

Welcome to the 'Ingestre and Tixall against HS2' newsletter. We are committed to keeping you informed of all things HS2.

At recent events we have spoken to a number of people and it is clear that many are unaware of the impact that HS2 will have on our communities. On our website we will seek to explain what HS2 is, the case for and against, bring you up to date with the current consultations, events, and recent news concerning it. In future newsletters we aim to explain the visual, noise, environmental and property blight that will result from the construction and operation of HS2.



Do you know how close HS2 will be to your home?

Maps of the local area will be available to view at the information and road show events and can be viewed on line at www.gov.uk/hs2-phase-2-initial-preferred-route.

Our area can be found within the section HMS 03 map number 60304.

Compensation consultation

After the High Court ruled that the initial phase one (London to Birmingham) compensation consultation process was so unfair as to be illegal, a further process was launched which will end on **4th December 2013**.

Whilst this process is about compensation for homeowners living near to phase 1, it is open to everyone. The outcome will directly influence the compensation proposals for phase 2 so will affect **all of us**.

It is vital that as many as possible respond to this consultation. We have set out the proposals over-page and our responses to them.

You can respond online at www.hs2.org.uk, by email to 2013hs2propertyconsultation@dialoguebydesign.com or by post to Freepost RTET-YGJB-GUAH, Property Compensation Consultation2013, PO Box 70178, London, WC1 9HS

If you prefer we will have a number of pro-forma postcards.

Dates for your diary

Local MP Jeremy Lefroy has arranged a HS2 information event for local residents. HS2 were invited but have declined to attend. Details of the event are as follows;

Tixall Village Hall, 13th November 2013, 14.00 to 21.00 hours.

It is very important that as many residents as possible attend and make their feelings known.

Members of the action group will be present and look forward to seeing you there.

HS2 Ltd will be holding their official road show at:

Staffordshire County Showground, (ST18 0BD) 10th December 2013, 12:00 to 20:00 hours.

This will be the opportunity for you to ask questions of HS2 staff.

We will publish a further newsletter before this event, explaining what you can expect and suggesting some questions that you may wish to have answered.

HS2's proposed compensation options

1. Properties within safeguard zone, (60 m each side of track).	Express Compulsory purchase of property. A purchase and rent back scheme where the government will purchase the property and rent back to the occupier until it is demolished. (Subject to value for money assessment)
2. Properties within Rural Support Zone, (120m each side of track proposed).	Property Bond scheme OR Voluntary purchase scheme (note; one or the other not both). Alternative purchase and rent back scheme.
3. Properties outside the above zones	Long-term Hardship scheme. Applicant must demonstrate a compelling reason to sell their home and cannot do so because of HS2. Eligibility for compensation under this is means tested.

Full details of the proposals can be found on www.gov.uk or via the link on our website.



- We believe that no one should be financially disadvantaged as a result of HS2, including the far wider area during construction.
- We believe that the only fair compensation is for every blighted property to be subject of a property bond, guaranteeing the market value of each property.
- We believe that there should not be a fixed compensation zone based on the distance from the track. Upon evidence from an accredited surveyor that a property has been devalued by HS2 a property bond should be issued.
- We are concerned that the compensation scheme will be designed meet a budget and not to provide fair compensation to all those affected.
- We believe that eligibility should not be subject to any form of hardship test – if you are affected, you should be compensated.

Can you help?

We are a group of volunteers. Our aim is to stop HS2 by any legal means.

To cover all possible eventualities, we have two further aims: To mitigate blight for those affected by HS2 and to secure a fair compensation scheme for those affected by HS2.

Can you help with the maintenance of the website? Help with delivering newsletters, attending road shows and events? Help with fundraising?

If you share our vision and are able to assist please contact a member of the action group.



Phase 2 Route Consultation

A formal public consultation process in respect of phase two of HS2, Birmingham to Manchester and Leeds is currently active and closes at 17.00 hours 31 January 2014.

It is critical that all respond with their views and encourage friends and family to do so.

We will provide further details of this consultation and advice in responding in our next newsletter.

Ingestre & Tixall against HS2 action group



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