

HS2 in your area

High Speed Two is the Government's planned new, high speed railway. HS2 Ltd is the company responsible for designing and building the railway, and for making recommendations to the Government.

This factsheet, produced to accompany the announcement of the route for Phase 2b, explains what a hybrid Bill is and how the parliamentary process works.

What is a hybrid Bill?

A hybrid Bill is legislation proposed in Parliament to secure powers to construct and operate major infrastructure projects of national importance, promoted by the Government. The Bill sets out proposals for introducing new laws or changing existing ones to enable the delivery of a major project. Recent hybrid Bills include those leading to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Act 1996 (High Speed One) and the Crossrail Act 2008.

Hybrid Bills differ from most Government Bills because they address both public and private matters. Most Government Bills are public Bills, as they include proposals for legislation that affects everyone equally. Private Bills, on the other hand, change the law in a way that affects certain individuals in a different way from others. A hybrid Bill does both.

In order to secure the powers to build HS2, HS2 Ltd will work with the Government to develop hybrid Bills for each stage of the project.

Three hybrid Bills will be used to secure powers to deliver HS2, for:

- Phase One, covering the route from London to the West Midlands. As at November 2016, this Bill is in the House of Lords and Royal Assent is expected shortly.
- Phase 2a, covering the route from the West Midlands to Crewe, which is expected to be brought forward in 2017.
- Phase 2b, covering the route from Crewe to Manchester and the West Coast Main Line, and from the West Midlands to Leeds and the East Coast Main Line, which we expect to be introduced in Parliament in 2019.

The actual timetable for the deposit of Bills and Royal Assent depends on the approval of Parliament.



For questions about HS2, call our
Community Relations team on 020 7944 4908

Why the Government is using hybrid Bills for HS2

A hybrid Bill will not only grant deemed planning permission to build the HS2 network, but will also give it powers to:

- build, operate and maintain HS2 and its associated works;
- compulsorily acquire interests in the land required;
- affect or change rights of way, including the stopping-up or diversion of highways and waterways (permanently or temporarily);
- modify infrastructure belonging to statutory undertakers (e.g. utility companies);
- carry out work on listed buildings and demolish buildings in Conservation Areas; and
- carry out protective works to buildings and third-party infrastructure.

Supporting documents

Parliamentary Standing Orders require that each of the HS2 hybrid Bills, when submitted to Parliament, be accompanied by a set of documents. These documents include:

- a Book of Reference containing the names of the owners, lessees and occupiers of all the land and property which may be compulsorily acquired or temporarily used;
- a Housing Statement, setting out the number of houses and residents that would be affected by the compulsory acquisition of the land in the Bill;
- an Environmental Impact Assessment Report describing the scheme, its significant environmental effects and the measures being taken as part of the scheme to mitigate them; and
- an estimate of the expense of acquiring the necessary land and building the railway.

As part of the development of the hybrid Bill, HS2 Ltd must undertake extensive work to understand the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the route, and what opportunities exist to mitigate these impacts. In its work to develop the route and understand the impacts, HS2 Ltd will consult with stakeholders and individuals to understand local concerns and issues.

Who are HS2 Ltd?

We are the company set up by the Government to deal with the design, engineering and technical requirements of building the railway.

We also have an important role in making sure that if you're affected by the Government's plans, you understand what to expect (and when), and how we can help.

Contact us at HS2

If you have any questions about this leaflet, please get in touch. You can contact our helpdesk on:

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E: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

For the latest documents including route plans and profile maps visit:

www.gov.uk/hs2

The hybrid Bill process

Following First Reading of the Bill and the deposit of supporting documents, the public has an opportunity to comment on the Impact Assessment Report. At Second Reading, the principles of the hybrid Bill are established before a Select Committee is set up.

This stage is unique to hybrid Bills. The Select Committee, in each House, consists of members who have no personal interest in the project. They consider evidence put forward by petitioners and the Promoter (the Secretary of State) and determine whether they should recommend changes to address the petitioners' issues. This may result in further amendments to the hybrid Bill. A Public Bill Committee of Members of Parliament then reviews the Bill and may further amend it, after which the Bill undergoes its Third Reading.

A similar process is followed in the House of Lords. The Bill returns to the Commons for consideration of any amendments made in the Lords and then receives Royal Assent, becoming an Act of Parliament.



Check gov.uk/hs2 to see the Environmental Statements published so far

Out of date as of 17 July 2017

Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed via various channels



Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we possibly can with people who live along or near the HS2 route. You can read it by visiting: www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter

We also have an independent Residents' Commissioner whose job is to make sure we keep to the promises we make in the Charter and to keep it under constant review. The first of the Residents' Commissioner's reports is published at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-commissioner-report-1-may-2015

You can contact the Commissioner at:

residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Project updates

For more information about Phase Two, visit

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-two-from-the-west-midlands-to-leeds-and-manchester

And for details of events in your area, visit

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-events

Contact us

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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

You can also find out if you're eligible for compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Jobs and skills

To see what jobs are available on HS2 at the moment, check our careers page:

<http://careers.hs2.org.uk>

If you're a student wondering what careers in STEM subjects are like, check out articles and have a look around our Plotr World:

www.plotr.co.uk/careers/worlds/hs2

And if you're a business wondering how to get involved with HS2, have a look at our guides and updates on:

www.gov.uk/hs2 – search for **HS2 business**

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