

High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe)

Supplementary Environmental Statement 2
and Additional Provision 2 (February 2019)

Guide to the SES2 and AP2

In July 2017, the Government deposited a Bill in Parliament seeking powers to construct, operate and maintain the second phase of the High Speed Two (HS2) railway, between the West Midlands and Crewe, known as 'Phase 2a'. Alongside it was an Environmental Statement (the 'main ES') setting out the likely significant effects of the proposals.

In March 2018, the Government deposited a further set of documents known as an Additional Provision (AP), proposing changes to the Bill.

It included an environmental statement (the AP1 ES), which reported the significant environmental effects of the changes and our proposals to manage, reduce or avoid them.

The AP was also accompanied by a Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES1), which reported the likely significant environmental effects of changes that were new, but did not require changes to the Bill.

The Government is now depositing a second AP (AP2), which proposes further changes to the Bill, along with an Environmental Statement (AP2 ES) and a second Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES2).

Why is the Bill being changed?

The proposed changes reflect our refinements to the design and discussions with petitioners and stakeholders, including utility companies. A number of these changes require amendments to the Bill which are outside the original proposals. These changes make up an Additional Provision. The latest AP (AP2) includes the following documents:

- a paper of amendments to the Bill;
- plans and sections that show the proposed amendments;
- a book of reference, identifying the owners and occupiers of affected land; and
- the AP2 Environmental Statement (AP2 ES). This reports on the significant environmental effects that the AP2 amendments are likely to have where these are new or different to those reported in the main ES as updated by SES1 and SES2. It also outlines the measures that are being proposed to avoid, reduce or manage these effects.

What is the SES2?

SES2 reports on changes including new and updated environmental baseline information (e.g. as a result of further surveys completed), changes to the design and construction assumptions, and corrections to the main ES and SES1.

What is an AP?

An Additional Provision is a package of proposed amendments to a Bill.

APs are part of normal procedure for projects of this kind; a number of APs may be put forward on the Bill's journey through Parliament.

What has been published?

A full list of the documents that have been deposited is available online at www.gov.uk/hs2.

Alternatively, please call our helpdesk, which is open 24/7 on Freephone **08081 434 434**, to find out which documents may be relevant to you.

Can I object to the AP?

Persons whose property or interests are specially or directly affected by the amendments to the Bill for which powers are sought under the AP have the right to petition against the AP. If you are directly affected you will have received a notice, together with a letter and a guidance leaflet explaining what to do next.

The last date for depositing a petition against the proposals is **1pm on Friday 15 March**.

Petitions will be heard by the Select Committee that is considering the Bill. For further information on the Committee process, visit www.parliament.uk and search for 'hybrid Bill'.

How do I find the environmental information I need?

The SES2 and the AP2 ES are separate environmental statements, but are presented in combined volumes so that they can be reviewed together. They are made up of a number of documents that are publicly available.

Non-technical summary

This is a summary of the changes and amendments reported in the SES2 and AP2 ES, and of any new or different likely significant residual effects on the environment (i.e. effects which are likely to remain after mitigation measures are put in place) compared to those reported in the main ES, as updated by SES1. AP1 amendments are taken into account where relevant.

You may find this a useful place to start.

Glossary of terms and list of abbreviations

This contains any new or different terms and abbreviations used throughout the SES2 and AP2 ES which are not already explained in the main ES or the SES1 and AP1 ES.

Volume 1: Introduction and methodology

This introduces the changes in the SES2, and the amendments that have resulted in the need to amend the Bill in the AP2 ES. It also explains the environmental impact assessment process that has been applied.

Volume 2: Community Area (CA) reports and map books

Each of these reports focuses on a particular area along the route. Volume 2 describes:

- the changes included within the SES2; and
- amendments within the AP2 ES.

Volume 2 reports any significant environmental effects that are likely to arise, where these are new or different from those reported in the main ES, as amended by SES1. The AP1 amendments are taken into account where relevant.

They also set out the measures that are being proposed to avoid, prevent or reduce the effects.

There are also map books for each CA showing 'before' and 'after' details of the proposed changes and amendments.

Can I comment on the SES2 and AP2 ES?

Yes. The Government is consulting on the SES2 and the AP2 ES.

The consultation will run until **23:45 on Friday 29 March 2019**.

Information about how to respond to the consultation can be found on www.gov.uk/hs2.

Volume 3: Route-wide effects

This volume reports any likely significant route-wide effects, where these are new or different from those previously reported.

Volume 4: Off-route effects

A separate Volume 4 has not been produced. Any new or different significant off-route effects arising from the changes and amendments are reported in the most relevant Volume 2 community area report.

Volume 5: Technical appendices and map book

This volume comprises technical appendices which contain supporting environmental information and associated maps.

Structure of the SES2 and AP2 ES

This guide includes a diagram showing the structure of the SES2 and AP2 ES, as well as the types of documents included with each volume.

Where are the documents available?

Digital – in areas affected by the amendments in AP2, we have supplied copies of the documents to libraries, local authority offices and parish councils.

A list of locations is available on www.gov.uk/hs2 or from our helpdesk (call Freephone **08081 434 434** at any time).

Print – some libraries also have printed copies of the documentation that is relevant to their area.

Online – the full SES2, AP2 and AP2 ES are accessible at www.gov.uk/hs2

You can also purchase copies of the documents. A price list can be found at www.gov.uk/hs2

If you are affected by AP2, you may request certain documents free of charge by contacting the helpdesk.

There are SES2 changes and AP2 amendments in all community areas.

The CAs are divided geographically as follows:

CA 1 – Fradley to Colton

CA 2 – Colwich to Yarlet

CA 3 – Stone and Swynnerton

CA 4 – Whitmore Heath to Madeley

CA 5 – South Cheshire

What can I do now?

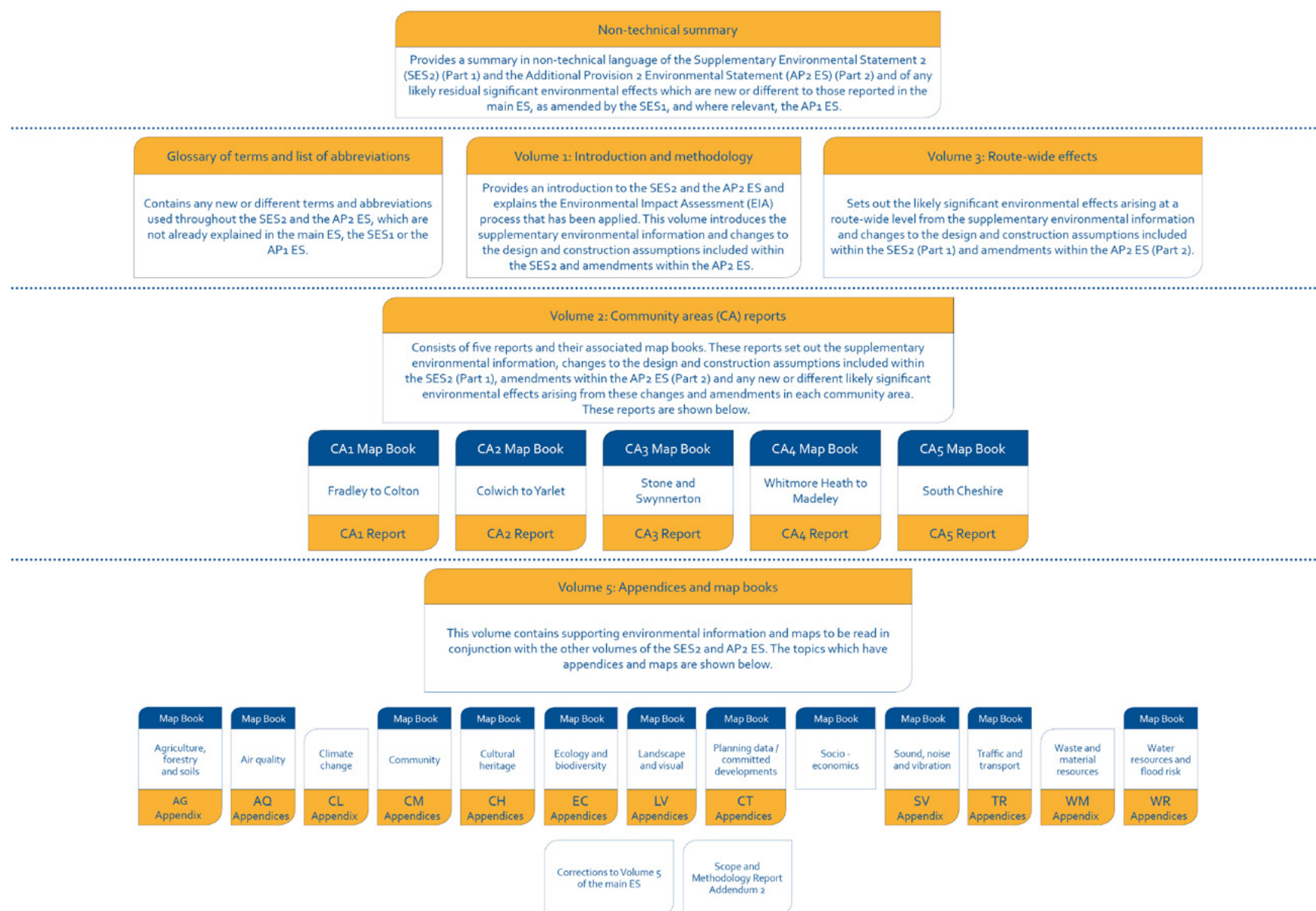
Members of the public and other interested parties can:

- respond to the SES2 and AP2 ES consultation.
More information can be found at www.gov.uk/hs2

If you are directly and specially affected by the proposals, you can:

- object to the proposals in AP2 by submitting a petition in the House of Commons. More information on petitioning can be found at www.parliament.uk

Structure of the Supplementary Environmental Statement 2 and Additional Provision 2 Environmental Statement



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

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

You can contact the Commissioner at:
residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. You can contact the Construction Commissioner 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 via the helpline. For more details on our complaints process, please visit our website:
www.hs2.org.uk/how-to-complain/

Contact us

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