

A New Rail Franchise for Kent

West Kent Partnership Meeting
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Extent of Kent's rail network

- Train stations: 0
- Railway stations: 99
- High Speed 1: Ebbsfleet – Ashford –
Channel Tunnel
- Mainline: primary network from 6 London
termini
- Metro: Dartford/Gravesend & Sevenoaks
- Freight: Isle of Grain and Dungeness lines

DfT Schedule for New South Eastern Franchise

- DfT stakeholder consultation opens Feb 2017
- DfT issue new franchise EOI Feb 2017
- DfT stakeholder consultation closes May 2017
- ITT notice published Sep 2017
- Award of new SE franchise Aug 2018
- Start of new SE franchise Dec 2018

Housing Growth 2011-2031

West Kent District	Total Growth 2011 – 2031
Sevenoaks	11,171
Tonbridge & Malling	13,460
Tunbridge Wells	11,494

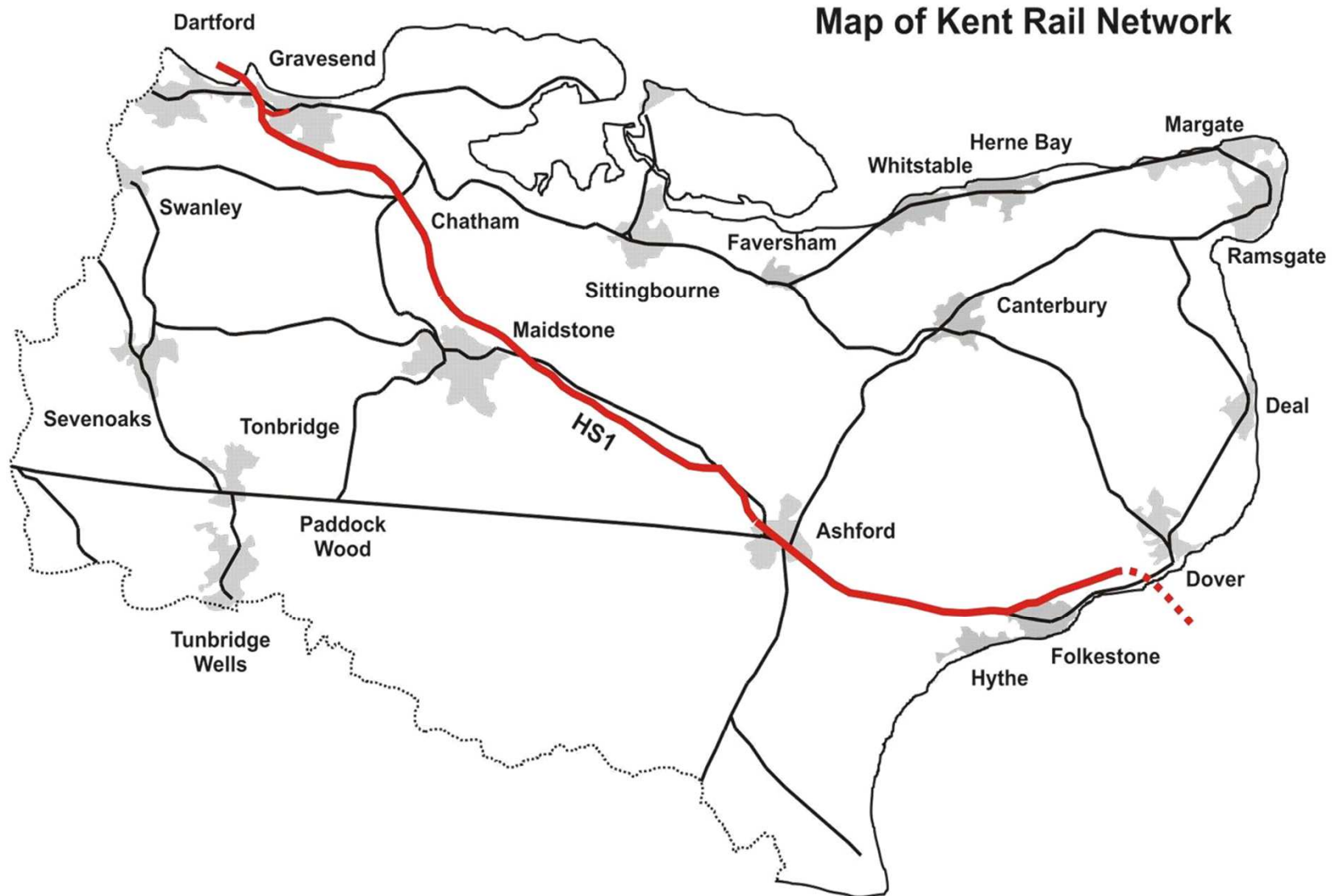
Employment Growth 2011-2031

West Kent District	Total Growth 2011 – 2031	% Change 2011-2031
Sevenoaks	10,000	20.8
Tonbridge & Malling	11,900	19.1
Tunbridge Wells	10,500	18.4

New Franchise - Key Priorities

- Enhanced services for West Kent
- SMART ticketing
- Tonbridge – Hastings line improvements
- Tonbridge – Gatwick: new bid
- Medway Valley line: improved frequency

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Class 377 – for Southeastern



Planned Cascade of Mainline Rolling-Stock in Kent

Class	No.	Trains	From	To
Class 375	TBA	4-car sets	East Kent	West Kent
Class 377	20	4-car sets	Thameslink	Southeastern Mainline
Class 465	12	4-car sets	Southeastern Mainline	Southeastern Metro
Class 466	6	2-car sets	Southeastern Mainline	Southeastern Metro

Thameslink services in Kent

New trains on new service direct to City



New Thameslink Services in Kent from 2018

New Thameslink Routes in Kent	Now tph	New tph
(Ashford in peaks) – Maidstone East – Thameslink Core – Cambridge	0	2
Rainham – Medway – Dartford – Woolwich - Thameslink Core – Luton	0	2
Sevenoaks (Bat & Ball) – Elephant & Castle – Thameslink Core – (Welwyn Garden City in peaks)	2	2

Network Rail: Kent Route Study

NR publish draft Kent Route Study:	Feb 2017
NR publish final Kent Route Study:	Sep 2017
Key interventions expected in West Kent:	
- Strood & Swanley: station re-builds	
- Tonbridge – Hastings line improvements	
- Access for All: more accessible stations	

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