

Platform reopening will allow extra 8,000 passengers at peak times



PAST GLORY: The old Eurostar terminal, where one of the platforms is to reopen in May

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ONE of the platforms at a railway terminal that has cost the taxpayer millions to stand empty will finally reopen.

Waterloo International will serve commuter routes from May, 2013, Transport Secretary Justine Greening announced last Friday. She said an extra 60

carriages would be able to use the terminal that has remained closed since the Eurostar service moved to St Pancras in 2007.

It cost £2million to keep the £135million terminal under lock and key in 2009/10.

The reopening will allow an extra 8,000 peak-time passengers into Waterloo

station each morning.

Caroline Pidgeon, Lib Dem transport spokeswoman at City Hall, said: "It is clearly good news that at least one platform is now to be brought back in to use to help relieve overcrowding. "We now need to see a timetable for when the other platforms will be open."