

HS2 Phase 2b Crewe – Manchester

January 2022

We're sending you this leaflet to let you know that the UK Government has introduced the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill into Parliament for the next part of the HS2 railway network.

In this leaflet you will find information about:

- the Bill;
- the launch of public consultations;
- webinars that we'll be holding; and
- ways to find out more.



What is happening now?

The Government has introduced a Bill into Parliament to seek authorisation to build and operate a new high-speed railway, as part of the HS2 network, between Crewe and Manchester, with links to the West Coast Main Line to enable trains to serve stations in Scotland and the North West. The Bill process could take a number of years.

Information about the outcomes of consultations held in 2018 (Working draft Environmental Statement Consultation) and 2020 (Western Leg Design Refinement Consultation) has also been published.

You can find out more by visiting www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester or by getting in touch with our Helpdesk using the contact details at the end of this leaflet.

If your land or property is directly affected we have written to you separately.

What will happen next?

The Bill is accompanied by an Environmental Statement that reports the environmental impacts of the planned new railway.

Public consultations are taking place on the Environmental Statement, as well as the Equality Impact Assessment Report, and you can find out more about these in the next section of this leaflet.

What to do if you need help

If you need any help understanding our proposals or accessing documents please contact our Helpdesk.

We recognise HS2 will affect those communities along the route of the new railway and how important it is to deliver this project with compassion and empathy.



Public consultations on the HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe – Manchester Environmental Statement and the Equality Impact Assessment Report are open now and will close on 31 March 2022.

Consultation on the HS2 (Crewe – Manchester) Environmental Statement

The Environmental Statement is where we report on what effects the planned new railway is likely to have on the environment and the reasonable alternatives we considered.

You can comment on the Environmental Statement at <https://ipsos.uk/HS2ES>.

You can download the Environmental Statement Consultation form at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester-environmental-statement-consultation>.

Consultation on the HS2 (Crewe – Manchester) Equality Impact Assessment Report

The Equality Impact Assessment is where we report on how the planned new railway could have a different impact on people with protected characteristics like disability or gender.

You can comment on the Equality Impact Assessment Report at <https://ipsos.uk/HS2EQIA>.

You can download the Equality Impact Assessment Report Consultation form at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester-equality-impact-assessment-report-consultation>.

If you'd like a paper copy of either response form, please contact our Helpdesk.

You can then:

- email your response to:
HS2BillES@Ipsos-MORI.com
- post your response to:
FREEPOST HS2 Bill ES

You can then:

- email your response to:
HS2BillEQIA@Ipsos-MORI.com
- post your response to:
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Anyone can respond to these consultations.



Live webinars

We are holding a series of live webinars about the Bill and what it means for locations along the Phase 2b: Crewe-Manchester route.

You can find out more about these and register to join by visiting www.hs2.org.uk/events.

If you need assistance please contact our Helpdesk.



How to find out more

Online	Visit www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester to find out more about the project and access information about the aspects that are most important to you.
Helpdesk	<p>Our Helpdesk is available all day every day to answer your questions or put you in contact with a member of our team that can help.</p> <p>Contact details can be found at the end of this leaflet.</p> <p>People who are unable to access the internet can call our Helpdesk to request a copy of any published document.</p>
Public libraries and local authority offices	<p>You can view the Bill and accompanying documents at public libraries and local authority offices.</p> <p>You can find a list of these at www.gov.uk/hs2-phase2b-crewe-manchester, or contact our Helpdesk if you need assistance.</p>

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help.

Residents' Commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you. The Commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at <http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner>

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the [HS2 Community Engagement Strategy](#). The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2. The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The Commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The Commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted at: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out all about HS2 and properties along the line of route by visiting: www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you're eligible for compensation at: www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason, you can make a complaint by contacting our HS2 Helpdesk team. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website: www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain

Contact us

Our HS2 Helpdesk team are available all day, every day. You can contact them via:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write to

FREEPOST
HS2 Community Engagement

Website www.hs2.org.uk

To keep up to date with what is happening in your area, visit:

www.hs2inyourarea.co.uk

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