

HS2 Cycle Route - network linking communities within the HS2 corridor. It is made up of **local links between** local conventional stations and new HS2 stations through settlements to high streets, schools and new housing developments in the corridor.

- Royal Dutch Haskoning are carrying out this study which was announced by Prime Minister in August 2013. It is part of a vision to increase cycling in England through provision of world class cycle infrastructure to broaden the appeal of cycling as a viable transport option for local journeys. **The study will be completed in October and Ministers will take a view on next steps by the end of the year.**
- The study is being carried out in two stages:
 - Stage 1 (2014) – **7 workshops with local highway authorities** and national bodies to identify priority enhancements to improve local cycle networks and options to create a linear route with satellites.
 - Stage 2 (Jan to Oct 2015) – Cost assessment, outline business case and **further dialogue with local highway authorities and national bodies** to refine route and identify any possible interfaces with HS2, and consider governance and any approach to land assembly (outside of the HS2 hybrid bill process)
- The study aims for a 10 year plus investment programme of **high quality visible and safe links into and out of over 200 settlements** built to Dutch cycle standards
- Creation of a national North-South leisure and utility cycleway by joining local links using a combination of canals, upgraded rights of way, old railways or field edge boundaries.
- Cycle - rail integration by linking to 70 rail stations and all new HS2 stations
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