

# CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE

Stafford, Crewe, Runcorn, Warrington and Liverpool

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## Building a connected Britain

High Speed Two (HS2) will widen opportunities for millions of people by linking our big cities with London and with each other. It will re-write journey times, creating a high speed line that will integrate the economies of Birmingham, the East Midlands, Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds and many more, as well as connecting them to London, the South East and Europe.



**“The alternatives fail the North West on capacity grounds. HS2 is a crucial lifeline for the North West and the Midlands.”**

Chris Howe, Director, HS2 North West

## Serving regional stations

Journeys to Liverpool from London and the wider Birmingham areas through Birmingham Interchange are expected to be reduced by 32 and 52 minutes respectively when HS2 is up and running.

Crewe and Warrington are expected to experience similar time savings to the faster Liverpool services – around 30 minutes. Other regional stations, such as Stafford and Runcorn, would still see savings, though they will be slightly different, as the trains would leave the HS2 line at Lichfield, not Crewe.

**“Investment in high speed rail offers the optimum way of achieving the increased capacity, improving safety... and containing and eventually reducing emissions.”**

North West Business Leadership Team, ‘Grasping the Opportunity – High Speed Two to the North West’

## Regular, reliable services

Projected high speed services from Liverpool in 2033:

**1hr 36mins to London**

Compared with 2hr 8mins today – two trains per hour

## Journey times

From Liverpool

Destination	Current time (mins)	HS2 time (mins)
London	128	96
Birmingham	122	70

# HOW HS2 WILL CHANGE CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE

## HS2 will connect with the West Coast Main Line at Crewe, allowing high speed rail services to run on to Liverpool, and providing a link to services to Chester and North Wales

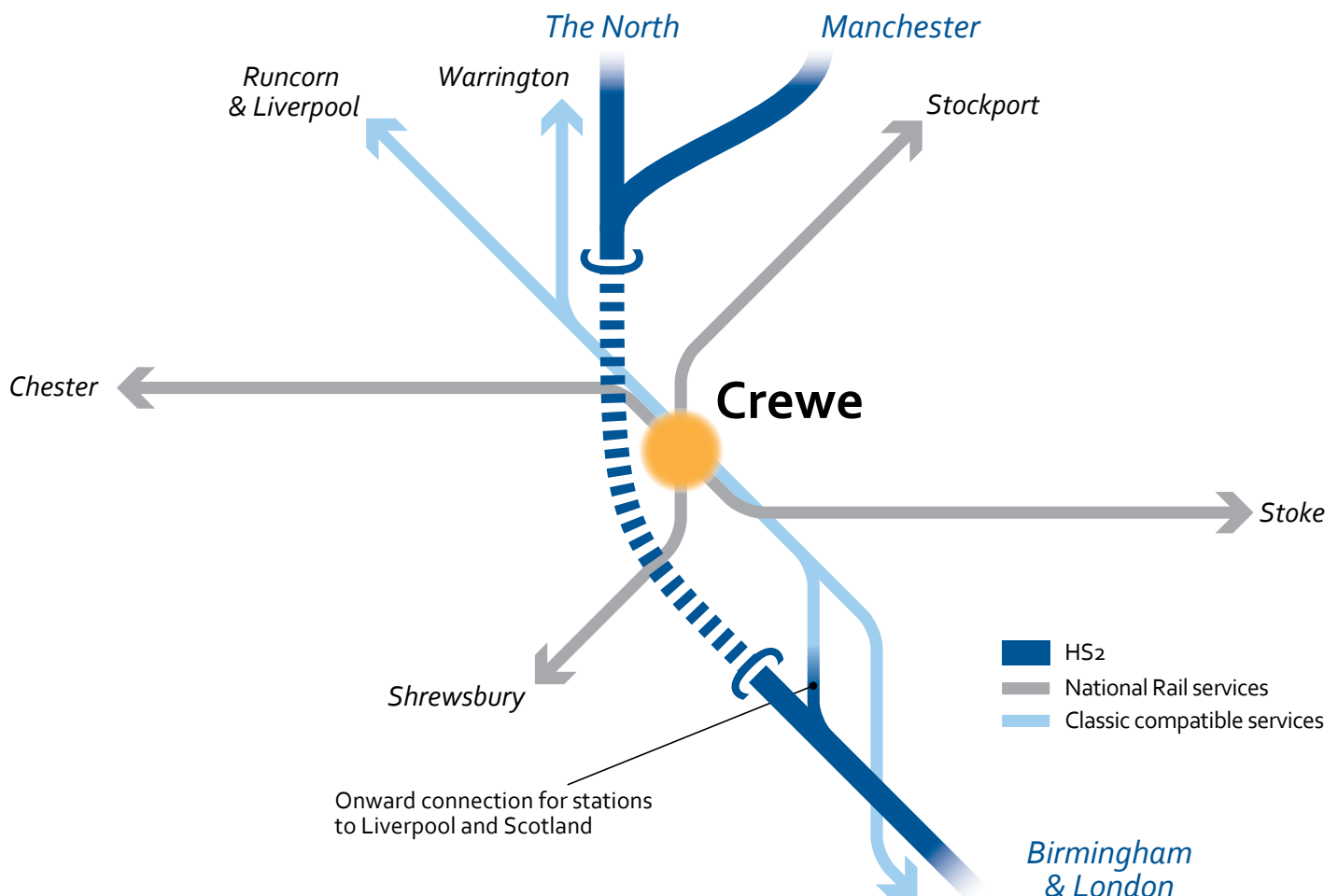
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Key destinations like Liverpool, Runcorn and Crewe will therefore benefit from direct services.

Towns across the wider North West will also gain quicker journeys from HS2, with direct trains able to run to Carlisle, Lancaster, Preston, Wigan, Warrington and Runcorn.

This improved connectivity will unlock the enormous potential and opportunities that cities like Liverpool have to offer, making them more attractive places to locate and do business.

HS2 will also free up space for additional commuter, regional and freight services on our main north-south lines including the West Coast Main Line, so there will be benefits for passengers and businesses, both on and off the new high speed network.



HS2 trains will pass through Crewe, serving Manchester and the North but also connecting with route to Runcorn, Liverpool and Warrington | Source: HS2 Ltd