

# King's Cross Station

Scheme address: Euston Road, N1  
Architect: John McAslan + Partners  
Developer: Network Rail  
Client/owner: Network Rail  
Completed: 2013  
Scheme description: The Grade I Listed King's Cross Station has been remodelled and refurbished to accommodate 60 million annual passengers by 2020. Now a multi-modal transport hub, the station connects to St Pancras (Eurostar), London Underground, Thameslink, buses and taxis. Operational continuity during the works was essential, facilitated by a new decant platform allowing phased platform closures. The design creates operational improvements and reveals the main façade of the 1852 station. The new western concourse, and restored eastern range building, main train shed, suburban train shed and western range buildings have won more than 20 awards including the European Union's prestigious Europa Nostra Award.

Panel comments: *"The original station building offers a major contrast to the two other railway stations which terminated on the Euston Road, and has been admired for its functionalism and geometric simplicity. So the refurbishment was applauded for its removal of most of the accretions which obscured its bold and simple forms, from the revealing of the brick piers to the opening up of the full magnificence of the round-arched glazed roofs. But in addition to these spectacular elements, important internal spaces, like the parcel office, part of the working of the station, have also been carefully preserved and now provide attractive social space of special character."*

