



**UPDATES TO PLANS FOR  
HIGH SPEED TWO:  
SUPPLEMENTARY  
ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT 4  
AND ADDITIONAL PROVISION 5**

In November 2013 the Government deposited a Bill in Parliament to provide powers to construct, operate and maintain the first phase of the High Speed Two (HS2) railway, between London and the West Midlands. Alongside it was an Environmental Statement (ES) setting out the likely significant effects of the proposals.

The Government is now depositing a further set of documents – a Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) and an Additional Provision (AP) – as part of its proposed changes to the Bill.

## Why are the proposals being changed?

The proposed design changes reflect our discussions with landowners, occupiers and stakeholders, including utility companies.

This SES is the fourth one we have deposited and so is called '**SES4**'. It reports on the likely significant environmental effects of changes that are new, but are within the powers already being sought under the Bill, and within the limits described in it.

**AP5** is the fifth additional provision to be deposited. It contains proposed changes which go beyond the existing powers and limits described in the Bill. AP5 comprises the following documents:

- a paper of amendments to the Bill;
- plans and sections that show the proposed changes;
- a book of reference, identifying the owners and occupiers of affected land; and
- the AP Environmental Statement (AP5 ES), which reports on the significant environmental effects that the AP changes are likely to have, and outlines the measures that are being proposed to avoid, reduce or manage these effects.

The SES4 and AP5 ES are separate environmental statements, but are presented in combined volumes so that they can be reviewed together.

## Can I comment on SES4 and the AP5 ES?

Yes. The Government is consulting on SES4 and the AP5 ES. The consultation will run until 11:59 on 22 January 2016.

Information about how to respond to the consultation can be found on [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2).

## 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.

This is the fifth AP on this scheme; the first was deposited in September 2014, the second in July 2015, the third in September 2015 and the fourth in October 2015.

## What are "existing powers and limits"?

The 'existing powers' are the powers to build and operate the railway and associated works, as sought in the original Bill. The 'existing limits' are the land they cover.

AP5 proposes changes to the Bill that are outside this original scope (eg, where land would now be needed permanently, rather than used temporarily).

## Can I object to SES4 and AP5?

Anyone directly affected by the proposals in SES4 and AP5 may submit petitions against them in the House of Commons. The last date for depositing a petition against the proposals is 8 January 2016.

Petitions will be heard by the Select Committee that is considering the Bill. For further information on the Committee process, visit [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) and search for "hybrid Bill".

## Where are the documents available?

**Digital** – In areas affected by the changes, we have supplied digital copies of AP5, SES4 and the AP5 ES to libraries, local authority offices and parish councils, which will make this information available to the public. A list of locations is available on [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2) or by phoning the Community Relations helpdesk on 020 7944 4908.

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

**Online** – The full SES4, AP5 and AP5 ES are accessible through [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2)

You can also purchase copies of the documents from an online shop, accessible through [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2)

In addition, if you are affected by the changes, you may request certain documents free of charge from HS2 Ltd by contacting the Community Relations helpdesk on the number above.

## How do I find the environmental information I need?

SES4 and the AP5 ES are composed of a number of documents: all of them are publicly available.

### Non-technical summary

This is a summary of the changes and any likely significant residual effects on the environment. You may find this a useful place to start.

### Volume 1: Introduction and methodology

This introduces:

- the design changes in SES4; and
- the amendments that have resulted in the need to amend the Bill in the AP5 ES.

It also explains any changes to the basis of the environmental impact assessment - its scope, method, assumptions and limitations.

## Volume 2: Community forum area (CFA) reports and map book

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

- the design changes included within the SES4 (Part 1); and
- amendments within the AP5 ES (Part 2).

Volume 2 reports any significant environmental effects that are likely to arise, if the effects are new or different from those reported in previous ESs.

It also sets out the measures that are being proposed to avoid, reduce or manage the effects.

The CFA reports are supported by a map book showing 'before' and 'after' details of the proposed changes and amendments.

### Volume 3: Route-wide effects

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

**Please note: Volumes 1, 2 and 3 have been produced as a single document.**

### Volume 4: Off-route effects

There is no Volume 4 as none of the changes and amendments relate to or have significant environmental effects in off-route areas.

### Volume 5: Technical appendices and map book

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

## More information

Further information about AP5, SES4 and the AP5 ES can be found on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

You can also contact the HS2 Community Relations Helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 or at [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)

SES4 and AP5 affect these community forum areas:

- CFA 6** – South Ruislip to Ickenham
- CFA 7** – Colne Valley
- CFA 10** – Dunsmore, Wendover and Halton
- CFA 11** – Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury
- CFA 12** – Waddesdon and Quainton
- CFA 13** – Calvert, Steeple Claydon, Twyford and Chetwode
- CFA 15** – Greatworth to Lower Boddington
- CFA 20** – Curdworth to Middleton
- CFA 21** – Drayton Bassett, Hints and Weeford
- CFA 22** – Whittington to Handsacre
- CFA 24** – Birmingham Interchange and Chelmsley Wood

## What can I do now?

Members of the public and other interested parties can:

- respond to the SES4 and AP5 ES consultation. More information can be found at [www.gov.uk/hs2](http://www.gov.uk/hs2)

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

- object to the proposals in SES4 and AP5 by depositing a petition in the House of Commons. More information can be found at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)