



AMENDING PLANS FOR HIGH SPEED TWO: SES AND AP2

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 changes reflect:

- our discussions with landowners, occupiers and stakeholders;
- our refinements to the design; and
- updated environmental information (including environmental surveys).

The **SES** reports on the likely significant environmental effects of:

- updated environmental information; and
- changes that are new, but are within the powers already being sought under the Bill, and within the limits described in it.

AP2 contains proposed changes which go beyond the existing powers and limits described in the Bill. AP2 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 (AP2 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 SES and AP2 ES are separate environmental statements, but are presented in combined volumes so that they can be reviewed together.

Can I comment on the SES and the AP2 ES?

Yes. The Government is consulting on the SES and the AP2 ES. The consultation will run until 23:59 on Friday 28 August 2015.

Information about how to respond to the consultation can be found on 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 second AP on this scheme; the first was deposited in September 2014 and addressed a number of minor changes.

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.

AP2 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 the AP and to the SES and AP2?

Anyone directly affected by the proposals in the SES and AP2 may submit petitions against them in the House of Commons. The last date for depositing a petition against the proposals is 14 August 2015.

Petitions will be heard by the Select Committee that is considering the Bill. For further information on the Committee process, visit 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 AP2, the SES and the AP2 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 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 SES, AP and AP2 ES are accessible through www.gov.uk/hs2

You can also purchase copies of the documents from an online shop, accessible through 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?

The SES and AP2 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 supplementary environmental information and design changes in the SES; and
- the amendments that have resulted in the need to amend the Bill in the AP2 ES.

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

The SES and AP make changes in these community forum areas:

CFA 4 – Kilburn (Brent) to Old Oak Common

CFA 5 – Northolt Corridor

CFA 6 – South Ruislip to Ickenham

CFA 7 – Colne Valley

CFA 8 – The Chalfonts and Amersham

CFA 9 – Central Chilterns

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 14 – Newton Purcell to Brackley

CFA 15 – Greatworth to Lower Boddington

CFA 16 – Ladbroke and Southam

CFA 17 – Offchurch and Cubbington

CFA 18 – Stoneleigh, Kenilworth and Burton Green

CFA 19 – Coleshill Junction

CFA 20 – Curdworth to Middleton

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

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

- the supplementary environmental information and design changes included within the SES (Part 1); and
- amendments within the AP2 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 the main ES (or the AP1 ES).

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

Each CFA report is 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.

Volume 4: Off-route effects

This volume reports any new or different significant effects that are likely to arise, where these changes affect areas away from the HS2 route (e.g. the relocation of the Heathrow Express depot to Langley, in Slough).

Volume 5: Technical appendices and map books

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

More information

Further information about the AP, the SES and the AP2 ES can be found on www.gov.uk

You can also contact the HS2 Community Relations Helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 or at hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

The SES and AP make changes in these community forum areas:

CFA 21 – Drayton Bassett, Hints and Weeford

CFA 22 – Whittington to Handsacre

CFA 23 – Balsall Common and Hampton-in-Arden

CFA 24 – Birmingham Interchange and Chelmsley Wood

CFA 25 – Castle Bromwich and Bromford

CFA 26 – Washwood Heath to Curzon Street

What can I do now?

Members of the public and other interested parties can:

- respond to the AP ES and SES consultation. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/hs2
- comment on the proposals in the SES and the AP by depositing a petition in the House of Commons. More information can be found at www.parliament.uk