

Phase 2b information event

# PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE EASTERN LEG ROLLING STOCK DEPOT

We have identified a potential alternative site for the eastern leg rolling stock depot.

Under previous proposals, the rolling stock depot would have been located near New Crofton.

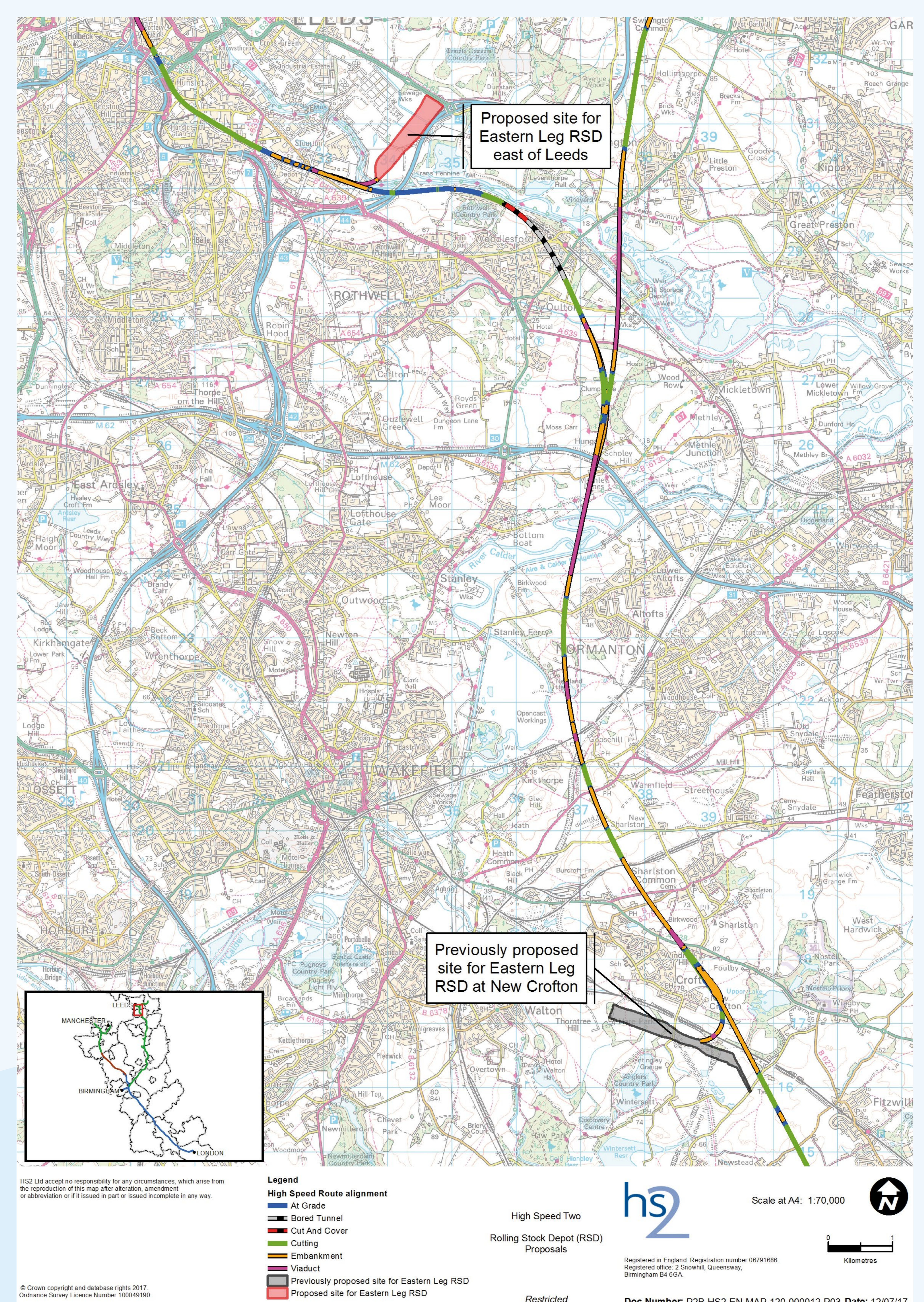
In refining the route and in response to concerns raised by stakeholders and the local community, we've identified what we believe to be a better site for the depot - to the east of Leeds, next to the M1.

This site meets our operational requirements while significantly reducing the impact on local communities.

You can have your say on this proposed change. The consultation document and response form are available at today's event and there are various ways in which you can respond to this consultation:

- go to <https://ipsos.uk/HS2Phase2bRSD>
- email your response to: [HS2Phase2bRSD@ipsos.com](mailto:HS2Phase2bRSD@ipsos.com)
- post your response to: **FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B RSD**

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



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# MANAGING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We are carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) to understand how our proposals could affect the environment and local communities.

The process we use to do this involves three main stages:

**Stage 1:** survey work to help us understand the existing environment

**Stage 2:** we then overlay our proposed railway on the existing environment to see the likely effects of construction and operation

**Stage 3:** we then look at the ways in which we can avoid or reduce significant effects and if there are any opportunities for environmental improvements

## Creating new wildlife habitats

We are creating a new green corridor of connected wildlife habitats through the spine of the country. A network of green spaces spanning woodland, wetland, ponds, hedgerows, heathland, meadow and farmland will stretch alongside much of the tracks.

These habitats will help a wide range of plants and animals thrive as part of a diverse and balanced ecosystem.

## Reducing the effects of construction

The hybrid Bill for Phase 2b will include legal requirements for how we will manage the environmental impacts of building and running the railway.



We are aware of the issues that building a new railway presents to those who live and work nearby. We take our responsibilities very seriously. We are committed to reducing disruption to communities, businesses and the environment.

One output of the hybrid Bill process are the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs). These form one part of the government's strategy to manage any of the environmental impacts of the HS2 scheme.

Construction will take approximately nine years, although this will be shorter in most places.