



HIGH SPEED TWO PHASE ONE INFORMATION PAPER

B10: HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL AS AMENDED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE

This paper outlines the amendments made to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill by the Select Committee in the House of Commons.

It will be of particular interest to those potentially affected by the Government's proposals for high speed rail.

This paper was prepared in relation to the promotion of the Bill for Phase One of the scheme which is now enacted. Although the contents were maintained and updated as considered appropriate during the passage of the Bill (including shortly prior to the enactment of the Bill in February 2017) the contents are now historic and are no longer maintained.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's proposal for a new, high speed north-south railway. The proposal is being taken forward in two phases: Phase One will connect London with Birmingham and the West Midlands; Phase Two will extend the route to Manchester, Leeds and beyond.
- 1.2. HS2 Ltd is the non-departmental public body responsible for developing and promoting these proposals. The company works to a Development Agreement made with the Secretary of State for Transport.
- 1.3. In November 2013, HS2 Ltd deposited a hybrid Bill¹ with Parliament to seek powers for the construction and operation of Phase One of HS2 (sometimes referred to as 'the Proposed Scheme'). The Bill is the culmination of nearly six years of work, including an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), the results of which were reported in an Environmental Statement (ES) submitted alongside the Bill. The Secretary of State has also published draft Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs), which set out the environmental and sustainability commitments that will be observed in the construction of the Proposed Scheme.
- 1.4. The Bill is being promoted through Parliament by the Secretary of State for Transport (the 'Promoter'). The Secretary of State will also appoint a body responsible for delivering the Proposed Scheme under the powers granted by the Bill.
- 1.5. This body is known as the 'nominated undertaker'. There may well be more than one nominated undertaker – for example, HS2 Ltd could become the nominated undertaker for the main railway works, while Network Rail could become the nominated undertaker for works to an existing station such as Euston. But whoever they are, all nominated undertakers will be bound by the obligations contained in the Bill and the policies established in the EMRs.
- 1.6. These information papers have been produced to explain the commitments made in the Bill and the EMRs and how they will be applied to the design and construction of the Proposed Scheme. They also provide information about the Proposed Scheme itself, the powers contained in the Bill and how particular decisions about the project have been reached.

¹The High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill, hereafter 'the Bill'.

2. Overview

- 2.1. This information paper outlines the amendments made to the Bill by the Select Committee in the House of Commons. Further information on the process of making amendments to the Bill is set out in Information Paper B8: Additional Provisions.
- 2.2. The Bill was deposited in the House of Commons in November 2013 and received its Second Reading in April 2014. The Bill was then referred to a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

Table 1 – High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill House of Commons Select Committee Members

Member of Parliament	Constituency	Party
Robert Syms (Chair)	Poole	Conservative
Sir Henry Bellingham	North West Norfolk	Conservative
Sir Peter Bottomley	Worthing West	Conservative
Geoffrey Clifton-Brown (from July 2015)	The Cotswolds	Conservative
David Crausby (from July 2015)	Bolton North East	Labour
Mark Hendrick (from July 2015)	Preston	Labour
Ian Mearns (until May 2015)	Gateshead	Labour
Yasmin Qureshi (until May 2015)	Bolton South East	Labour
Mike Thornton (until May 2015)	Eastleigh	Liberal Democrat

- 2.3. Second Reading triggered a petitioning period, during which 1,918 petitions were lodged against the original Bill. The Select Committee started its hearing in July 2014 and sat for a total of 159 days, spread over 19 months, completing its hearing in February 2016. During that time, the Select Committee heard from 1,578 petitioners in total and received a large volume of oral and written evidence². The Select Committee issued its First Special Report of Session 2014-15³ in March 2015, setting out its interim decisions and observations, and the Promoter responded to it in June 2015⁴. In December 2015, the Select

² See evidence and transcripts at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-select-committee-commons/publications/>

³ House of Commons High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill Select Committee, 2015, First Special Report of Session 2014-15, The Stationery Office Limited. Available online at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmhsr/338/338.pdf>

⁴ House of Commons High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill Select Committee, 2015, Promoter's Response to the Select Committee's First Special Report of Session 2014-2015. Available online at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/432562/response-select-committee-interim.pdf

Committee published a further report focused primarily on the Need to Sell scheme (First Special Report of 2015-2016⁵) and the Promoter responded to it in February 2016⁶. In February 2016 the Select Committee reported the Bill and published its Second Special Report⁷ setting out its final directions and recommendations.

3. Bill amended in Select Committee

- 3.1. During the Select Committee, a number of changes to the project were identified as a result of discussions with petitioners and key stakeholders, design refinements and in response to the Select Committee's decisions. The Promoter deposited five Additional Provisions (APs) – packages of amendments to the Bill – which were deposited in September 2014 and July, September, October and December 2015. Each AP was accompanied by an AP Environmental Statement (ES). The Promoter also published updated environmental information through four Supplementary Environmental Statements (SESs).
- 3.2. A further 668 petitions were lodged against the various APs and these were also considered by the Select Committee.
- 3.3. Appendix A summarises the APs which have been promoted in the House of Commons. Only one amendment included in AP5 (AP5-007-002 Revised permanent diversion of Bridleway DEN/3 Ricks 002 near Denham) has not been included in the Bill, as it was withdrawn by the Promoter. There are, however, a number of cases where AP amendments have been revised or superseded by subsequent APs. Following the completion of the Select Committee stage, the Promoter published for information a consolidated set of Bill plans and sections showing the Proposed Scheme as amended by the APs. Copies of these can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/high-speed-rail-london-west-midlands-bill-as-amended-in-the-house-of-commons-select-committee>

4. More information

- 4.1. More detail on the Bill and related documents can be found at: www.gov.uk/HS2

⁵ House of Commons High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill Select Committee, 2015, First Special Report of Session 2015-16, The Stationery Office Limited. Available online at: http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/hs2/Report/HC_698_HS2_ONLINE_version.pdf

⁶ House of Commons High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill Select Committee, 2016, Promoter's Response to the Select Committee's First Special Report of Session 2015-16. Available online at: <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/hs2/Report/response-to-HS2-select-committee-first-special-report.pdf>

⁷ House of Commons High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill Select Committee, 2016, Second Special Report of Session 2015-16, The Stationery Office Limited. Available online at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/hs2/129/129.pdf>

Appendix A – Additional Provisions made in House of Commons Select Committee

This table summarises the Additional Provisions promoted in the House of Commons

Additional Provision (September 2014)
<p>Amendments to accommodate the requirements of landowners and occupiers in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the parishes of Little Missenden, Great Missenden, Wendover, Stoke Mandeville, Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell, Quainton, Preston Bissett and Turweston in the County of Buckinghamshire,ii. the parish of Finmere in the County of Oxfordshire,iii. the parish of Chipping Warden and Edgcote in the County of Northamptonshire,iv. the parish of Little Packington in the County of Warwickshire,v. the parish of Berkswell in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, andvi. the City of Birmingham;
<p>Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the parishes of Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell, Fleet Marston, Steeple Claydon and Twyford in the County of Buckinghamshire,ii. the parish of Mixbury in the County of Oxfordshire,iii. the parishes of Culworth and Whitfield in the County of Northamptonshire,iv. the parishes of Radbourne, Southam, Stoneleigh and Curdworth in the County of Warwickshire, andv. the City of Birmingham;
<p>Amendments to accommodate the requirements of utility undertakers in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. the parishes of Denham, Wendover, Ellesborough, Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell, Quainton and Grendon Underwood and the town of Aylesbury in the County of Buckinghamshire,ii. the parishes of Offchurch, Burton Green, Little Packington, Coleshill, Curdworth, Wishaw and Moxhull and Middleton in the County of Warwickshire,

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- iii. the parishes of Drayton Bassett, Hints with Canwell, Weeford, Swinfen and Packington, Fradley and Streethay, Longdon, Kings Bromley and Lichfield in the County of Staffordshire, and
 - iv. the Parish of Bickenhill in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull

Additional Provision 2 (July 2015)

Amendments relating to the vertical and horizontal alignment of the proposed railway in the vicinity of the A38 and Trent and Mersey Canal in the parishes of Fradley and Streethay, King's Bromley and Whittington in the County of Staffordshire;

Amendments conferring additional power to carry out works in the Borough of Slough and in the parish of Iver in the County of Buckinghamshire for the purpose of providing a new Heathrow Express depot in the Borough of Slough (to the north east of Langley railway station), in consequence of the displacement of the existing depot because of the exercise of powers conferred by the Bill;

Amendments conferring additional power to provide sidings for Crossrail services at Old Oak Common in the London Boroughs of Ealing and Hammersmith and Fulham that could be extended in the future to create a connection between the West Coast Main Line Railway and the Great Western Main Line;

Amendments to accommodate the requirements of landowners and occupiers in:

- i. the London Boroughs of Brent and Ealing;
- ii. the parishes of Barton Hartshorn, Calvert Green, Chetwode, Great Missenden, Grendon Underwood, Little Missenden, Preston Bissett, The Lee and Twyford in the County of Buckinghamshire;
- iii. the parishes of Godington and Mixbury in the County of Oxfordshire;
- iv. the parishes of Aston-le-Walls, Boddington, Chipping Warden and Edgcote, Greatworth, Radstone, Thorpe Mandeville and Whitfield in the County of Northamptonshire;
- v. the parishes of Burton Green, Coleshill, Curdworth, Kenilworth, Ladbroke, Lea Marston, Middleton, Offchurch, Southam, Stoneleigh, Stoneton, Wishaw and Moxhull and Wormleighton in the County of Warwickshire;
- vi. the parishes of Armitage with Handsacre, Drayton Bassett, Hints with Canwell, King's Bromley, Swinfen and Packington and Whittington in the County of Staffordshire;
- vii. the parishes of Balsall, Berkswell, Chelmsley Wood and Hampton-in-Arden in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull; and
- viii. the City of Birmingham;

Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in:

- vi. the London Boroughs of Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham and Hillingdon and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea;

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- vii. the District of Three Rivers in the County of Hertfordshire;
 - viii. the parishes of Chetwode, Denham, Ellesborough, Great Missenden, Grendon Underwood, Little Missenden, Preston Bissett, Quainton, Steeple Claydon, Stoke Mandeville, Turweston, Twyford and Wendover in the County of Buckinghamshire;
 - ix. the parishes of Godington and Mixbury in the County of Oxfordshire;
 - x. the parishes of Aston-le-Walls, Boddington, Greatworth, Marston St Lawrence, Radstone and Thorpe Mandeville in the County of Northamptonshire;
 - xi. the parishes of Coleshill, Curdworth, Kingsbury, Lea Marston, Middleton, Offchurch, Radbourne and Stoneleigh in the County of Warwickshire;
 - xii. the parishes of Colwich, Drayton Bassett, Fradley and Streethay, Hints with Canwell, King's Bromley, Swinfen and Packington and Weeford in the County of Staffordshire;
 - xiii. the parishes of Berkswell and Bickenhill in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull;
 - xiv. the City of Birmingham;

Additional Provision 3 (September 2015)

Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of Euston Station in the London Borough of Camden

Amendments to accommodate the requirements of land owners and occupiers and changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in the London Borough of Camden

Additional Provision 4 (October 2015)

Amendments to accommodate the requirements of landowners and petitioners in:

- i. The London Boroughs of Brent and Hillingdon;
 - ii. The District of Three Rivers in the County of Hertfordshire;
 - iii. The parishes of Ellesborough, Great Missenden and Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell in the County of Buckinghamshire;
 - iv. The parishes of Aston Le Walls, Boddington, Chipping Warden and Edgcote and Culworth in the County of Northamptonshire;
 - v. The parishes of Burton Green, Cubbington, Kenilworth, Long Itchington, Offchurch, Stoneleigh, Ufton, Water Orton, Weston under Wetherley and Wormleighton in the County of Warwickshire;
 - vi. The Parishes of Balsall, Berkswell, Dickens Heath and Hampton in Arden in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull;
 - vii. The City of Birmingham.
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Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in:

- i. The London Boroughs of Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham and Hillingdon;
- ii. The Borough of Slough;
- iii. The District of Three Rivers in the County of Hertfordshire;
- iv. The parishes of Amersham, Calvert Green, Denham, Iver, Preston Bissett, Quainton, Steeple Claydon, Twyford and Wexham in the County of Buckinghamshire;
- v. The parishes of Boddington, Chipping Warden and Edgcote, Culworth, Greatworth and Marston St Lawrence in the County of Northamptonshire;
- vi. The parishes of Burton Green, Coleshill, Cubbington, Curdworth, Kenilworth, Ladbroke, Lea Marston, Offchurch, Shustoke, Stoneleigh, Water Orton Weston under Wetherley and Wormleighton in the County of Warwickshire;
- vii. The parishes of Curborough and Elmhurst, Drayton Bassett, Fradley and Streethay, Kings Bromley and Lichfield in the County of Staffordshire;
- viii. The City of Birmingham.

Amendments relating to the extension of the Chiltern tunnel in the parishes of Little Missenden and Great Missenden.

Additional Provision 5 (December 2015)

Amendments to accommodate the requirements of landowners and petitioners and changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in:

- i. The London Borough of Hillingdon
 - ii. The parishes of Denham, Grendon Underwood, Hogshaw and Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell in the County of Buckinghamshire;
 - iii. The parish of Greatworth in the County of Northamptonshire;
 - iv. The parish of Middleton in the County of Warwickshire;
 - v. The parishes of Drayton Bassett, Hints with Canwell, Longdon and Weeford in the County of Staffordshire;
 - vi. The parish of Bickenhill in the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull;
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