

HS2 Phase 2a Consultation

West Midlands to Crewe

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We recently sent you a leaflet about the consultation that has been launched by the Government regarding HS2 Phase 2a, the new high-speed railway between the West Midlands and Crewe.

This leaflet explains more about the purpose of the consultation and next steps.

After many years of development and extensive consultation, we expect the Phase 2a scheme to soon achieve Royal Assent and become an Act. However, the passing of the Bill does not mean the end of engagement with local communities. Indeed, it is only the beginning of a renewed effort to try to mitigate the impacts of the HS2 works on them.

After discussions with Parliamentarians, we have decided to undertake further consultation on a variety of issues. This includes the impact of HS2 on the natural environment, HS2 traffic due to the construction work and seeks views on local transport provision and whether upgrades to existing railway stations, new railway stations or new rail lines are needed to connect to the scheme.

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Responses to this consultation will help us understand in more detail the environmental impacts of the scheme on local communities as we take the scheme forwards, and to identify and implement further mitigation measures.

As we move into detailed design of the Phase 2a scheme it is vital that we understand fully the concerns and needs of local communities. We want to work with them to design a scheme that addresses the concerns of residents and which results in a railway we can be proud of. HS2 Ltd's aspiration is to be a good neighbour every single day, by respecting the people and communities we impact and being sensitive to their needs.

Your responses will help us better understand the concerns of local communities on their local transport provision. It will help inform Government policy on HS2 Phase 2a and the environment, and on future proposals for services on HS2 Phase 2a and the conventional rail (i.e. the Network Rail network) and other transport networks.

Once the responses are analysed we will publish a summary report and set out how we propose to address the issues raised.

Engagement with affected communities is at the heart of our plans for HS2 and it is our commitment to ensure we listen to those affected by the scheme. We look forward to hearing your views in response to this consultation.

Key information

The consultation will close at 11:45pm on Friday, 26 February 2021.

You can access the consultation documents at www.hs2.org.uk/phase2a

You can respond to the consultation at <https://ipsos.uk/hs2phase2aconsultation>

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