



HS2 Phase 2a West Midlands to Crewe
Equality Impact Assessment Scope and Methodology Report
Consultation Statement

On 8th March 2016, HS2 Ltd undertook a consultation for nearly 10 weeks on the draft Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Scope and Methodology Report (SMR). The purpose of the consultation was to seek responses on the appropriateness of the proposed approach to the development of the EQIA and subsequent EQIA Report for Phase 2a of the project.

The EQIA SMR sets out the proposed method and content of the EQIA and the structure of the formal EQIA Report. It defines the methodology for determining the likely equality effects and the criteria that will be used in assessing them.

Although HS2 Ltd is not statutorily required to consult on the draft EQIA SMR, we specifically sought comments from relevant organisations and representatives identified for their expertise in this area. Consultation materials were made available on the HS2 Ltd section of the gov.uk website and respondents were provided a number of different methods to submit their comments.

In total, 3 valid responses were received to the consultation which were reviewed, analysed and fed into the production of the consultation summary report. Responses covered a number of different themes, outlined in the consultation summary report. The feedback received during the consultation has been considered and the draft EQIA SMR has been revised in light of the comments received.

The EQIA SMR will be used to develop the formal EQIA Report which is expected to be published when the hybrid Bill is deposited.

At the same time as publishing the revised EQIA SMR and the EQIA SMR Consultation Summary Report, HS2 Ltd is launching a consultation on a working draft EQIA Report for Phase 2a which presents draft equality information on the current stage of design and assessment. The responses to this consultation will be considered as the design and assessment is developed and in the production of the formal EQIA Report. Details of the consultation are available on-line at www.gov.uk/hs2.