

## About the High Speed Two (HS2) EqIA consultation – Euston area

### What is HS2?

**High Speed Two (HS2) is a new high speed railway proposed by the Government to connect big cities in Britain.** HS2 Ltd is working with all the people and organisations that could be affected by its building proposals at Euston, like the neighbours, local councils and businesses.

### What is an equality impact assessment (EqIA)?

**HS2 Ltd aims to be fair to people in how it builds and operates the new railway.** An EqIA helps companies to do the right thing when they plan changes. HS2's *EqIA update* looks at how people with 'protected characteristics'<sup>1</sup> are likely to be more affected, or affected in a particular way, by the Government's proposal to build and operate a new high speed railway.

### Why an EqIA for Euston Station and Approach (Area CFA1)?

HS2 Ltd has recently changed the building proposals for Euston station and the area around it. **This EqIA update is HS2 Ltd's assessment so far about how local people in protected groups could be affected.**

HS2 Ltd wants to be sure it has all the information it needs to decide the right things for local people, including people in protected groups. **HS2 Ltd wants to know if you agree with the EqIA update and if you think something's missing.** It will read all the replies you send and make a summary for Parliament to discuss.

### Who needs to read it?

**Anyone** who wants to know how local people in protected groups could be affected by HS2 Ltd's building proposals at Euston can read the *EqIA update*. You can find it, and a shorter *EqIA summary*, in the equality impact assessment consultation section at [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2) and at your local library.

You can see the map of the area covered by HS2's *EqIA update* (Euston Station and Approach area (CFA1)) on page 3 of the *EqIA summary* and at your local library.

You can also ask for the *EqIA summary* in another format. Call the HS2 helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 or email [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk) if you need to know more.

### What can I do now?

Visit the EqIA consultation page at [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2) and follow the steps to tell HS2 Ltd your views.

This is a public consultation. HS2 Ltd welcomes replies from any person or organisation.

The consultation will close at 11:45pm on 6 November 2015.

HS2 Ltd will continue to work with local people so please look out for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> The Equality Act 2010 explains that these protected characteristics can be your age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation. You can find out more about this at [www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance).