

High Speed Two Phase 2a: West Midlands to Crewe Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment Report Response form

This consultation seeks your views on the working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report.

This consultation will close at 23:45 on 7th November 2016

For more information please visit www.gov.uk/hs2 or call 020 7944 4908

Please respond to us by using one of the methods below:

Online

DraftEquality2a.dialoguebydesign.net

By email

DraftEquality2a@dialoguebydesign.co.uk

By post

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Separate consultations are also being undertaken on the working draft Environmental Impact Assessment and the Design Refinement consultation for Phase 2a: West Midlands to Crewe. There are separate response mechanisms for these consultations.

Please refer to the High Speed Two (HS2) website (www.gov.uk/hs2) for more details about these consultations and how to respond.

High Speed Two Phase 2a: West Midlands to Crewe

Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment Report

HS2 Ltd is consulting on a working draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Report which presents draft equality information based on the current stage of design of the proposed Phase 2a scheme. HS2 Ltd is seeking your views early in the process so that we can consider your responses as we continue to develop the design and assessment, ahead of publishing a formal EQIA report. This is expected to be published when the hybrid Bill is deposited by the end of 2017.

The questions on which we are seeking your views are set out below. **Please write your response clearly in black ink** within the boxes and, if applicable, attach additional evidence to the response form clearly stating the question to which it refers.

Confidentiality and data protection

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998, and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential please tick the box below.

Please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals with, amongst other things, obligations of confidence.

In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, in itself, be regarded as binding on the Department for Transport or HS2 Limited.

The Department for Transport and HS2 Limited will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA 1998, and in the majority of circumstances, this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

I wish my response to be treated as confidential.

Please write your reasons below. Please attach additional pages as required.

PART ONE

Information about you

It is important to give us your name to ensure your response is included. Your email address will be used to inform you of the outcomes of the consultation.

Your contact details

First name
Surname
Address
Postcode
Email

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group?

Yes	No
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If yes, please state the name of your organisation:

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Please note: if you are providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group the name and details of the organisation or group may be subject to publication or appear in the final report.

What category of organisation or group are you representing?

Please tick one box that applies.

- Academic (includes universities and other academic institutions)
- Action group (includes rail and action groups specifically campaigning on the high speed rail network proposals)
- Business (local, regional, national or international)
- Elected representative (includes MPs, MEPs, and local councillors)
- Environment, heritage, amenity or community group (includes environmental groups, schools, church groups, residents' associations, recreation groups, rail user groups and other community interest organisations)
- Local government (includes county councils, district councils, parish and town councils and local partnerships)
- Other representative group (includes chambers of commerce, trade unions, political parties and professional bodies)
- Statutory agency
- Real estate, housing associations or property-related organisations
- Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation (includes transport bodies, transport providers, infrastructure providers and utility companies)
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Please tell us whom the organisation or group represents and, where applicable, how you assembled the views of members.

Please write in the box below. Please attach additional pages as required.

PART TWO

Consultation questions

The working draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Report presents draft equality information based on the current stage of design of the proposed HS2 scheme between the West Midlands and Crewe, referred to as Phase 2a.

It includes assessments of impacts in five geographical areas into which the route has been divided, known as Community Areas (CAs). It also includes a route-wide assessment.

These CAs are listed below:

- CA 1 – Fradley to Colton
- CA 2 – Colwich to Yarlet
- CA 3 – Stone and Swynnerton
- CA 4 – Whitmore Heath to Madeley
- CA 5 – South Cheshire

The working draft EQIA Report is accompanied by a Literature Review which is presented in the appendix to the report.

Please let us know your comments in relation to the EQIA Report by responding to the following questions.

Question 1

Please let us know your comments on the Phase 2a route wide impact assessment, set out in Section 5 of the working draft EQIA Report.

We welcome any information you may have on potential equality impacts the scheme may have at a route-wide level, and any opportunities you feel there may be to reduce these impacts. Please write in the box below. Please attach additional pages as required.

Question 2

Please let us know your comments on the Community Area (CA) assessments, set out in sections 6-10 of the working draft EQIA Report.

You are welcome to comment on one or more of the CAs listed below.

If making comments on more than one CA, please indicate clearly in your response which CA each comment relates to.

Please tick the CAs you wish to comment on below:

CA 1 – Fradley to Colton

CA 2 – Colwich to Yarlet

CA 3 – Stone and Swynnerton

CA 4 – Whitmore Heath to Madeley

CA 5 – South Cheshire

We welcome any information that you may have on the potential equality impacts the scheme may have at a local community area level, and any opportunities you feel there may be to reduce these impacts. Please write in the box below. Please attach additional pages as required.

Question 3

Please let us know your comments on the Literature Review, presented in the appendix to the report.

Please highlight any additional literature or information you feel should be included. Please write in the box below. Please attach additional pages as required.

Question 4

Are there any further comments you would like to make about the working draft EQIA Report?

Please write in the box below. Please attach additional pages as required.

PART THREE

Submitting your response

Thank you for completing the response form. Please send it to the Freepost address below.

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*Please note: no additional address information is required and you do not need a stamp.
Please use capital letters.*

Or email your response to DraftEquality2a@dialoguebydesign.co.uk

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Please only use the response mechanisms described in this form when responding to this consultation. We cannot guarantee that responses sent to other addresses will be included in this consultation.