

# HS2 Bulletin

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## HS2 launches Phase 2b Working Draft Environmental Statement consultation

HS2 Ltd has published early detailed plans for its Birmingham to Leeds route, known as Phase 2b, which have been put out for public consultation.

The document, called the Working Draft Environmental Statement, contains HS2 Ltd's first public assessment of the impact of the railway which runs through 18 kilometres of North Warwickshire from Kingsbury to the Leicestershire border.

The Working Draft Environmental Statement is subject to a 10 week consultation period to respond which closes on the December 21.

Cllr Jeff Clarke, Warwickshire County Council's Portfolio Holder for HS2 said:

"We urge as many individuals and groups as possible to respond to HS2 Ltd with their concerns at this point, to enable them to take account of any concerns and address them before the full environmental statement is published after Parliamentary plans."

A collection of documents make up the HS2 Phase 2b working draft Environmental Statement. The paper consists of approximately 10,574 pages made up of 28 local area reports, 4 route wide volumes and a series of map books illustrating over 150 pages of detail for Warwickshire.

To read the documents in full and respond to the consultation, visit:

**More information  
can be found here:**

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## Interchange Station designs revealed

HS2 Ltd has released its new design for the Interchange station in Solihull.

For local access a high capacity people mover is planned to connect the Interchange to the NEC, Birmingham International Station the airport terminal. The journey from Interchange Station to the airport will take approximately six minutes.

The Interchange Station is now in the detailed design phase of the scheme and plans are being drawn up for the station building and the surrounding landscape and infrastructure.

Early next year, HS2 Ltd will submit a request for approval under Schedule 17 of the Act to the local planning authority for the detailed design elements of the station. The station is planned to open in 2026.

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## HS2 works and traffic management

A total of 137 Consents have been submitted by HS2 contractors to Warwickshire County Council (WCC) for discharge to date. The work is currently focused on ground investigations and highways condition surveys.

Highways work carried out by HS2 Ltd and its contractors is classed as “scheduled work” under the HS2 Act. This gives HS2 the legal authority to carry out works.

WCC is not the decision-making body but the council does have limited authority to comment on how HS2 operate - for example, ensuring the free flow of traffic and the safety of road users. It is the HS2 contractor’s responsibility to notify residents, businesses and road users of forthcoming works.

Any queries to the HS2 help line on **08081 434 434**. Up to date information should be included on HS2’s local [website https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/](https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/) and HS2 traffic management information is live via <https://www.roadworks.org/>





## HS2 to support 15,000 jobs by 2020

HS2 Ltd recently released its Skills, Employment and Education strategy which set out how HS2 is working with the supply chain, the National College for High Speed Rail and regional stakeholders including Combined Authorities and LEPs.

HS2 Ltd's skills strategy shows how it aims to create a sustainable pipeline of jobs and skills for companies across the country, which HS2 Ltd hopes will boost regional economies and help Britain compete internationally.

The programme addresses the skills challenges faced by the wider transport infrastructure sector, to help ensure the UK has the best skills to deliver HS2 as well as infrastructure projects in the future.



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## National cycleway study published

A study into new cycle routes within the HS2 corridor has been published by the Department for Transport (DfT).

The report was commissioned in 2013 to fulfil a Government ambition to increase levels of cycling in England.

It sets out broad options for potential new and improved routes as part of a long term vision for a national cycleway to link local communities. The DfT and HS2 Ltd has said there are no current plans to fund the cycle routes contained in the study.

**Read the full  
report here:**

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# Timetables

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 1

2018	Early Works
2019	Main Works start
2022-2026	Testing and commissioning of the railway
2026	Railway opening

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 2b

2018 (Autumn)	Working Draft Enviromental Statement
2019	Full Enviromental Statement
2020	Deposit of Hybrid Bill
2023-2027	Building and testing of the line
2030	Railway opening

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**High Speed Two (HS2) is the Government's proposal for a high speed north-south railway. The proposal is being taken forward by HS2 in two phases.**

**The focus of Warwickshire County Council's role on HS2 is to scrutinise the implications of the scheme and develop protection and mitigation for communities around planning, highways, traffic and transport, public rights of way, historic environment and ecology.**

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