

Crewe Hub station

Crewe station was opened in 1837 to link the four largest cities in England. It has been a major interchange station ever since.

When HS2 is completed, two high speed trains each hour, in each direction, are due to make a stop at Crewe providing high speed rail services to London. It has been stated that the journey time from Crewe to London will be cut from the current 96 minutes to just 55 minutes.

The Government and Cheshire East Council are supportive of building a major Hub station on the existing Crewe Station site. This would enable more HS2 trains to stop at Crewe - 5 northbound and 7 southbound each hour - giving Crewe and the surrounding region better access to high speed rail services, serving more destinations.

Government position

In July 2017 the Department for Transport produced a consultation document on the Crewe Hub station, looking at various options, the investment needed and how this could be funded.

The consultation period closed on 12 October 2017 and on 9 March 2018 the Secretary of State for Transport issued a response to the Consultation confirming the Government's support for a Crewe Hub station to be developed on the site of the existing Crewe station.

Cheshire East: Crewe Station Hub Area Action Plan Development Strategy

Cheshire East supports HS2, providing that the right level of connectivity is provided through Crewe.

The Council is lobbying strongly for a new Hub Station at Crewe. It believes this will bring economic and social benefits to Crewe and surrounding areas, including support for existing businesses, inward investment and job creation. It has joined forces with 6 other Local Authorities and 2 Local Enterprise Partnerships to form the Constellation Partnership. The Constellation Partnership is developing a growth strategy for the area, to seek to ensure that the opportunities HS2 and a Crewe Hub station present are fully realised.

The arrival of HS2 to Crewe will require significant re-modelling of Crewe Station to create additional passenger capacity and facilities. That in turn will create the need for complementary and supporting development in the environs of the station.

Cheshire East published the Crewe Masterplan Vision in 2017. This sets the agenda for transformational growth for the town of Crewe to tie in with the arrival of HS2. It covers some 120 hectares of land around the proposed hub station and provides a framework to reinvigorate the town centre, create more car parking and a major new commercial hub around the station, deliver an additional 7,000 new homes and enhance the surrounding road network to improve accessibility by 2043.

In November and December of 2018, the Council consulted on a Crewe Station Hub Area Action Plan Issues paper. Feedback received in response to this consultation, alongside the development of further research and evidence, has been used to formulate a Development Strategy.

A Public Consultation is being held on this Development Strategy. The Consultation runs from 12th February until at midnight on 26th March 2019.

Parish Council's position

The Parish Council supports HS2 and a new Hub station at Crewe and the economic and social benefits they should bring to the area providing that the development of the Action Plan area is done sensitively and that a 'green gap' is maintained between it and Weston and Basford, such that the character of Weston and Basford Parish is retained.

The Parish Council has commented on the Crewe Masterplan Vision and the Hub Area Action Plan Issues Paper. It is currently preparing its response to the Development Strategy.