



Department
for Transport



High Speed Two: West Midlands - Leeds and Manchester, and a Heathrow spur (Phase Two)

Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two Consultation

Consultation response form

Consultation closes on 29th April 2013

This consultation seeks your views on the Government's proposals to introduce an Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two of the HS2 project (West Midlands to Leeds and Manchester, and a Heathrow spur).

Please respond online at www.hs2.org.uk or by using this response form.

For more information about the consultation go to the website www.hs2.org.uk or call 020 7944 4908.

HOW TO RESPOND

Please respond either by using this form or online at www.hs2.org.uk

You can send your response by post or by email to the addresses below:

Email HS2EHS@ipsos.com

Post

You do not need a stamp or postcode. Please write the following on the envelope.

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Please read the consultation document called *High Speed Two: Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two* before answering any of the questions – see www.hs2.org.uk. If you have queries please email HS2 Ltd at hszenquiries@hs2.org.uk or call the HS2 Ltd enquiries line on **020 7944 4908**.

Consultation responses and correspondence addressing issues relevant to this consultation that are sent directly to HS2 Ltd will be forwarded to one of the dedicated response channels detailed above for consideration by our response analysis agency.

HS2 Ltd cannot accept responsibility for responses that are sent to any addresses other than those advertised on our website and on all associated consultation documents.

Please tick the box(es) as appropriate, or write your response clearly in black ink within the boxes.

You may add in extra sheets of paper or evidence, if needed, making it clear to which question your answer refers. If you do not have any comments please leave the box(es) blank.

Within this response form please provide views and comments on the **Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two ONLY, not on any other aspect of HS2**. There are or will be other consultations relating to other aspects of HS2 on which you can have your say – please refer to the HS2 website for more details, or to find out where to send your comments on other aspects of HS2.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, in itself, be regarded as binding on the Department for Transport or HS2 Ltd.

The Department for Transport, HS2 Ltd and Ipsos MORI will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties. Contact details that you provide may be used to inform you of the outcomes of the consultation and any decisions in due course.

If you wish for your response to be treated as confidential please **tick** **the box** and write in your reasons in the box below.

PART ONE - INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Section A

Are you responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation or group?

Please tick ONE box only

Providing my own response (please complete section B below, then go to **Part Two**)

Providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group (please complete section C below, then go to **Part Two**)

Section B

If you are providing your own response:

It is important that you provide your name, address, postcode and, where appropriate, an email address in case we need to contact you to confirm any details from your response.

Your Contact Details:

First name:
Surname:
Address:
Postcode:
Email:

Which ONE of these best applies to this household:

(Please refer to the Command Paper *High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future – Phase Two: the route to Leeds, Manchester and beyond* which sets out the Government's initial preferred route options for Phase Two of the high speed rail network.)

Please tick all box(es) that apply

I/We own and live in a property within the area of the Government's initial preferred route options for Phase Two

I/We own a property within the area of the Government's initial preferred route options for Phase Two, but live somewhere else

I/We do not own a property within the area of the Government's initial preferred route options for Phase Two

Don't know/would prefer not to say

Section C

If you are providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group:

The name and details of the organisation or group may be subject to publication or appear in the final report

Details of your Organisation or Group

What is your name, role and the name, address and email address of the organisation or group on whose behalf you are submitting this response?

Please write in the box below

Your Name:
Role:
Name of the organisation or group:
Address of organisation or group:
Email:

What category of organisation or group are you representing?

Please tick ALL boxes that apply

- Academic (includes universities and other academic institutions)
- Action group (includes rail and action groups specifically campaigning on the high speed rail network proposals)
- Business (local, regional, national or international)
- Elected representative (includes MPs, MEPs, and local councillors)
- Environment, heritage, amenity or community group (includes environmental groups, schools, church groups, residents' associations, recreation groups, rail user groups and other community interest organisations)
- Local government (includes county councils, district councils, parish and town councils and local partnerships)
- Other representative group (includes chambers of commerce, trade unions, political parties and professional bodies)
- Statutory agency
- Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation (includes transport bodies, transport providers, infrastructure providers and utility companies)

Please tell us who the organisation or group represents and, where applicable, how you assembled the views of members:

Please write in the box below





PART TWO - CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

ALL TO ANSWER

The Government is seeking views on the questions set out below. These are in the same order as they are listed in the consultation document. In each case, the Government is interested in whether or not you agree with its proposals and why, as well as any additional evidence that you feel it should consider in reaching its final decision.

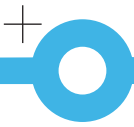
Introduction of an Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two of the HS2 project

Before answering Question 1 please read pages 9 – 10 in the *High Speed Two: Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two* consultation document.

Question 1

Do you agree or disagree that the Department for Transport should introduce an Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two ahead of decisions on how to proceed with the routes? What are your reasons?

Please summarise your key comments within this box.



Exceptional Hardship Scheme Principles and Criteria

Before answering Question 2 please read pages 10 – 13 in the *High Speed Two: Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two* consultation document.

Question 2

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed criteria underpinning the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two? What are your reasons? Please specify any alternative principles you would propose, including specific criteria for determining qualification for the scheme.

In this box please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposed criteria underpinning the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two and explain your reasons.

In this box please specify any alternative principles you would propose, including specific criteria for determining qualifications for the scheme.



Operation of the Phase Two Exceptional Hardship Scheme

Before answering Question 3 please read pages 14 – 15 in the *High Speed Two: Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two* consultation document.

Question 3

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed process for operating the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two? What are your reasons? Please specify any alternative arrangements which you would suggest.

In this box please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the proposed process for operating the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two and explain your reasons.

In this box please specify below any alternative arrangements which you would suggest for operating the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for Phase Two?

Additional Evidence

Have you attached additional evidence to this response from?

Please tick ONE box only

Yes

If you have attached additional evidence, please write in the number of pages in this box

No

Thank you for completing the response form. Your views play an important role in informing the Government's decision.

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