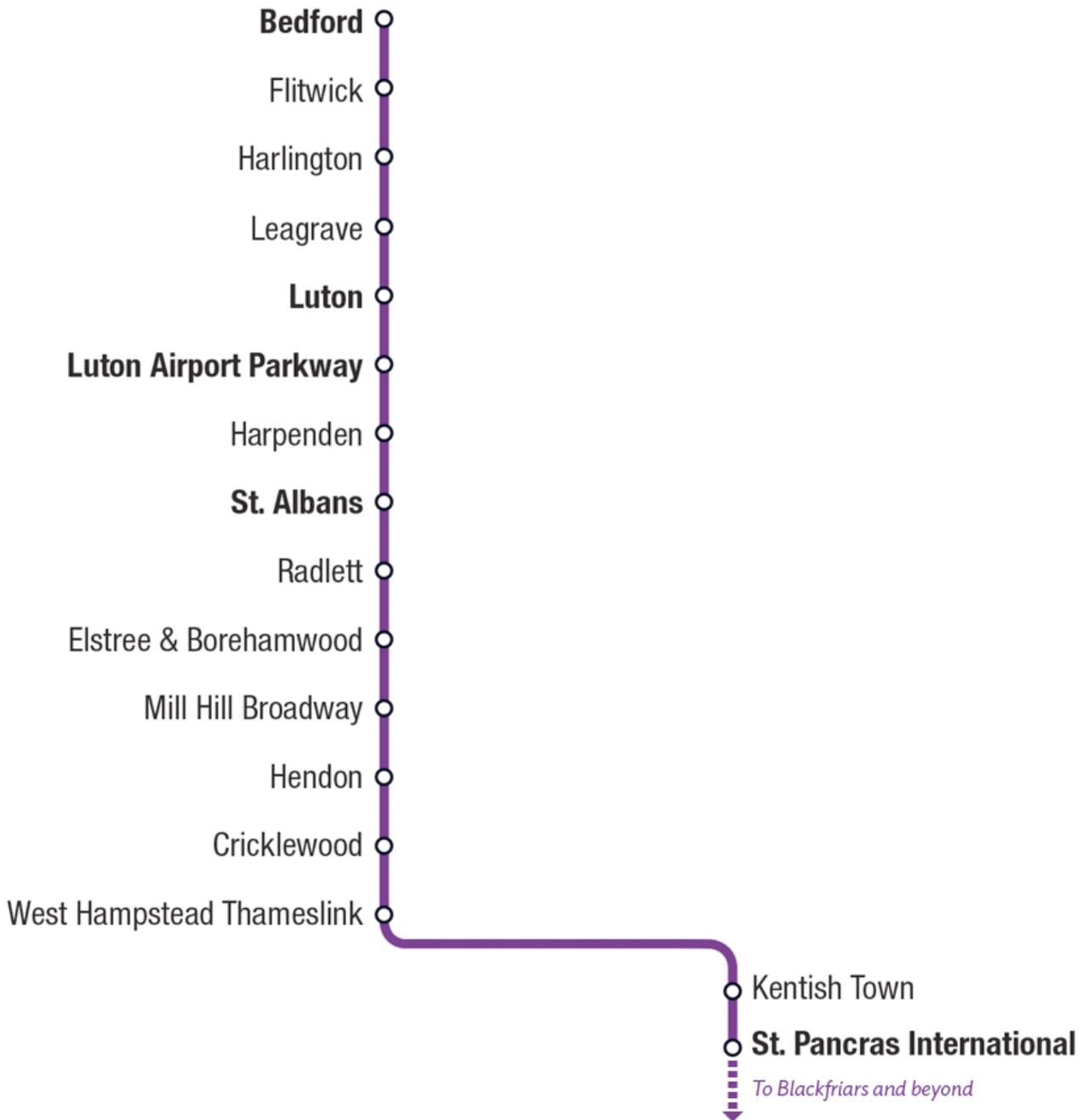


# Thameslink, central London to Bedford route



# New rolling stock

- During 2015, some of the older 319s in use on the route will be replaced by new-build class 387s on an interim basis
- The existing Thameslink fleet will then be entirely replaced by new-build class 700 Siemens trains between 2016 and 2018



# Key service changes

## By the end of 2018

- There will be 3,000 more standard-class seats into London St Pancras International in the three-hour morning peak compared to today, an increase of around 15%
- Total standard-class capacity (including standing space) into London St Pancras International on this route in the morning peak will more than double; more 12 carriage trains will operate
- At the busiest times, 16 trains per hour from this route will operate through central London (serving London St Pancras International, Farringdon, City Thameslink and London Blackfriars). Half of these will also serve London Bridge
- There will be additional late evening fast services to Bedford (departing London between 22:00 and 00:00) and increased frequency of stopping services to St Albans City on Sundays

# Luton Airport

- A three year trial of additional overnight services from central London to Luton Airport is proposed to commence in December 2015. This is aimed specifically at passengers catching early-morning flights from Luton Airport. The extra trains, enabling half-hourly service from central London in the early morning hours, will also call at West Hampstead Thameslink, St Albans City and Harpenden
- Rail services to be better signposted and advertised at the airport, with a new staffed kiosk and real-time train departure boards
- Smart ticketing to be introduced on bus link. Oyster Pay-As-You Go to be extended to cover services to / from Luton Airport Parkway, including bus link, subject to agreement with Transport for London

# Stations

Major enhancements are planned for St Albans City and Luton stations, in partnership with Network Rail. The detail of these will be further consulted on with local stakeholders and communities.

All stations on the franchise will benefit from a share of the £50m investment planned in improving station facilities and appearance. Benefits for stations on the Thameslink central London to Bedford route include the following:

- Interactive touch screens to be installed at St Albans City, London St Pancras International, City Thameslink and London Blackfriars, providing train running information, journey planning, connection information and local maps
- Ticket gatelines to be introduced at Cricklewood, Flitwick, Mill Hill Broadway and Radlett
- Our investment programme for stations includes funding for more CCTV, toilet refurbishments, new retail facilities, help points and car park improvements – as well as plans for increased cycle storage and improved transport integration. More details on specific plans for individual stations will be provided at a later stage.

## Free WiFi

Free WiFi is planned to be introduced at 104 of the busiest stations across the Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) franchise.

## First to last station staffing

First to last station staffing will be introduced at Cricklewood, Elstree and Borehamwood, Flitwick, Harpenden, Leagrave, Mill Hill Broadway, Radlett and West Hampstead Thameslink – as part of plans to provide first to last staffing at the 101 busiest stations on the GTR franchise.