

HS2 Phase 2b Crewe to Manchester and West Midlands to Leeds Route Refinement Consultation



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.

Between July 2013 and January 2014

We consulted the public on the proposed route and stations for Phase Two of HS2, from the West Midlands to Manchester and Leeds.

November 2015

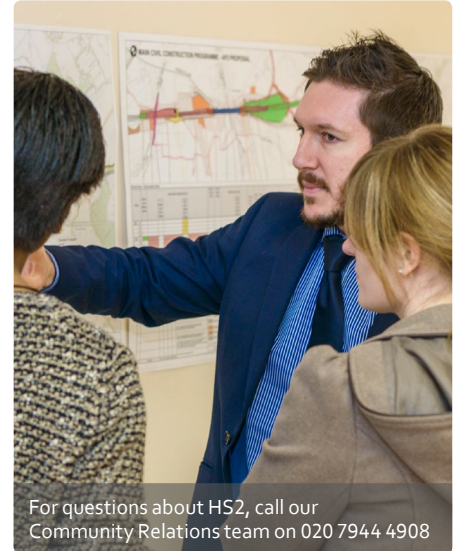
The Government announced its intention to bring forward the delivery of the route between the West Midlands and Crewe, known as Phase 2a, by six years.

November 2016

The Government announced proposals for the rest of the Phase Two route, known as Phase 2b. In a number of locations, substantial changes are recommended to the route presented in July 2013, so we will be consulting on these changes.

This factsheet sets out:

- The seven substantial changes to the route being consulted on;
- how to find more information about the route and the project; and
- how to get in touch with us.



Route refinements

We have made a number of changes to the route as a result of feedback from the 2013 consultation, ongoing engagement with local communities and stakeholders and lessons learned while developing Phase One and Phase 2a.

We are consulting on the following seven substantial changes which introduce new or different impacts on people, the environment or property.

1. Western leg Rolling Stock Depot

Move the proposed rolling stock depot from a site near Golborne to a site north of Crewe, between the A530 Nantwich Road and the West Coast Main Line (WCML) near Wimboldsley. This site would sit between the HS2 route and the WCML where the two lines diverge north of Crewe. This change would allow the 'northern chord' of the Manchester Junction to be removed, and result in fewer environmental impacts.

2. Route between Middlewich and Pickmere

Change the route over 26km in the Middlewich-Northwich area to avoid brining and gas storage infrastructure, and to minimise the risk of subsidence due to underlying geological conditions. This change was proposed as a result of comments received during the 2013 consultation.

3. Manchester Piccadilly Station approach

Change the alignment of the route on the approach to Manchester Piccadilly Station to improve the operational efficiency of the station and avoid direct impacts on residential properties and a school at West Gorton.

4. Route around Measham, Leicestershire

Move the route to the east of Measham in Leicestershire to avoid some of the significant impacts on the town, businesses and a major development site.

5. Route along the A42 around East Midlands Airport

Avoid the need to tunnel under East Midlands Airport by instead passing to the east of the A42, east of the M1 and airport runway, under the access to the proposed East Midlands Gateway development then past Kegworth in a cutting.

6. East Midland Hub approach through Long Eaton

Amend the alignment of the route as it passes through Long Eaton to address local concerns about the creation of a physical barrier and impacts on the highway network, and to reflect our improved understanding of flood risk in this area.

The Secretary of State is considering two options for the alignment in this area. Both pass through Long Eaton directly to the east of the existing low level rail lines, either on a high level viaduct or on a lower level embankment.

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.

7. Derbyshire to West Yorkshire (M18/Eastern Route)

Move the alignment of the route from Derbyshire to West Yorkshire over 70km to reflect a change in the proposals for serving Sheffield, as proposed by Sir David Higgins in the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Report, published on 7 July 2016.

The newly proposed route follows the M1 and then the M18, passes between Conisbrough and Mexborough, and crosses more open country passing Thurnscoe, South Kirkby, Hemsworth and Crofton. This is instead of travelling along the Rother Valley to a station at Meadowhall, then passing north into West Yorkshire.

This change also requires a change to the access to the proposed rolling stock depot at New Crofton.

So that high speed services can serve Sheffield city centre and Chesterfield, a spur off the HS2 line is proposed between Huthwaite and South Normanton. This would link into the existing railway network south of Chesterfield by joining the Erewash Valley line near Clay Cross.

Changing the way Sheffield is served also opens up the potential to meet Transport for the North's aspirations for city centre to city centre connectivity if a junction onto the HS2 line north of Sheffield was to be built. The Secretary of State is therefore seeking views on the potential for an additional junction to Clayton to provide a northern connection to the high speed line.

Contact us at HS2

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

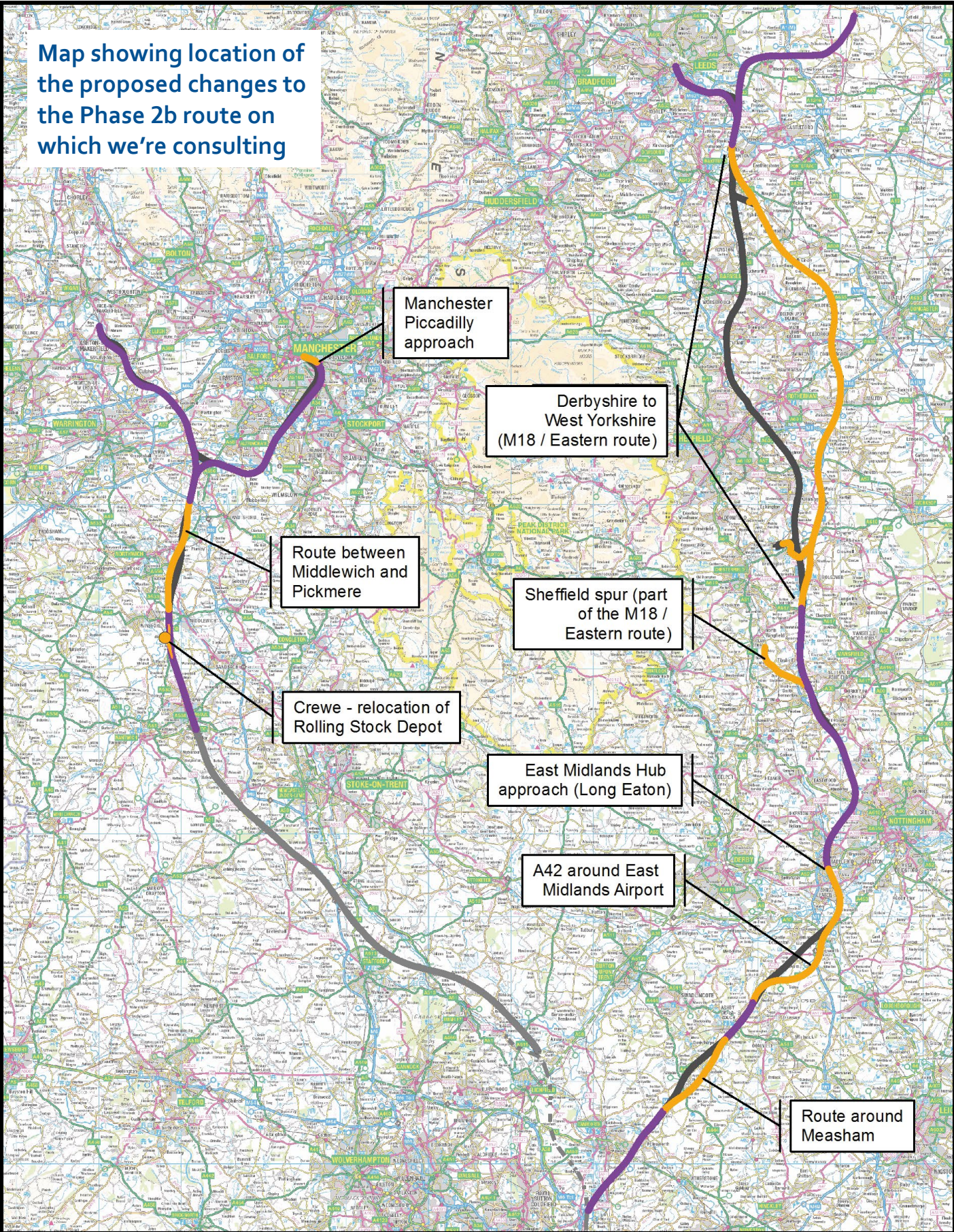
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For the latest documents including route plans and profile maps visit:

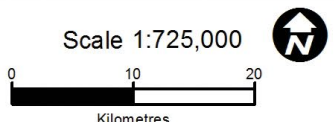
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Map showing location of the proposed changes to the Phase 2b route on which we're consulting



- Phase 2B Preferred Route Alignment 2016**
- Confirmed
 - Consulting
 - Phase One alignment Oct 2015
 - Phase 2a alignment Nov 2015
 - Phase 2b consultation alignment 2013
 - Depot

High Speed Two
 Phase 2b
 Preferred Route 2016
 versus
 Consultation Route 2013

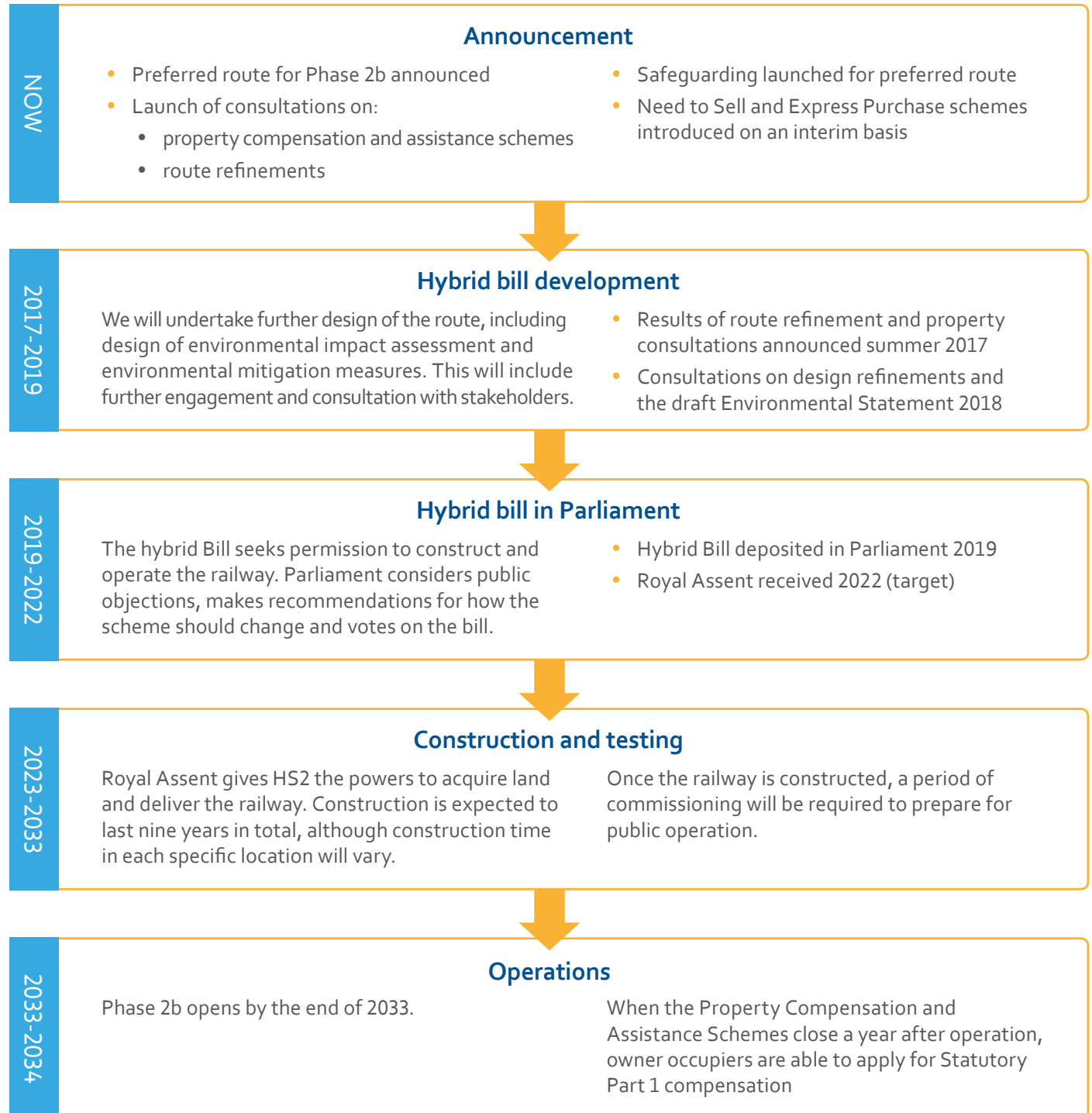


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Next steps

This consultation asks for your views on the proposal for each refinement. We want to know whether or not you support it, and why.

The responses to this consultation will inform the Secretary of State's decision on the design for the Phase 2b route. The Government is aiming to reach a decision on the Phase 2b route in 2017 that will be incorporated in the hybrid Bill to be deposited in Parliament by the end of 2019.



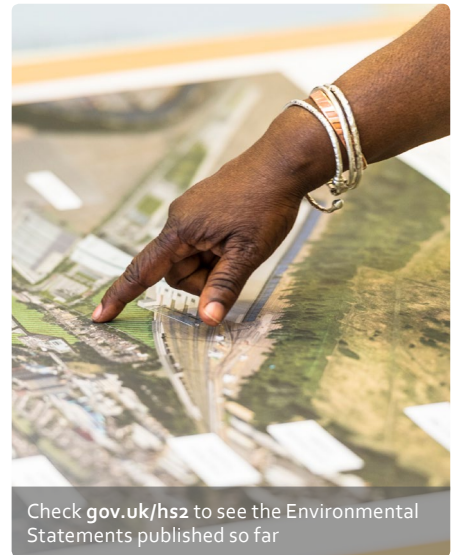
Keeping you informed

The consultation document 'HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe to Manchester, West Midlands to Leeds Route Refinement Consultation 2016' sets out the proposals in detail. You can download it at www.gov.uk/hs2

Information events to support the consultation are being held along the proposed 2b route. The event schedule is available at www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-events

You can call the HS2 Helpdesk for more information on: **0207 944 4908**, or email at HS2Enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

The consultation closes at 23:45 on Thursday 9th March 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

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Property and compensation

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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

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