

# LOOKING FORWARD



In its report, the **West Anglia Taskforce** has set out the powerful need for investment in the **West Anglia Main Line**. It is essential to sustain economic growth and provide the step change in connectivity that communities along its entire length desperately need.

The announcement of the new franchise with **Abellio** is the first step towards achieving this step change in connectivity, for which a package of measures is required:

- New better performing trains for inner London services are on order and will be delivered in 2018/19
- The STAR project will improve service between Stratford and Angel Road and will be delivered in 2018
- Network Rail's review of crossings has the potential to contribute to line speed improvements and reliability
- The train operator will examine the scope for timetable adjustments within existing constraints, including the introduction of earlier trains to Stansted Airport
- The commitment to introduce a complete set of new trains by 2020 could mean faster journeys on some services
- Four-tracking the railway between Coppermill Junction and Broxbourne by 2026 as an early phase of Crossrail 2 would provide the biggest bonus for passengers. It would benefit people travelling to and from outer London destinations, as well as supporting metro services and housing growth
- Four-tracking is the essential precursor to Crossrail 2 which by 2033 will supercharge connectivity between Surrey, London and Hertfordshire and provide an important gateway to the Anglian Region

**The goal:  
Cambridge in 60  
Stansted in 40**

*Investing in the railway is essential to bringing jobs, homes and businesses together and to unleash the potential of this rapidly growing corridor*