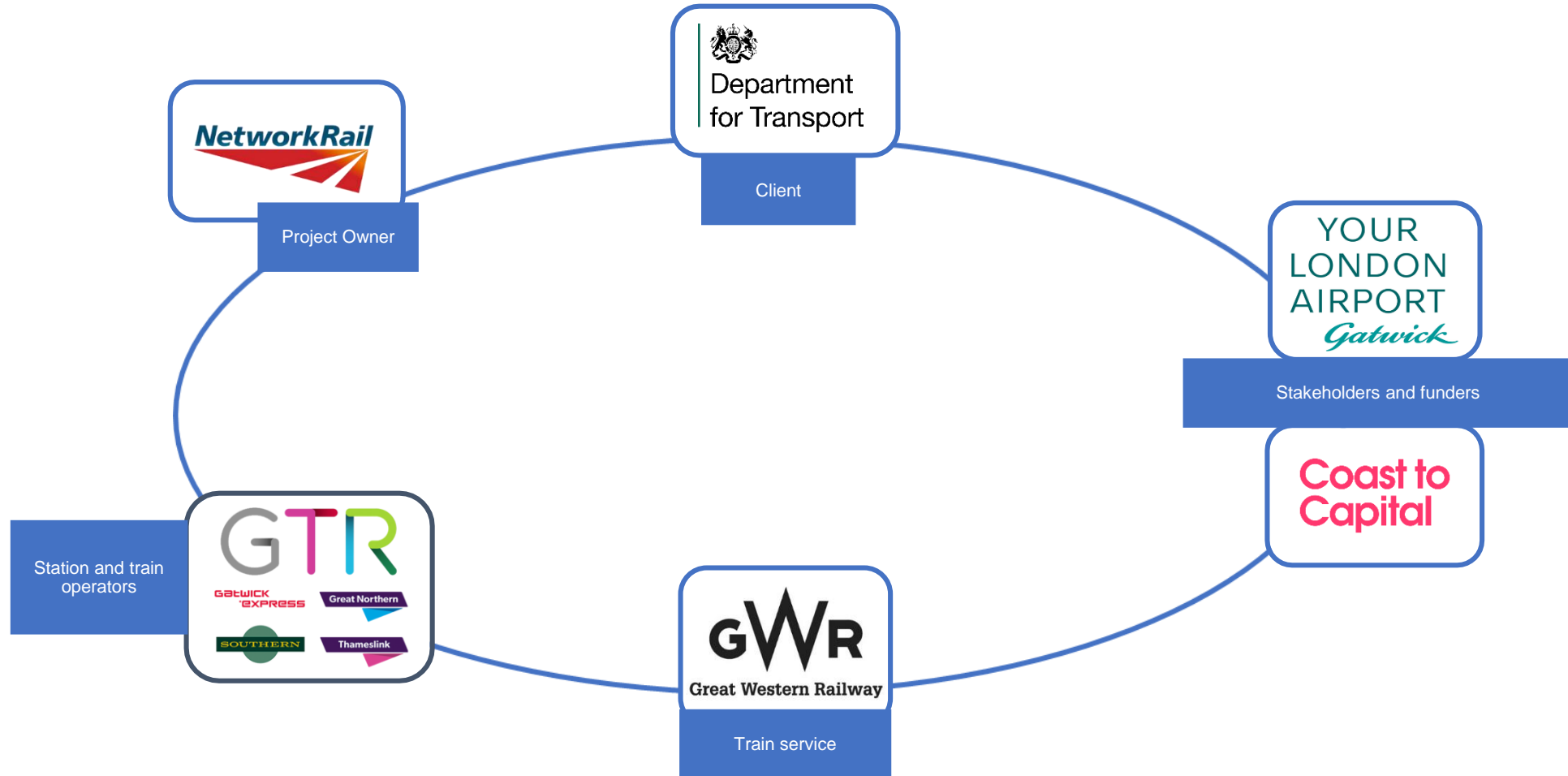


What will it deliver?

- ✓ A **bigger, better** station with new facilities for passengers and staff
- ✓ Five **new lifts**, eight **new escalators**, **new staircases**, **exits** and **better wayfinding**
- ✓ A passenger concourse with **twice as much space** and **bigger, wider, more accessible platforms**, reducing crowding, making it much easier to change trains and to enter or exit the station
- ✓ A significant **reduction in platform crowding (and the train delays it causes)**
- ✓ **Major benefits for wheelchair accessibility** with the widening of platforms 5 and 6, and the new lifts, escalators and stairs for platform 5,6 and 7 plus the new ramped exit to platform 7.



Partnership approach



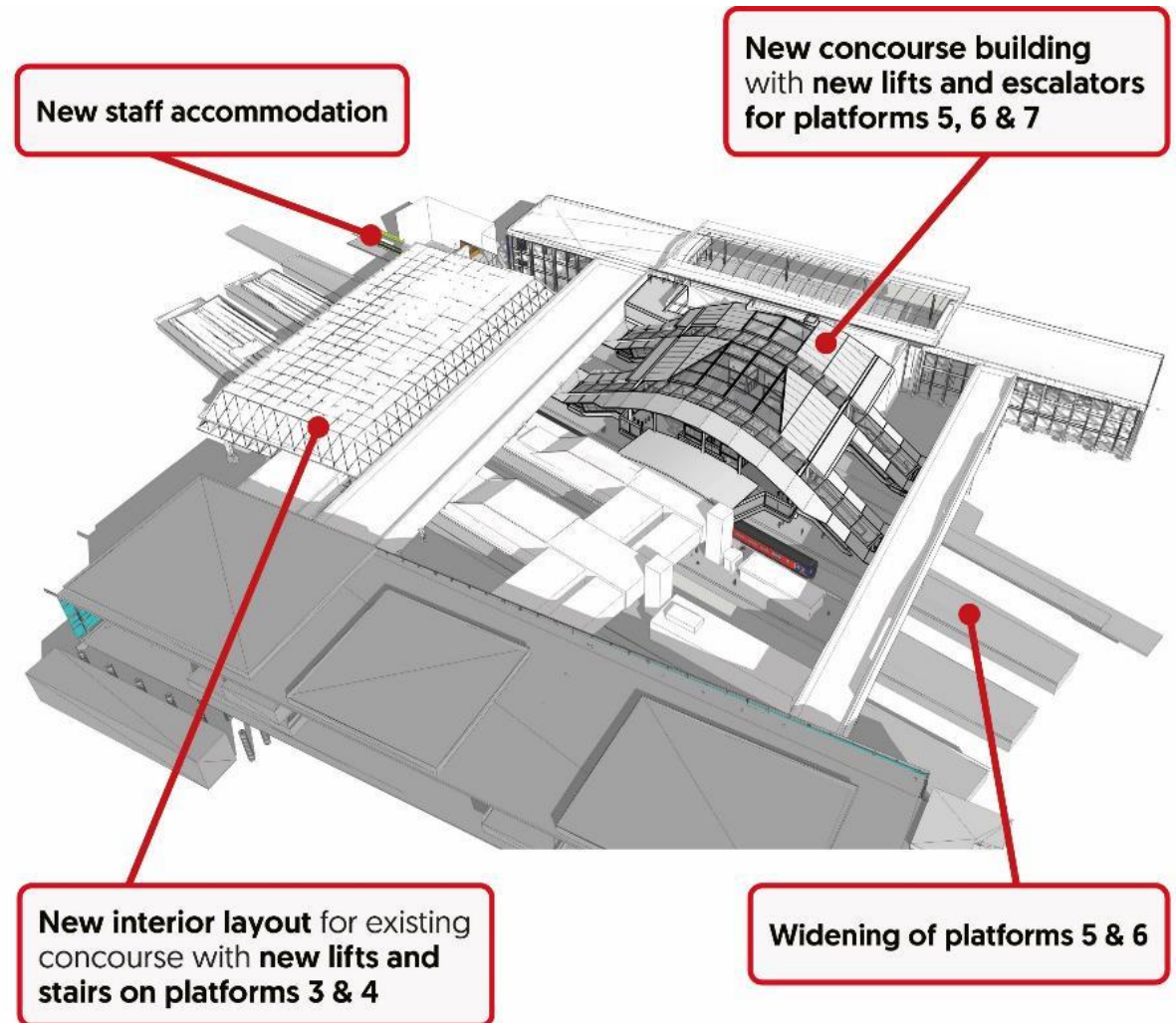
Timings of project

Platform works (2020-2022)

- Widening platforms 5 & 6
- New exit with ramp for platform 7
- 5 new lifts, 8 new escalators and new staircases

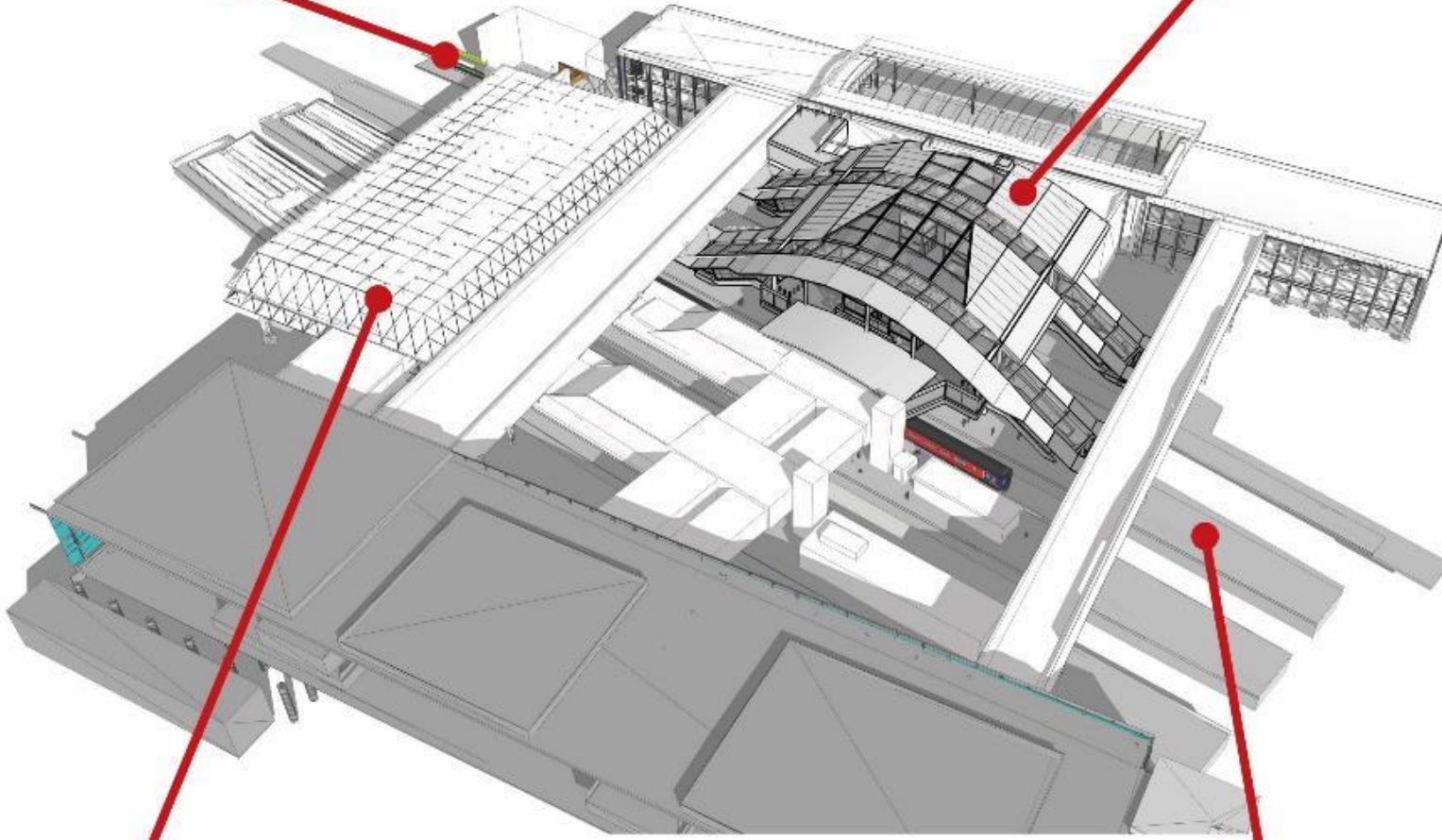
Building works (2020-2023)

- New glass-roofed concourse to double passenger space with better wayfinding
- New modern back of house building
- Walking routes in the station will change while work is underway



New staff accommodation

**New concourse building
with new lifts and escalators
for platforms 5, 6 & 7**



New interior layout for existing
concourse with **new lifts and
stairs on platforms 3 & 4**

Widening of platforms 5 & 6

Timescales – detail

April 2020 – May 2022

- Stage 0: Track 6 closes, taking platform 6 out of action (April 2020)
- Stage 1: Platform 7 closed (May 2020 – Jan 2021)
- Stage 2: Platforms 5 & 6 closed. Platform 7 opens (Jan 2021 – May 2022)
- Stage 3: Platform 3 & 4: lift and staircase are installed (Jan 2021 – Nov 2021)
- Stage 4: Concourse work begins (June 2021 – May 2022)
- A dedicated timetable will be implemented across the Brighton Main Line and associated services and will remain consistent throughout the project.

2023

- Additional works to complete the concourse spaces will be delivered during 2023.

What does it mean for your train services?

1. Platforms will be closed between May 2020 and May 2022 and a 30mph speed restriction in place.
2. We are introducing a dedicated timetable to support the project and to provide consistency to passengers across the two-year platform works.
3. Timetable is being extensively developed to balance passenger capacity, punctuality (regular, on-time services) and reliability (timetable that passengers can trust, ability to recover in disruption) across the entire network.



The dedicated timetable

From Sunday 17 May 2020

1. **Thameslink** services will stay **broadly the same as today**, with some additional calls south of Three Bridges.
2. **Gatwick Express**, outside of 0712-0812 (Brighton to London Victoria) and 1729-1829 (London Victoria to Brighton) will operate as a **half-hourly service**. However, remaining **trains will be longer** and as the **Brighton commuter service to London Victoria**, all services will run to/from Brighton.
3. **Southern** services from London Victoria will **no longer run direct to Brighton** in the off-peak. However, London Victoria Southern services from the **West Coastway** (Littlehampton via Hove and Preston Park) and **East Coastway** (Eastbourne via Lewes) **will operate with longer 8 carriage trains**, providing **much more passenger space on the busiest sections of the network**.
 1. Southern off-peak passengers from London Victoria to Brighton will either travel indirect (East Croydon, Preston Park, Hove), via Thameslink or via Gatwick Express.

Enabling works

Separate from the main timetable change, **from Sunday 26 April 2020:**

1. The Gatwick Express service between London Victoria and Gatwick Airport will reduce from every 15 minutes to every 30 minutes in the off-peak
2. This is to enable platform 6 to be taken out of service. This is so that the track can be decked over and a temporary staircase to be built to provide an additional exit for platform 5
3. This is because platform 7 will be closed from the 17th May 2020 and platform 5 will need to accommodate greater passenger numbers
4. This will have no impact on the longer distance Gatwick Express service between London Victoria, Brighton and intermediary stations.

Next steps

1. In-depth passenger engagement at stations and a dedicated stakeholder forum – February & March 2020
2. Passenger awareness campaign using the lessons of the Brighton Main Line Improvement Project – February 2020 – May 2020
3. Additional passenger support for Gatwick Airport station users – May 2020-2023