

Crossrail 2

We have an opportunity to secure an important new rail project which could bring substantial improvements to rail services for lines operating out of Waterloo station.

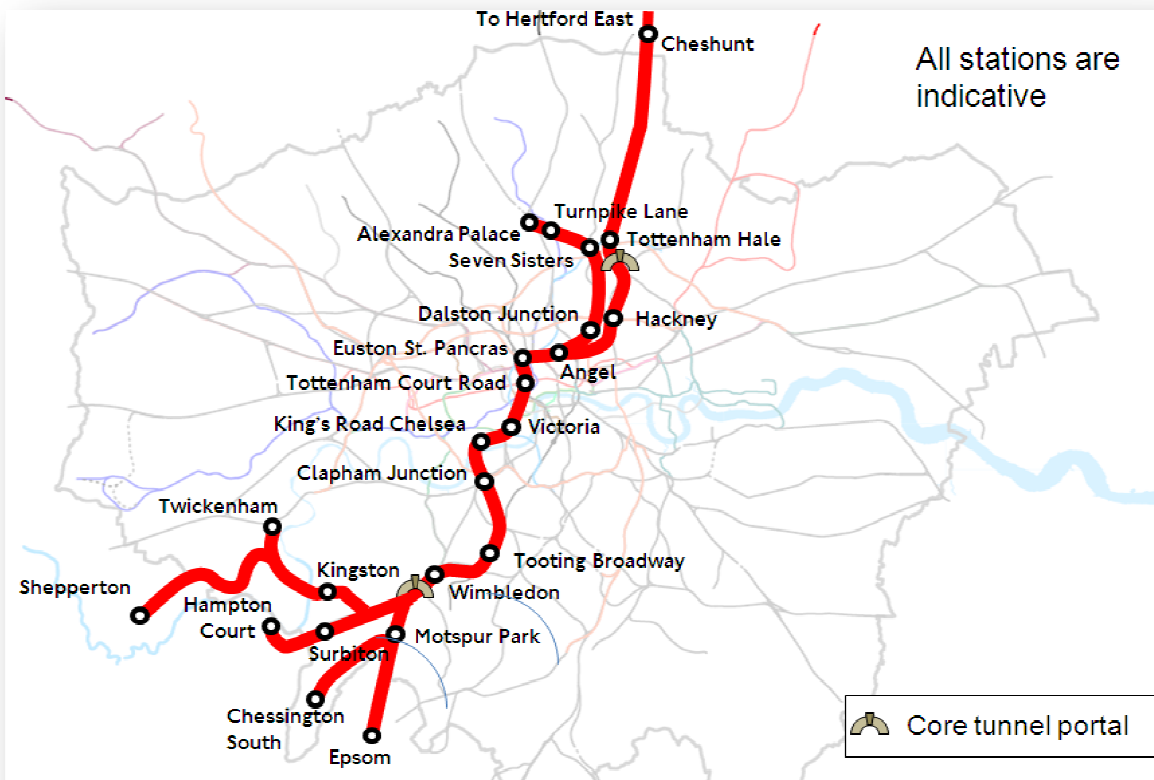
Transport for London (TfL) and Network Rail are consulting about a new rail project called Crossrail 2. There are two variations of this scheme:

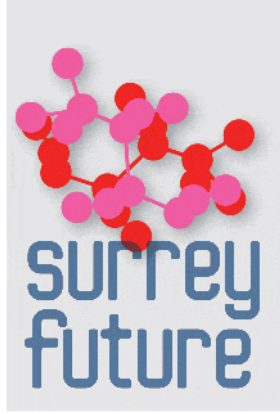
- A purely London scheme which would have benefits solely for the capital
- A “regional” scheme which would have benefits both for London and for a large part of the South East and South West of England.

We strongly recommend support for the regional scheme.

What is Crossrail 2?

Crossrail 2 is a proposed multi-billion pound rail infrastructure project. It will link the South West Main Line with the West Anglia Main Line via a tunnel under London. The tunnel will connect Wimbledon to Tottenham via Euston St. Pancras, Clapham Junction and Victoria.





Advantages of the regional scheme

Both versions of the Crossrail 2 scheme would provide new services across London, including a link to the High Speed 2 line.

The regional scheme has the additional benefit of providing extra capacity on the South West Main Line. It will do this by transferring existing slower sub-urban services from the South West Main Line onto Crossrail 2. This would free up the South West main line for longer distance services from Surrey, Hampshire and the South West.

This could increase the capacity of the South West Main Line by up to 40% at peak times. This will enable up to nine additional trains an hour into London Waterloo, easing overcrowding for Surrey commuters.

This additional capacity is needed urgently. Services on this line are already overcrowded but by 2031 the situation is expected to be worse, with services operating at 137% of capacity in the busiest hour.

Crossrail 2 will also help to speed up journey times to London from areas like Camberley, Bagshot and Frimley which suffer from particularly slow services. This is likely to encourage economic growth in those areas.

The regional option will bring economic benefits not just to Surrey but to all those areas across Southern England that rely on good rail connections to London. This includes Southampton, Portsmouth, Basingstoke and other destinations along the South West Main Line.

The alternative option for the Crossrail 2 route, the 'metro route', is contained within London's boundaries. It will not provide the same economic benefits to Surrey.

The consultation

TfL ask two simple questions, first, whether respondents support the principle of Crossrail 2. We think the answer to that question should be yes. Second, which route option is preferred – the regional or metro route? We strongly urge partners to support the regional option.

We also urge partners to encourage others, whether residents, businesses or other representative groups, to respond to the consultation and promote the regional route.

Further information

More information on Crossrail 2 is available on the TfL website (www.crossrail2.co.uk)

Crossrail 2 is a proposed priority option in the [draft Surrey Rail Strategy](#). The strategy is currently out for consultation and comments are welcomed before the 28 June deadline.

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