

# Cheshire East launches consultation on HS2 related development

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Cheshire East Council is moving forward with plans for the arrival of HS2 by launching a six-week consultation on the type of development that could be seen around Crewe railway station.

The draft plans, set out an emerging development strategy and key policies as the next step in preparing an area action plan around Crewe station , and once fully agreed, they will allow the council to manage

development and support the regeneration of the area prior to HS2's arrival.

HS2 provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for Crewe and the wider borough. The plan, currently being developed, supports a long term vision for Crewe. This enables the most immediate opportunities around the railway station, and ensures related growth and development is 'plan-led'.

Councillor Rachel Bailey, leader of Cheshire East Council, said: "I'm excited at the potential and opportunities that HS2 will bring to Cheshire East from 2027. While eight years seems like a long way off, we need to be prepared and plan now to deliver the best outcome for our residents, communities and businesses.

"The Crewe station hub area action plan builds on our previous work for the Crewe masterplan and continues to show government that the right hub at Crewe station will bring opportunities to Crewe and to many other parts of the borough.

"As a council, we do not want to limit what the opportunities are going to be in the area when HS2 arrives. Throughout this consultation, we are working with the community and local businesses, so we have a plan that reflects the ambitions of the local area.

"We continue to work alongside government, Network Rail and strategic partners to deliver our vision for the area. Maximising the potential benefits of an enhanced HS2 hub station at Crewe, and getting this emerging plan right, is the best way to achieve this.

"I would encourage everyone to take a look at the draft plans and contribute to this consultation."