

SURWEYS

As we develop the plan for the HS2 railway, we need to build a clear picture of the local environment. Surveys are an important part of this.

Where possible, we work on land that's accessible to the public but for some surveys we need access to private land. In these cases, we seek the agreement and cooperation of the people who own and use the land.

Non-intrusive surveys

These surveys don't cause significant

disturbance to the environment or to land and property. They take place in:

woodlands

rivers and streams

buildings - for ecological species surveys

 agricultural land - ground sampling to check the soil classification

archaeological and heritage sites.

Ecology surveys

These include surveys on protected wildlife species and take place in:

- ponds and lakes for amphibians, water invertebrates and water plants
- hedges, woodland scrubland, grassland, heathland or bog for bats, dormice, badgers, breeding and winter birds, reptiles and invertebrates
- flowing water, ditches and rivers for cray, otters, fish, water voles, water plants and kingfisher
- buildings and human structures for bats and barn owls.



FARM IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

We will be meeting with people who own or rent farmland that might be affected by HS2.

These meetings will help us understand the potential effects on individual farms and will help inform part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for Phase 2b.

The type of information we will be looking to gather includes:

size, location and use of the farm

 type and size of agricultural and non-agricultural businesses
 based on the farm

 potential impacts of HS2 on the structure and operation of the farm

 potential options to reduce, avoid and manage impacts,

although no commitments can be made at these initial meetings.

A record of the meetings will be shared with each farm to check that the facts and subjects we discussed have been correctly understood and recorded.

This information will form part of the Farm Pack that we will use to help reduce, avoid and manage disturbance.



DESIGN VISION

HS2's design vision is to enhance the lives of future generations of people in Britain by designing a transformational rail system that is admired around the world. Design work for HS2 is based on three core principles of people, place and time.



People:

- designing for the needs of our diverse audiences
- engaging with communities over the life of the project
- inspiring excellence through creative talent



Place:

- designing places and spaces that support quality of life
- celebrating the local within a coherent national narrative
- demonstrating commitment to the natural world



Time:

- designing to adapt for future generations
- placing a premium on the personal time of customers
- making the most of time to design

An independent Design Panel will review and critique our designs at key stages.



KEPING YOU INFORMED

We try to keep you up-to-date with different aspects of HS2 in a number of ways:

Residents' Charter and Commissioner

The Residents' Charter is our promise to communicate as clearly as we can with people who live near the HS2 route.

Visit www.gov.uk and search for HS2 Residents' Charter to learn about the Charter and independent Residents' Commissioner.



Property and compensation

If you live near the HS2 line of route, you may be eligible for compensation. To find out more, visit www.gov.uk and search for HS2 Property.

Proiect updates

For more information about Phase Two, visit www.gov.uk and click on HS2 Phase 2b: from Crewe to Manchester and the West Midlands to Leeds.

And for details of events in your area, search for HS2 events.

Jobs and skills

To see what jobs are available on HS2 at the moment, check our careers page: careers.hs2.org.uk

If you're a student wondering what STEM careers are like, visit www.plotr.co.uk/careers/worlds/hs2

And if you're a business wondering how to get involved with HS2, go to www.gov.uk/hs2 and search for HS2 business



TAKING PART IN OUR NEW CONSULTATIONS

In July 2017, consultations were launched on:

- the proposed relocation of the eastern leg rolling stock depot
- proposals for an enhanced Crewe Hub station.

Respond to the eastern leg rolling stock depot consultation:

- go to https://ipsos.uk/HS2Phase2bRSD
- email your response to: HS2Phase2bRSD@ipsos.com
- post your response to:
 FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B RSD

This consultation closes at 23:45 on 12 October 2017.

Respond to the Crewe Hub consultation:

- go to https://www.gov.uk/dft#consultations
- email your response to: crewehub@dft.gsi.gov.uk
- post your response to: Crewe Hub Consultation, Zone 3/14,
 Department for Transport, 33 Horseferry Road,
 London SW1P 4DR

This consultation closes at 23:45 on 12 October 2017.

Two further consultations targeted at our technical stakeholders, like local authorities, were also launched on:

- the scope and methodology report (SMR) for the Phase 2b draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- the SMR for the draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

Respond to the draft EIA and EQIA SMR consultations:

- go to https://ipsos.uk/HS2Phase2bEIASMR and https://ipsos.uk/HS2Phase2bEQIASMR
- email your response to:
 HS2EIASMRPhase2b@arup.com and
 HS2EQIASMRPhase2b@arup.com
- post your response to:
 FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B SMR CONSULTATION 2017

Both SMR consultations close at 23:45 on 29 September 2017.



TAKE PART IN THE CREWE HUB CONSULTATION

The Government recently announced plans for the **HS2 Phase 2b route**, from Crewe to Manchester and from the West Midlands to Leeds.

We are considering ways to give Crewe and the region better access to regular and high speed rail services, serving more destinations. These options include:

• Lengthening some platforms at Crewe

This could enable HS2 services to split and join, providing more

flexibility to serve other destinations.

Providing a junction north
 of Crewe, to connect the
 high speed line with the West
 Coast Main Line

This could facilitate high speed connectivity northwards from Crewe.

To let us know what you think about our plans for the Crewe Hub, you can:

- go to https://www.gov.uk/dft#consultations
- email your response to: crewehub@dft.gsi.gov.uk
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