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## **GB Railfreight supports new HS2 hub at Crewe**

In response to 'HS2 Plus', a report published today by HS2 Ltd's Chairman David Higgins, John Smith, Managing Director of GB Railfreight, said:

*"GB Railfreight welcomes today's announcement from Sir David Higgins, Chairman of HS2 Ltd, as an important step towards maximising the freight potential from HS2.*

*"The recommendation that phase 1 for HS2 now extends to a new hub at Crewe has the potential to open up routes for freight trains on the existing network.*

*"This extension avoids some of the bottlenecks that could've occurred on the classic network as a result of the original phase 1 proposals.*

*"This is good news for the rail freight industry and good news for the UK economy, and I look forward to working with HS2 Ltd to make the most of the opportunity that this presents for the rail freight industry."*