

# FINDING INFORMATION AND SENDING RESPONSES

# Q. What is the government consulting on?

**A.** This consultation seeks your views on the proposed high speed rail route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond, and on the sustainability impacts. You are also invited to provide your views on how the potential released capacity generated by HS<sub>2</sub> could be used, and on the opportunities to introduce other utilities along the route.

# Q. How do I respond to the consultation?

A. You can respond by:

- completing the online response form at www.hs2.org.uk;
- sending your response by email to <u>HS2PhaseTwoRoute@ipsos.com</u>; or
- sending your response by freepost to the following address: you do not need a stamp.

FREEPOST RTEL-YAZX-HAZT Phase Two Route Consultation PO Box 1152 Harrow HA1 gLH

Please only use the channels described above when responding to this consultation. The Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd cannot accept responsibility for ensuring that responses sent to other addresses are included in this consultation.

### Q. Where can I find the information?

**A.** Hard copies of the consultation document have been sent to libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux along the route. A leaflet was sent to properties in a 2km corridor around the proposed route to announce the start of consultation.

Further from the route, we have sited advertising in main stations to raise awareness of the consultation.

All the consultation documents and response forms can be found at <a href="https://www.hs2.org.uk">www.hs2.org.uk</a>, or ordered at <a href="https://www.hs2.org.uk">www.hs2.org.uk</a>, or on 0300 123 1102.

Information events are taking place along the line of route from mid-October 2013. The events will be advertised locally in the autumn. A programme is available on our website. It would be advisable to continue checking the information in case of updates or alterations to the schedule.

#### Q. What are the information events and what can I find there?

**A.** The information events are an opportunity to pose questions to HS<sub>2</sub> Ltd's staff and find out more about different aspects of the proposal before submitting your response. The events will present the information from the consultation documentation in a range of formats, including local maps, interactive maps and sound demonstrations.

#### Q. How was it decided where to hold events?

**A.** The event locations were selected based on a variety of considerations, including local impacts, centres of populations, accessibility and venue availability.

Selection was also considered in light of conversations with local authorities along the line of route. Local authorities were keen to ensure that local people were given good access to the events. Where possible, the programme reflects these discussions.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to hold an event at every location along the route. The programme of events is very intense, and there is very little capacity to add additional consultation events to the programme.

# Q. What information is needed in my consultation response?

**A.** When providing your answer, please give as much information, reasoning, explanation and context as possible to help HS<sub>2</sub> Ltd understand your response better.

We also recommend using the response form. This will help structure your response and ensure it is understand what themes and questions each part of your response relates to.

#### Q. When does the consultation close? When does my response have to be received?

**A.** The consultation closes at 5pm on 31 January 2014. At this time the online response channel will close. Email responses received after 5pm will be recorded as late responses.

We will accept postal responses postmarked on 31 January. Responses received after this date will be recorded as late responses.

Late responses will not be processed by the response analysis company.