

Subject: Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond - Summary

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Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond

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 HS2 could be used, and on the opportunities to introduce other utilities along the route.

The views and information submitted will be summarised in an independent report that will be considered by the Secretary of State for Transport when deciding on the proposed route.

For more information about HS2 and this consultation, or if you wish to respond to other HS2 consultations, please go to our website by clicking on the [Consultation Overview](#) tab.

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Please click the button below to start your consultation response. Please note that by clicking you are agreeing with the [Terms and Conditions](#) for this consultation.

If you do not wish to provide comments on a particular question, please let the box blank and move to the next question.

Please note that the character limit for each open ended box is 4,000 characters. If you want to provide a longer answer than this for any of the questions then please email it to the following email address: HS2PhaseTwoRoute@ipsos.com

Please note that the closing date at 17:00 on 31st January 2014. Please ensure your response is sent by this date.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)).

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA and the EIR, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public

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- Providing my own response
- Providing a response on behalf of an organisation or group

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Your Contact Details:

First name:

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Email Address:

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Details of your Organisation or Group

Only complete the following section if you are responding on behalf of an organisation or group - please be as detailed as you can.

If you are not responding on behalf of an organisation or group, please click on the back button and select the option for providing your own response.

Please provide your name, role, and name of the organisation or group to ensure that your response is included in the analysis by the response analysis company. Please also provide a postal address and, where appropriate, an email address for the organisation or group should we need to contact you with updates about the consultation.

Please write in the box below

Your name: David Fletcher

Your role: Committee Member

Name of the organisation or group: The National Association of Boat Owners

Address of the organisation or group: PO Box 104 LEYLAND

Postcode of the organisation or group: PR25 9AN

Email Address: web@nabo.org.uk

What category of organisation or group are you representing?

Please select ALL boxes that apply

- Academic (includes universities and other academic institutions)
- Action group (includes rail and action groups specifically campaigning on the high speed rail network proposals)
- Business (local, regional, national or international)
- Elected representative (includes MPs, MEPs, and local councillors)
- Environment, heritage, amenity or community group (includes environmental groups, schools, church groups, residents' associations, recreation groups, rail user groups and other community interest organisations)
- Local government (includes county councils, district councils, parish and town councils and local partnerships)
- Other representative group (includes chambers of commerce, trade unions, political parties and professional bodies)
- Statutory agency
- Transport, infrastructure or utility organisation (includes transport bodies, transport providers, infrastructure providers and utility companies)
- Other category of organisation or group (PLEASE WRITE IN)

Prefer not to say

Please tell us whom the organisation or group represents and how views were obtained .

This response contains the comments and evidence provided by The National Association of Boat Owners (NABO) in January 2014 NABO is a membership organisation dedicated to promoting the interests of private boaters primarily on the canals and inland navigable rivers of England and Wales. NABO was formed in 1991 and represents over 3,000 boaters using the waterways operated by British Waterways and the Environment Agency. Views of members are obtained through correspondence, Association publications, surveys, open meetings, and face to face contact with boaters at boat shows and on the waterways.

Are you happy for us to use the email address that you have just provided to send you a unique link? This will allow you to return to this response form, in the event that you exit this form before you have formally submitted your response.

If you would like us to do this, but have not already provided your email address at a previous page, please use the [Back](#) button, to return to the contact page to provide your email address.

In addition, by providing your email address, we will be able to email you a copy of your consultation response, upon submission.

Yes

No

PART TWO – CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The Government is seeking views on a number of questions in this online response form.

The Government is interested in any comments on the proposals that you feel the Secretary of State should consider in reaching his final decision. Please refer to the consultation document "**High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future Consultation on the route from the West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond**" when considering your response.

QUESTION 1 - THE ROUTE AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Do you agree or disagree with the Government's proposed route between the West Midlands and Manchester as described in **Chapter 7**?

This includes the proposed route alignment, the location of tunnels, ventilation shaft, cuttings, viaducts and depots as well as how the high speed line will connect to the West

Coast Main Line.

NABO has an expectation that the HS2 design, construction and operational phases will be completed in a sympathetic manner, preserving the heritage and amenity value of the waterways which equally contribute to the National interest. Specifically NABO is very concerned at the impact of the proposed route on the Trent and Mersey Canal near to Fradley Junction and Wood End Lock in Staffordshire. The proposal will result in a significant loss of amenity in this area, which is a popular and tranquil mooring. The proposed multiple bridge crossing is unacceptable to NABO. NABO requests that the alternatives proposed by CRT and IWA are given full consideration by HS2. NABO notes that in a number of areas, the proposed route may result in the obstruction of canal restoration routes. NABO requests sympathetic consideration to the local canal societies in resolving these issues at a reasonable cost. HS2 are requested to ensure that significant noise abatement is applied to sections of rail track near to the canals and at crossings. The canal is a residential and amenity area, and exposure to excessive noise will blight unmitigated areas.

QUESTION 2 – PROPOSALS FOR STATIONS

Do you agree or disagree with the Government's proposals for:

- a. A Manchester station at Manchester Piccadilly as described in **Chapter 7 (sections 7.8.1 - 7.8.7)**?

NABO notes that the canal runs adjacent to the station. The design should be sympathetic to the canal users for issues such as access, daylight and security.

- b. An additional station near Manchester Airport as described in **Chapter 7 (sections 7.6.1 - 7.6.6)**?

no comment offered

QUESTION 3 - ADDITIONAL STATIONS

Do you think that there should be any additional stations on the western leg between the West Midlands and Manchester?

no comment offered

QUESTION 4 - THE ROUTE AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Do you agree or disagree with the Government's proposed route between West Midlands and Leeds as described in **Chapter 8**?

This includes the proposed route alignment, the location of tunnels, ventilation shaft, cuttings, viaducts and depots as well as how the high speed line will connect to the East Coast Main Line.

NABO has an expectation that the HS2 design, construction and operational phases will be completed in a sympathetic manner, preserving the heritage and amenity value of the waterways which equally contribute to the National interest. NABO notes that in a number of areas, the proposed route may result in the obstruction of canal restoration routes. NABO requests sympathetic consideration to the local canal societies in resolving these issues at a reasonable cost. HS2 are requested to ensure that significant noise abatement is applied to sections of rail track near to the canals and at crossings. The canal is a residential and amenity area, and exposure to excessive noise will blight unmitigated areas.

QUESTION 5 - PROPOSALS FOR STATIONS

Do you agree or disagree with the Government's proposals for:

a. A Leeds station at Leeds New Lane as described in **Chapter 8 (sections 8.8.1 - 8.8.5)**?

no comment offered

b. A South Yorkshire station to be located at Sheffield Meadowhall as described in **Chapter 8 (sections 8.5.1 - 8.5.8)**?

no comment offered

c. An East Midlands station to be located at Toton as described in **Chapter 8 (sections 8.3.1**

- 8.3.6)?

no comment offered

QUESTION 6 – ADDITIONAL STATIONS

Do you think that there should be any additional stations on the eastern leg between the West Midlands and Leeds?

no comment offered

QUESTION 7 – APPRAISAL OF SUSTAINABILITY

Please let us know your comments on the Appraisal of Sustainability (as reported in the Sustainability Statement) of the Government's proposed Phase Two route, including the alternatives to the proposed route as described in **Chapter 9**.

no comment offered

QUESTION 8 – FREED CAPACITY

Please let us know your comments on how the capacity that would be freed up on the existing rail network by the introduction of the proposed Phase Two route could be used as described in **Chapter 10**.

no comment offered

QUESTION 9 – UTILITIES

Please let us know your comments on the introduction of other utilities along the proposed Phase Two Route as described in **Chapter 11**.

no comment offered

Have you answered all the questions you would like to answer?

Please check that you have answered the questions and provided views on the proposals in which you are interested in and/or wish to comment on.

If you would like to comment on one or more of the proposals you have not already commented on, or if you wish to change your response to a proposal you have already commented on, please click on the relevant change below, and click **Next**. You will then be taken back to the question or questions you wish to comment on and/or amend.

Once you have commented on all the proposals you wish to, please click **Next** at the bottom of the screen.

- The Western Leg (West Midlands to Manchester)
- The Eastern Leg (West Midlands to Leeds)
- The Entire Route (West Midlands to Manchester and Leeds)

If you wish to attach any additional evidence to that contained in this response form, please send it as an attachment to the following email address:

HS2PhaseTwoRoute@ipsos.com

Additionally, please include your name in the email, to allow us to identify you and link your additional evidence to your consultation response here.