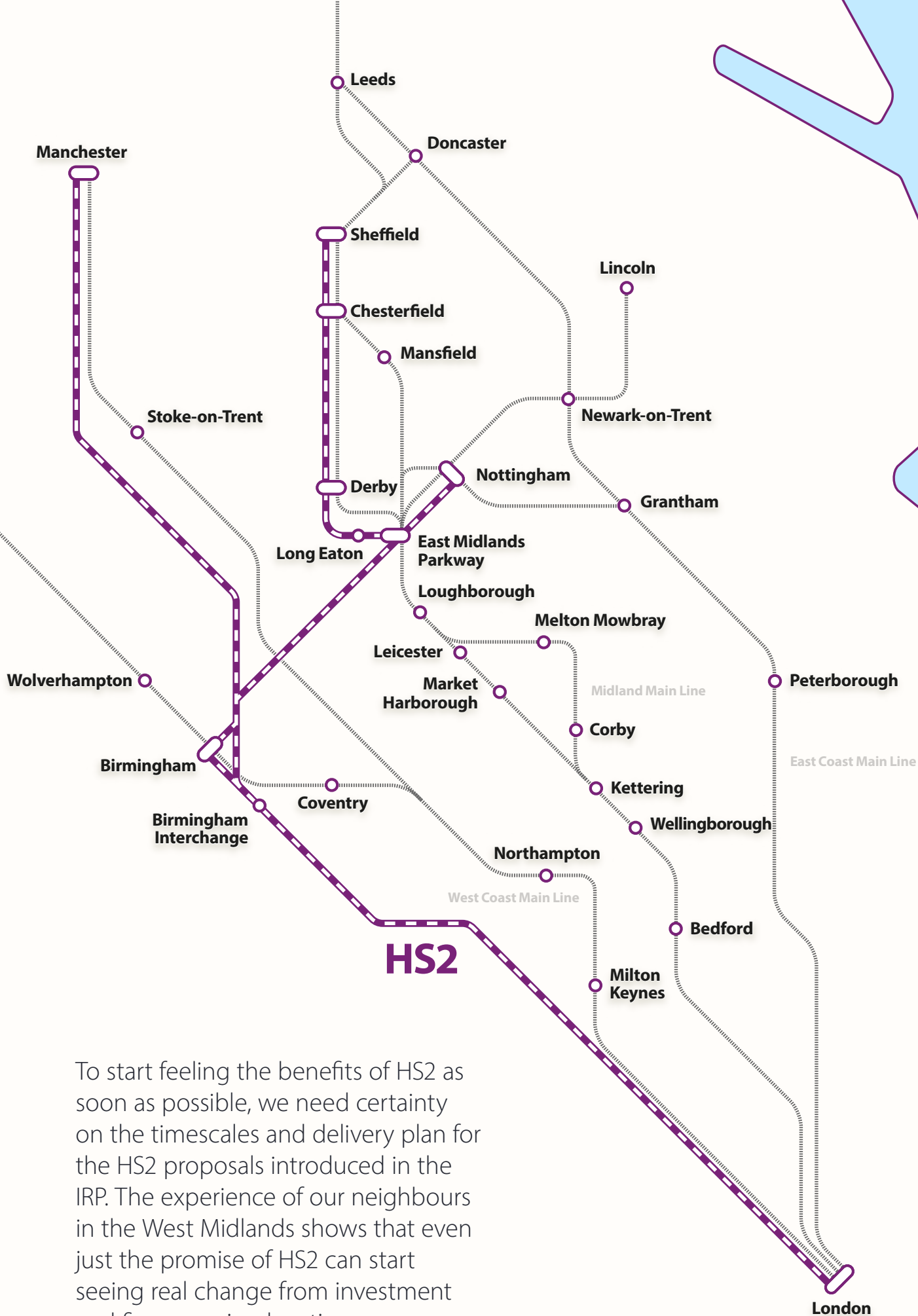




To start feeling the benefits of HS2 as soon as possible, we need certainty on the timescales and delivery plan for the HS2 proposals introduced in the IRP. The experience of our neighbours in the West Midlands shows that even just the promise of HS2 can start seeing real change from investment and firms moving location, years before high speed trains start running.