

HS2 is a new high speed railway that will form the backbone of Britain's rail network. HS2 will run between London and Birmingham from 2026, extend to Crewe by 2027 and then link to Manchester and Leeds from 2033.

Trains will continue on up the East and West Coast Main Lines, serving towns and cities all the way to Glasgow and Edinburgh. This will provide millions of people with access to the new high speed network.

HS2 will help unlock Britain's economic potential by bridging geographic divides and delivering a better connected and more balanced economy. It will provide more capacity for local, regional and freight services on existing lines, relieving congestion and providing people with better travel options.

Towns, cities and regions across Britain are planning to use the arrival of HS2 services as a catalyst for growth, with schemes to regenerate urban areas, create jobs and provide greater opportunities for local people.

HS2 services

HS2 trains will serve Liverpool Lime Street and Runcorn stations. These will become 'integrated high speed stations', where passengers can catch HS2 trains and access the high speed network to the south.

With two services every hour in each direction, journey times between Liverpool and London will be over 40 minutes quicker, at just over one and a half hours. Over 15,000 passengers a day will be able to travel on the high speed network to and from Merseyside.

HS2 trains will also stop at Warrington Bank Quay station with a train every hour to and from London.

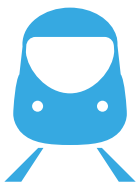


■ Canning Dock.
Image: LEP/Gareth Jones

"HS2 is vital for our plans to boost connections and increase both passenger and freight capacity north-south and east-west"

*Joe Anderson, Mayor,
Liverpool City Region*

Liverpool ↔ London



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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

Warrington ↔ London:

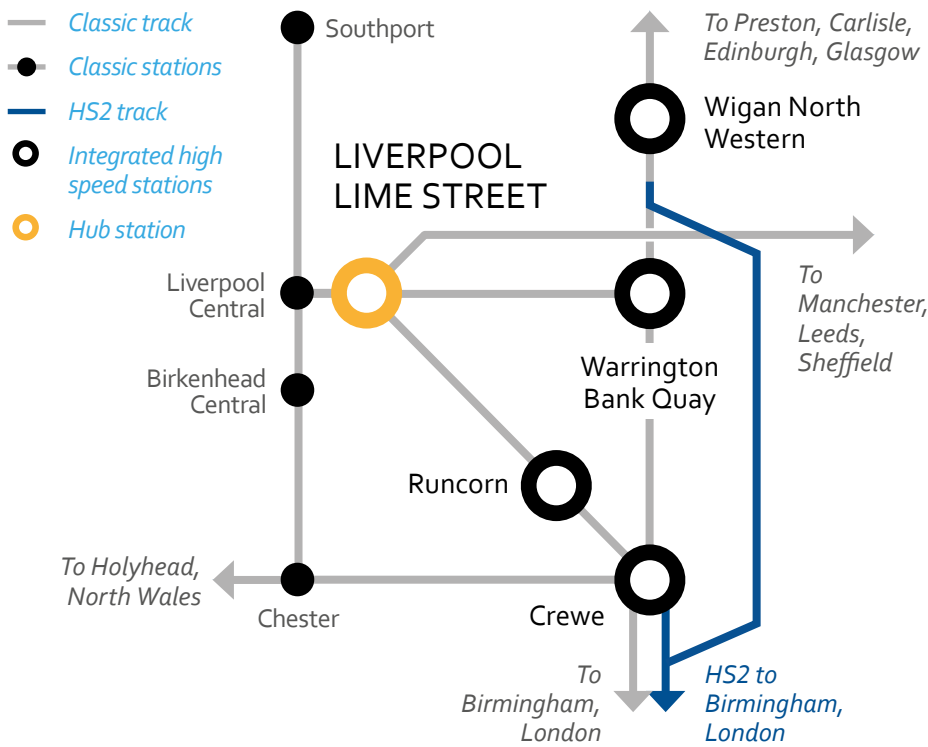


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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving



“A major expansion of Warrington Bank Quay station will both accommodate HS2 services and ensure that Warrington’s already unrivalled connectivity is enhanced.”

Councillor Terry O’Neill, Leader of Warrington Borough Council

“Our maritime trade and industry is thriving. HS2 and its integration into Northern Powerhouse Rail will help unlock its full potential.”

Asif Hamid, Interim Chair of the Liverpool City Region LEP

Connectivity

The Liverpool City Region wants to deliver a world class transport network, with ambitious plans to integrate the planned HS2 route and build on the Northern Powerhouse Rail proposals for high speed east-west links into Liverpool city centre.

HS2 could also help provide capacity on the West Coast Main Line for Warrington’s freight and logistic’s operations. Warrington’s plans foresee the interchange of freight between water, road and rail at Port Warrington. This will support the £14bn Atlantic Gateway project linking Liverpool’s ports to Manchester on the Manchester Ship Canal.

Economy

The Liverpool City LEP Region has an annual economy worth more than £28bn, but its economic reach is much wider.

The new Liverpool2 deep-water container port, logistics facilities and maritime industries come together in the LEP’s vision of the SuperPort. The SuperPort already generates £1.4bn a year and provides over 34,000 jobs, and demand is expected to increase as plans for a global freight and logistics hub are taken forward.

Regeneration

The Liverpool City Region has developed a long-term Rail Strategy covering the next thirty years that includes a multi-modal interchange scheme for the city centre and capacity to accommodate HS2 trains. These redevelopment plans include an ambition to provide the city with truly iconic railway stations and for enhanced integration between all five city-centre stations in Liverpool.

In Warrington, the Council is planning to redevelop Bank Quay station to host HS2 trains and this will act as a catalyst for a major town centre expansion including the redevelopment of the Warrington Waterfront.

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