

New trains for the East Coast line

New Azuma trains will be used on the East Coast Main Line by the end of 2022, promising modern, spacious and comfortable new trains across the country.

More than 4,500 new carriages are set to be delivered to UK rail passengers by the end of 2022 as part of a significant investment by both government and train operators to transform the railways.

The trains will be greener and will modernise travel, with passengers benefitting from more comfortable seats, improved accessibility, free wifi as standard, power sockets and air-conditioning.

Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, said: "The introduction of thousands of new trains that are better for both passengers and the environment shows this government's commitment to improving journeys, and we're spending a record £48 billion to modernise our rail network.

"Train operators across the country will replace old trains to transform the environment of passengers to enable faster journeys and provide more comfort and better accessibility. The launch of the Azumas on the East Coast Line marks the next step in one of the biggest transformations of fleets across the country.

"Alongside these new trains, we have also been clear that we want to see alternatively-powered trains introduced to the UK rail network where required, alongside electric trains."

