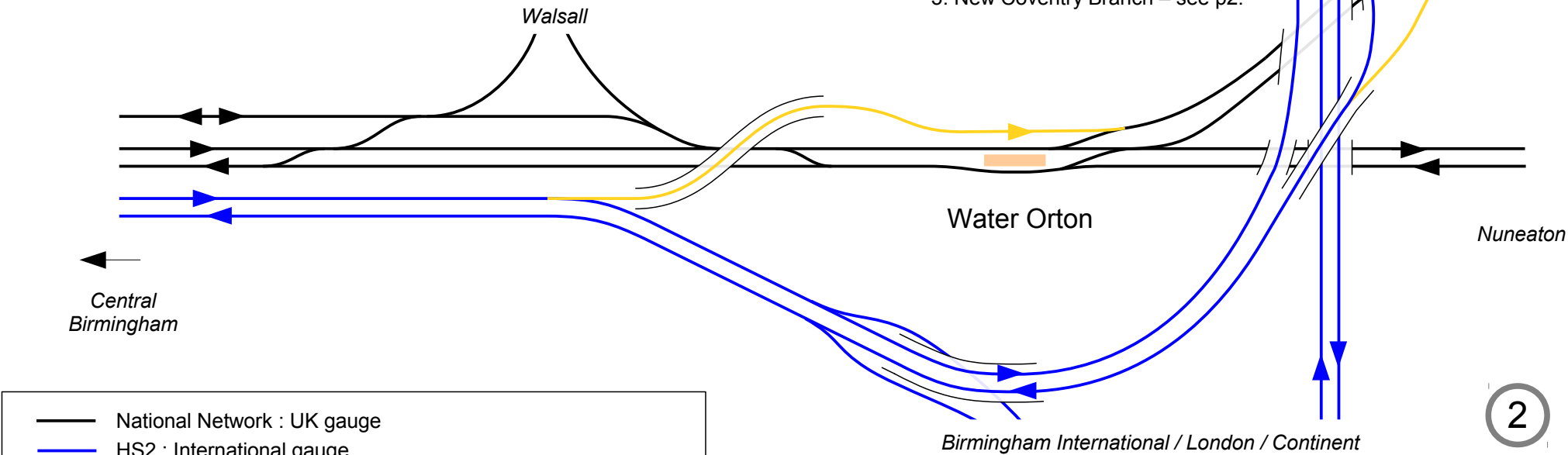
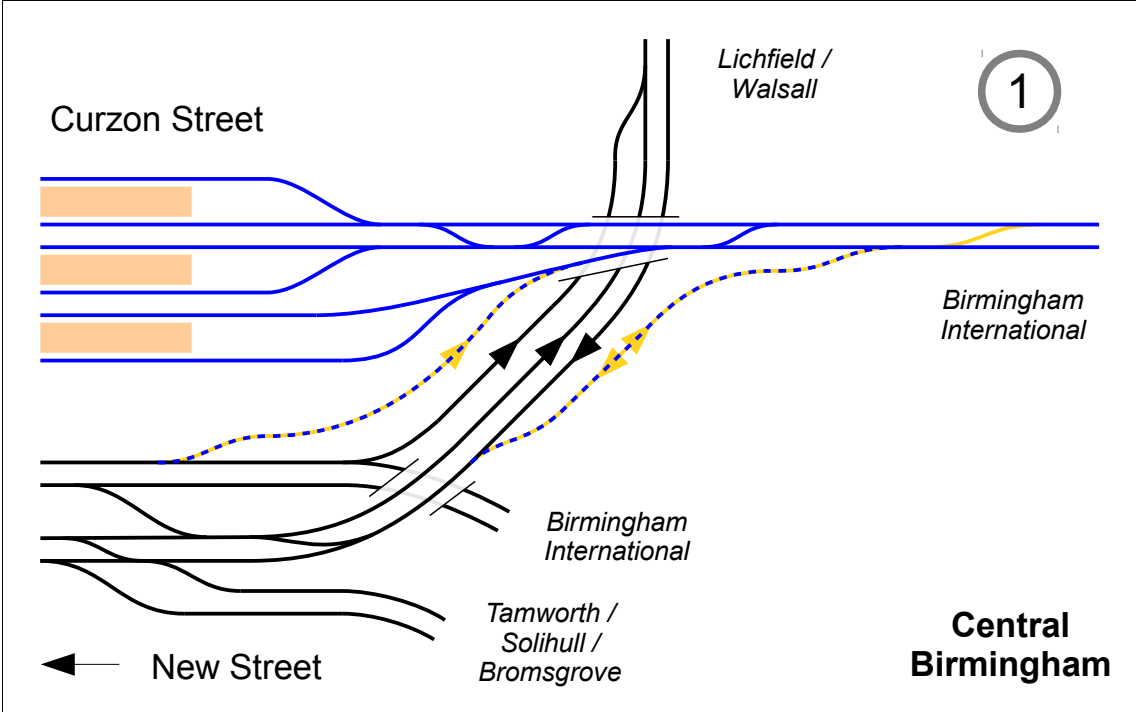


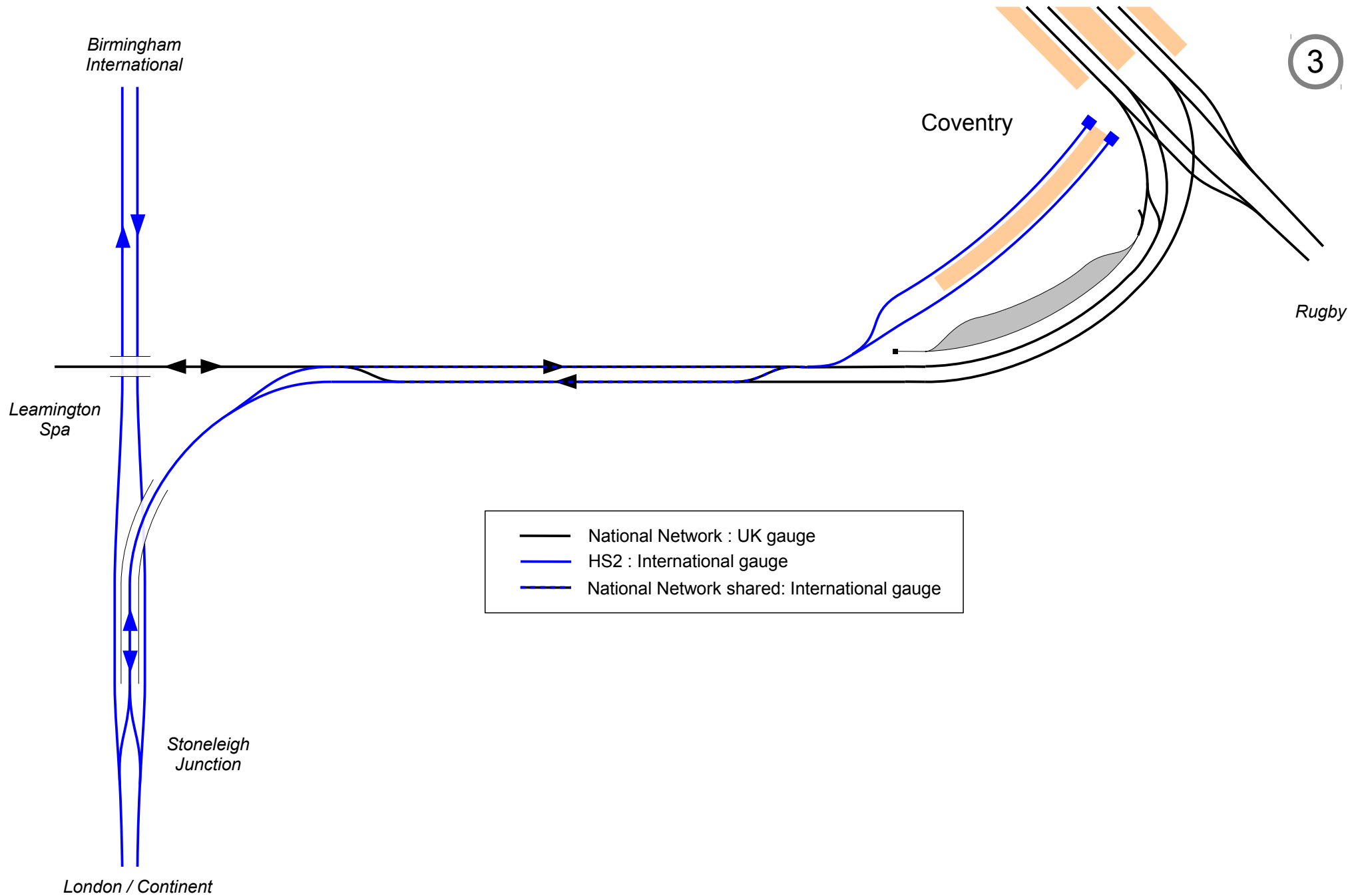
HS2 - Birmingham Connections

Three proposals designed to improve utilisation of HS2 infrastructure and offer its benefits to a wider range of services and potential passengers.

1. A proposal for some UK classic sized high speed trains to use HS2 from London to the Birmingham approaches, then turn off into New Street station using additional junctions near Curzon Street and continue to Wolverhampton and other Midlands destinations.
2. The section of HS2 between International and Curzon Street is fairly low speed, and built alongside existing routes for the most part. These new tracks will likely have spare capacity in this area and might be shared with classic inter-city services on the cross country Birmingham - Derby axis to reduce their conflicts with freight and local passenger movements. Additional junctions in the Water Orton area would be required as well as those provided for proposal 1 above.
3. New Coventry Branch – see p2.



	National Network : UK gauge
	HS2 : International gauge
	Additional Connections : UK gauge / XC services
	Additional Connections : UK gauge / XC + HS2 services



HS2 – Coventry Branch