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LAUNCH OF HS2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Philip Hammond, the Transport Secretary, today launched the public consultation on High Speed Rail, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to take part. It is one of the biggest public consultations ever undertaken, and will cover the Government's proposed strategy for a wider network linking London, the West Midlands and Manchester and Leeds, and the proposals for a route from London to the West Midlands.

The consultation will run for five months until 29 July, which is longer than the 12 weeks recommended by the Cabinet Office for public consultations. It will include roadshows in towns and villages along the proposed route between London and the West Midlands.

By participating in the consultation, whether by coming to one of our roadshows or by going to the consultation website, you can voice your opinions and concerns and find out the information you need to respond.

The roadshows

The roadshows will give you an opportunity to read the evidence underlying the proposals and a wide range of material explaining the project, including a number of factsheets. There will be experts for you to talk to, such as engineers, environmentalists and property specialists from HS2 Ltd and the Department for Transport, who can explain the proposals in detail and the effects on your local area.

The events start towards the end of March in London, to give you the opportunity to read the consultation material before you come to talk to us. They end in Birmingham in the middle of June. This gives everyone at least a month before the consultation closes to formulate and submit their responses.

There is a gap of a month in the schedule to allow for local elections. During this time the Government needs to be careful not to promote anything that might have a local impact. For that reason we have not planned any public roadshow or trailer events. However, it does not mean that we would not



answer questions and help individuals with enquiries, and we would continue to respond to any requests for the consultation materials.

The roadshows will be at:

Location	Date	Address
Euston Mobile Exhibition	24-25 March	Euston Square Gardens (West), Euston Station, Euston Road, London, NW1 2RT
Queens Park Mobile Exhibition	26 March	Salisbury Road Car Park, Salisbury Road, West Kilburn, London, NW6 6NL
Swiss Cottage Mobile Exhibition	28 March	Swiss Cottage Farmers' Market, Eton Avenue, Swiss Cottage, London, NW3 3EU
Ruislip and Ickenham Exhibition	30-31 March	Winston Churchill Hall, Manor Farm Site, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL
Old Oak Common Mobile Exhibition	1 April	Westfield London Shopping Centre, Westfield Way, W12 7GF (outside Shepherd's Bush Overground Station)
Euston Exhibition	2 April	Camden Centre, Biddborough Street, London, WC1H 9AU
Camden Mobile Exhibition	4 April	Castlehaven Youth Centre, 21 Castlehaven Road, Greater London, NW1 8RU
Perivale and Ealing Exhibition	7 April	Greenford Assembly Hall, Ruislip Road (jcn with Oldfield Lane South), Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 9QN
Chalfont St Giles Mobile Exhibition	9 May	Blizzards Yard Car Park, High Street, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4QA
Aylesbury Exhibition	10-11 May	Stoke Mandeville Stadium, The Olympic Lodge Hotel, Guttman Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 9PP
Great Missenden Mobile Exhibition	12 May	Black Horse Pub Car Park, Aylesbury Road, Mobwell, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 9AX
Wendover Exhibition	13-14 May	Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6HF
Greatworth Mobile Exhibition	17 May	Greatworth Sports and Social Club Car Park, Helmdon Rd, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 2DR
Amersham Exhibition	18-19 May	Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Football Club, Ash Grove, Weedon Lane, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5QU
Waddesdon Mobile Exhibition	21 May	Waddesdon Church of England School Car Park, Baker Street, Waddesdon, Bucks, HP18 0LQ
Washwood Heath Mobile Exhibition	23 May	Hodge Hill Constituency Office Car Park, Ward End Park House,

		Washwood Heath Rd, Ward End, Birmingham, B8 2HB
Chipping Warden Mobile Exhibition	24 May	Village Hall Car Park, Culworth Road, Chipping Warden, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 1LB
Upper Boddington Mobile Exhibition	25 May	Boddington Village Hall Car Park, Warwick Road, Upper Boddington, Northants, NN11 6DH
Calvert Green Mobile Exhibition	26 May	Calvert Green Community Centre Car Park, Cotswolds Way, Calvert Green, Bucks, MK18 2FJ
Brackley Exhibition	27-28 May	Brackley Leisure Centre, Springfield Way, Brackley, Northants, NN13 6JJ
Ladbroke Mobile Exhibition	2 June	Bell Inn Car Park, Banbury Road, Ladbroke, Warks, CV47 2BY
Southam Exhibition	3-4 June	Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam, Warks, CV47 0LY
Cublington Mobile Exhibition	6 June	Cublington Sports and Social Club Car Park, Windmill Hill, Cublington, Leamington Spa, Warks, CV32 7LN
Balsall Common Mobile Exhibition	7 June	Jubilee Centre Car Park, off Station Road, Balsall Common, Solihull, CV7 7FE
Lichfield Exhibition	8-9 June	Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 6LX
Burton Green Mobile Exhibition	10 June	Village Hall Car Park, Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green, Kenilworth, CV8 1PH
Water Orton Exhibition	11 June	The Link, 4 New Road, Water Orton, Birmingham, B46 1QU
Kenilworth Exhibition	13-14 June	Holiday Inn, 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 1ED
Hampton in Arden Mobile Exhibition	15 June	Sports Centre Car Park, Shadowbrook Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull, B32 0DQ
Birmingham Exhibition	17-18 June	Waterhall (Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery), Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH

Documents and responding to the consultation

The consultation document and the documents underlying the proposals such as the Appraisal of Sustainability, economic case report and engineering report have been published on the consultation website at <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk> and will also be available, for example, at central libraries along the line of route.



You can respond to the consultation on the website or by completing a questionnaire form which can be found in the summary of the consultation document.

For further information go to at <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk> or contact the public enquiries team on 020 7944 4908 or HS2enquiries@hs2.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sir Brian Briscoe". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

SIR BRIAN BRISCOE
CHAIRMAN