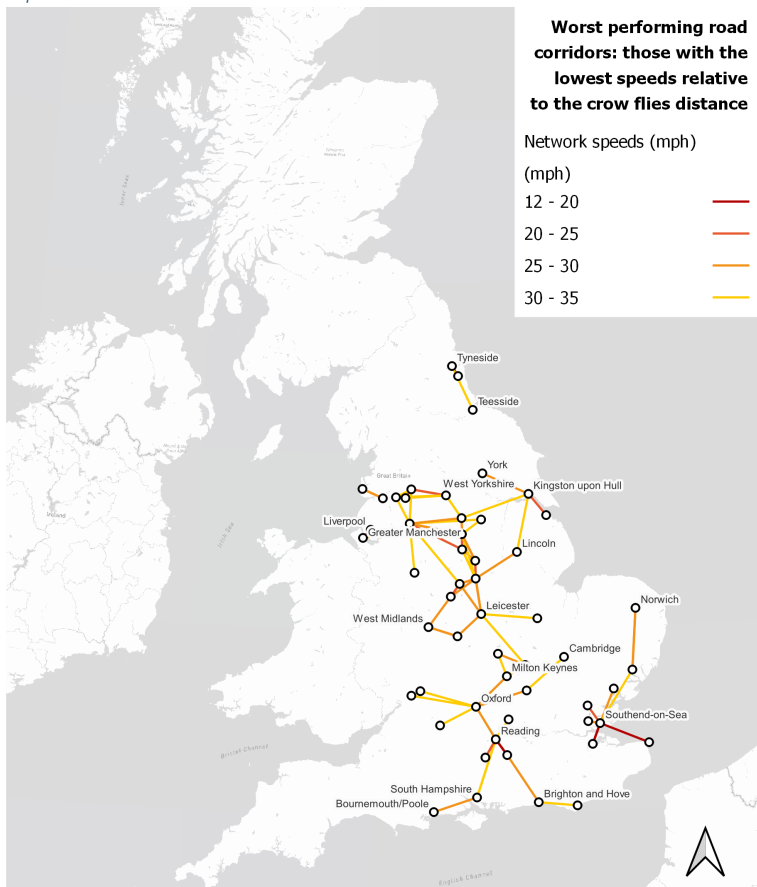


Figure 2: There are a range of direct connections with relatively slow travel times given the distance between the places

Average journey times between cities and towns converted to a crow-fly, or direct, speed for cities and towns with high levels of expected interurban demand. In some cases, there may be very difficult obstacles to creating more direct connectivity, which may lead to many of these routes being considered unfeasible or not cost effective to improve



Source: Steer analysis for National Infrastructure Commission, using Department for Transport (2022) Average speed, delay and reliability of travel times (CGN)