

## High Speed Two Phase 2b: Crewe – Manchester and West Midlands – Leeds

### Consultation on the working draft Environmental Statement Response form

**This consultation seeks your views on the working draft Environmental Statement for HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe – Manchester and West Midlands – Leeds.**

You can respond to the consultation by any of the methods below:

Online: <https://ipsos.uk/environment2b>

Email: [environment2b@ipsos-mori.com](mailto:environment2b@ipsos-mori.com)

Post: **FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION**

**This consultation will close at 11:45pm on 21 December 2018.**

A separate consultation is also being carried out on the working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report. There are specific response mechanisms for this consultation.

For more information about both consultations, please visit our website

[www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b) or call our Freephone helpline on **08081 434 434**.

# PART ONE

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If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential please tick  the box below.

I want my response to be treated as confidential.

*Please write your reasons in the box below.*

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To view our full privacy notice please visit **[www.hs2.org.uk/privacy-notice](http://www.hs2.org.uk/privacy-notice)**

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**Are you under 16?**  If so please ask a parent, guardian or teacher to print their name and sign below to indicate that they are happy for your response to be considered.

Parent / guardian / teacher name:
Parent / guardian / teacher signature:

**Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group?**

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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**If yes, please include the name of your organisation:**

Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Selby and Ainsty
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*Please note: 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, unless you have requested confidentiality.*

**What category of organisation or group are you representing?**

Please tick  one box that applies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic (includes universities and other academic institutions)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other representative group (includes chambers of commerce, trade unions, political parties and professional bodies)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Action group (includes rail and action groups specifically campaigning on the high speed rail network proposals)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory agency   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business (local, regional, national or international)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate, housing associations or property-related organisations  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected representative (includes MPs, MEPs, and local councillors)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation (includes transport bodies, transport providers, infrastructure providers and utility companies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment, heritage, amenity or community group (includes environmental groups, schools, church groups, residents' associations, recreation groups, rail user groups and other community interest organisations) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please describe:<br>_____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government (includes county councils, district councils, parish and town councils and local partnerships)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say  |

# PART TWO

## **Consultation questions**

The working draft Environmental Statement describes the likely environmental effects of building and operating Phase 2b of HS2; as well as proposed ways to avoid, reduce, mitigate and monitor the effects.

Feedback on the working draft Environmental Statement will be taken into consideration as we develop the design for the railway and finalise the Environmental Statement that will be submitted to Parliament alongside the hybrid Bill.

The working draft Environmental Statement documents are available:

- Online via **[www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b)**
- For review at a series of information points and at our public information events – please visit **[www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b](http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase2b)** for more details
- On request from the HS2 Helpdesk (details at the end of this document).

## 1. What comments do you have on the information presented in the working draft Environmental Statement?

To help us analyse your comments, please tick which community area(s) or documents your comments relate to. If your comments relate to the whole of HS2 Phase 2b, please tick 'route wide':

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Route wide                                | <input type="checkbox"/> LA08 – Pinxton to Newton and Huthwaite   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA01 Hough to Walley's Green              | <input type="checkbox"/> LA09 – Stonebroom to Clay Cross  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA02 – Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam      | <input type="checkbox"/> LA10 – Tibshelf to Shuttlewood   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA03 – Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath   | <input type="checkbox"/> LA11 – Staveley to Aston   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA04 – Broomedge to Glazebrook            | <input type="checkbox"/> LA12 – Ulley to Bramley  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA05 – Risley to Bamfurlong               | <input type="checkbox"/> LA13 – Ravenfield to Clayton   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA06 – Hulseheath to Manchester Airport   | <input type="checkbox"/> LA14 – South Kirkby to Sharlston Common  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA07 – Davenport Green to Ardwick         | <input type="checkbox"/> LA15 – Warmfield to Swillington and Woodlesford  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MA08 – Manchester Piccadilly Station      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LA16 – Garforth and Church Fenton   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA01 – Lea Marston to Tamworth            | <input type="checkbox"/> LA17 – Stourton to Hunslet   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA02 – Birchmoor to Austrey               | <input type="checkbox"/> LA18 – Leeds Station   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA03 – Appleby Parva to Ashby-de-la-Zouch | <input type="checkbox"/> MML01 – Danesmoor to Brierley Bridge   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA04 – Coleorton to Kegworth              | <input type="checkbox"/> MML02 – Unstone Green to Sheffield Station   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA05 – Ratcliffe-on-Soar to Long Eaton    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-route effects   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA06 – Stapleford to Nuthall              | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternatives report  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LA07 – Hucknall to Selston                | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Code of Construction Practice  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure – please use this postcode to determine which community area my comments relate to: |

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## Introduction and Overview

- > The Initial Preferred Route (IPR) was announced in January 2013 - nearly six years ago - the uncertainty has caused a great deal of stress to my constituents. While this consultation is welcomed it is important that outstanding design and integration issues are urgently resolved.
- > In the response to the "Line of route consultation" in 2013 the primary concerns raised were the viaduct in Church Fenton and the close proximity of the line to homes on the Sandwath estate.
- > Additionally more fundamental questions were raised about the integration of HS2 services with suburban Leeds to York, freight on the Normanton line and the fast East Coast Mainline services which is not joined until Colton Junction i.e there are two HS2 junctions, not one.
- > The other comment submitted at that time was that London to Newcastle HS2 services would not be able to stop in Leeds - which is a further integration issue.

## Scope of comments in response to the WDES Consultation

- > The Working Draft ES (WDES) includes details of the construction process, construction depots, access routes for construction and mitigation measures for the environmental impact of the new railway on the surrounding area. Local residents, Parish Councils and Selby District Council have been encouraged to respond on these points because they have the required local knowledge.
- > The higher level concern is that the configuration of the junction between Church Fenton and Ulleskelf is not yet finalised. The junction configuration determines whether a viaduct is required and the height of any viaduct. This is essential input to the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA). Similarly the height of the viaduct and sound mitigation measures have an influence both on visual impact and on noise contours and Noise Impact Assessment (NIA).
- > The design is seen to be evolving in that the IPR showed HS2 joining the Eastern pair of tracks via a grade separated junction but the WDES ( after clarification because of differing presentation within the documents) now shows HS2 joining the western pair with only the existing downline having to be crossed.
- > The design as presented in the WDES is incomplete because it does not resolve the integration issues which were raised nearly 6 years ago. The following more detailed design issues stand out
  - > Lowering of Common Lane - this unlikely to be acceptable because it is a flood plain
  - > The use of the Western Pair is more logical than the Eastern Pair and could provide a fast path all the way into York. However the design is incomplete because matters such as HS2 touch points and Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) integration are still not defined.

## Summary

Taking the above points together the WDES consultation cannot be completed for this section of HS2 because boundary issues concerning integration, funding agreement and junction design are yet to be finalised. The need for a viaduct is unclear. The ES states that it will take 4 years to build, the viaduct is a major consideration for construction sites and access. The viaduct is major consideration for the LVIA and NIA.

Until these matter are resolved this consultation on the WDES should be treated as provisional.

## **2. Do you have any suggestions about additional information or assessments that should be included in the Environmental Statement?**

Church Fenton to York

The assessment should be extended from the junction with the Leeds to York Line at least as far as Colton Junction and ideally to York Station.

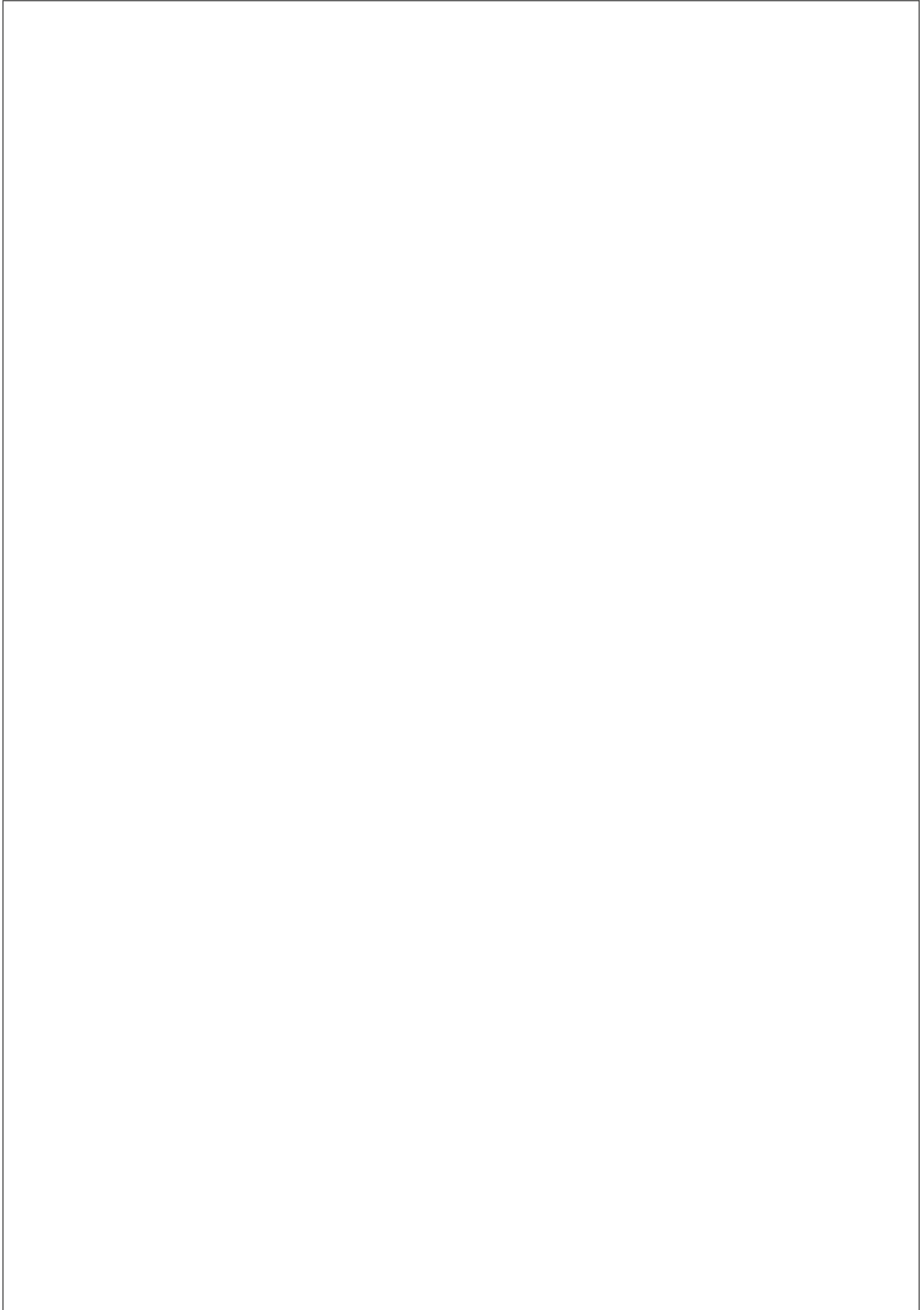
The IPR included a grade separated junction where HS2 joined the Leeds to York line but did not provide any detail of how HS2 and would join with the faster, busier East Coast Mainline which it joins at Colton. Neither does it deal with how HS2 trains will be accommodated in York Station.

If trains are to run at high speed all the way into York then this should be dealt with by an extension to the ES because of noise and visual impact.

Touch point

If there is to be a touch point between Leeds and Church Fenton then this should also be within the scope of the ES.





### 3. Do you have any other comments?

The Initial Preferred Route (IPR) was announced in January 2013 - nearly six years ago - the uncertainty has caused a great deal of stress to my constituents. While this consultation is welcomed it is important that outstanding design and integration issues are urgently resolved.

Given that the configuration of the junction is still being reviewed it will be important to consult again when the design is finalised and LVIA and NIA is available for the design that will go forward for inclusion in the Hybrid Bill.

While proximity of the line to homes on Sandwath estate has been a major concern since the IPR was announced and the community has engaged with the consultation process it is disappointing that the recently released draft plans show the line closer to homes on Sandwath estate than originally proposed.

If the viaduct could be designed out it would

- > Save money
- > Enable the line to be moved further away from Sandwath estate
- > Enable construction time for this section to be reduced from the 4 years required for a viaduct.
- > Reduce visual impact across the flood plain
- > While facilitating better integration

*Please attach additional pages if required.*

## PART THREE

### **Submitting your response**

Thank you for completing the response form. Please send it to the Freepost address below.

### **FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION**

Please note: no additional address information is required and you do not need a stamp. Please use capital letters.

Email your response to: **environment2b@ipsos-mori.com**

An online version of this response form can be found at the consultation's website:  
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**This consultation will close at 11:45pm on 21 December 2018. Please ensure you send your response by this date.**

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# Keeping you informed

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' 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. [www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-residents-charter](http://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. Find reports at: [www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner)

You can contact the Commissioner at: [residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk](mailto:residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk)

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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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2)

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