



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

On 8th March 2016, HS2 Ltd undertook a consultation for nearly 10 weeks on the draft Environmental 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 preparation of the EIA and subsequent formal EIA Report for Phase 2a of the project.

The EIA SMR sets out the proposed method and content of the EIA and structure of the formal EIA Report for Phase 2a. It defines the environmental topics that should be assessed as part of the EIA and the geographic and temporal scope of the EIA.

Although HS2 Ltd is not statutorily required to consult on the draft EIA 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, 26 valid responses were received to the consultation which were reviewed, analysed and fed into the production of the EIA SMR Consultation Summary Report. Responses covered a number of different themes consistent with the section headings from the draft EIA SMR. The comments in the responses have been considered and the draft EIA SMR has been revised in light of this feedback.

The EIA SMR will be used to develop the formal EIA Report which will be deposited in Parliament with the hybrid Bill.

At the same time as publishing the revised EIA SMR and the EIA SMR Consultation Summary Report, HS2 Ltd is launching a consultation on a working draft EIA Report for Phase 2a which presents draft environmental 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 EIA Report. Details of the consultation are available on-line at www.gov.uk/hs2.