

## Environmental Policy

### Purpose

This policy provides a framework for environmental protection and management for HS2 and its operations. It acts to elaborate on the Sustainability Policy theme “respecting our surroundings: environmental protection and management” and our strategic goal of “HS2 will create an environmentally sustainable solution and deliver respectfully to people and places”. This framework is underpinned by a comprehensive set of detailed policies contained in Information Papers<sup>1</sup>.

HS2 Ltd. is committed to developing an exemplar project through seeking environmental enhancements and benefits whilst limiting negative impacts through design, construction and operation of the railway.

HS2 Ltd. commits to protecting the environment through the avoidance and prevention of pollution and meeting all compliance obligations. We seek to continually improve environmental performance.

### Objectives

In order to guide and manage our potential environmental impacts, we will seek to achieve the following objectives:



<sup>1</sup> Phase One Environmental Information Papers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-information-papers-environment>  
: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-2b-information-papers-environment-e-series>

## Executive Owner

The Chief Railway Officer is the Executive Owner of this policy and is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and relevance of its contents and for periodic review and update to reflect changing circumstances.



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**Sir Jon Thompson**  
**Executive Chair /**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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