

# HS2 Bulletin

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## County council calls for improvements to HS2 phase 2b plans

Plans published for the second phase of HS2 remain lacking in sufficient mitigation for affected communities, according to Warwickshire County Council.

The local authority's response to the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement (WDES) consultation identified a number of deficiencies in the plans for the Phase 2b route from Birmingham to Leeds and highlighted the drastic impact on the operation of two North Warwickshire country parks, rural villages and strategic road junctions in the scheme.

The county council's chief concern is that at this stage of development HS2 Ltd's plans still require vast improvements across a number of key areas - particularly in highway redesigns, the inappropriate designation of local roads for lorry use, impacts on vital facilities serving communities, and the treatment of essential service provision.

Specifically, the county council's response has underlined serious concerns over the design of Bodymoor Heath Lane, access and operation at both Kingsbury Water Park and Pooley Country Park, and the severe impact on using rural roads at Kingsbury, Whateley, Birchmoor and Austrey. In addition, there is the need to revisit the proposal at Junction 10 of the M42 to reduce the impact on surrounding communities and protect future economic prosperity.

The 10,000 page WDES document contained 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.



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## Communities benefit from HS2 funding

Three communities in Warwickshire have received funding totalling £225,000 from HS2 for projects to improve facilities in their respective communities.

Long Itchington has been granted £74,500 and Bodymoor Heath £75,000 from the HS2 Community and Environment Fund while Kenilworth has received £74,500 from the HS2 Business and Local Economy Fund.

The money awarded to Long Itchington Parish Council will improve the facilities for families at Long Itchington Park, specifically the children's play area, which was first built 18 years ago.

Friends of Bodymoor Heath received the maximum grant to modernise the facilities at the village's Victory Hall and provide users with a flexible space to accommodate the varied activities hosted at the venue.

Kenilworth Town Council has a grant for the Kenilworth is Open for Business project which will provide a programme to promote the town. It will include a string of digital high street initiatives, marketing and events to "highlight Kenilworth as a destination and an experience".

The successful bids have been supported by the county council's HS2 Project Team. The objective of HS2 funding is to add benefit over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation to communities and local economies along the HS2 route. A quarter of the HS2 Phase One track – 54 kilometres - will be built in Warwickshire.

The funds are managed by Groundwork on behalf of HS2 Ltd and have been created to add benefit to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of Phase One of the railway. The Government has allocated CEF and the BLEF worth £15 million to the central area, which includes Warwickshire.

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Groundwork website at**

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**Green End Park**

## Community Investment Plan

HS2 Ltd requires its contractors to participate in a Community Investment Plan (CIP), similar to that which is operated on the Crossrail project.

The CIP is for smaller projects which fall outside the scope of the CEF and BLEF. For example, as part of the Crossrail CIP, a contractor project-managed the design and installation of a new professional kitchen and utility area for a community centre in south Islington.

The county council's HS2 Team is currently coordinating potential project ideas which could be considered under the CIP. Please contact us at [hs2@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hs2@warwickshire.gov.uk) with your project ideas.



## Latest watchdog reports

The latest progress reports issued by HS2's Independent Construction Commissioner and Residents' Commissioner have been published.

The HS2 independent Construction Commissioner's report provides an update on issues raised previously report and comments on matters regarding future numbers of complaints.

The latest HS2 Residents' Commissioner's report sets out activity for the period between June and October, what data has been captured in that time, and recommendations for future improvements.

The Independent Construction Commissioner's role is to mediate and monitor the way in which HS2 Ltd manages and responds to construction complaints. The Residents' Commissioner acts as an impartial monitor to ensure open and transparent communication between HS2 Ltd and all residents who are affected by the scheme.

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## Property scheme review

The Department for Transport has completed a detailed review of the property compensation schemes that have been progressively rolled out from 2010 to 2017 and have been apply to all phases of HS2.

The review has suggested changes to the schemes to cover the five objectives which were originally set by the Government, namely: fairness, value for money, community cohesion, feasibility, efficiency and comprehensibility, and functioning of the housing market

This document examines each issue, setting out the principles behind the government's policy, and outlines conclusions which aim to make the property schemes fairer and more accessible to those affected.

**Read more here**

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# Timetables

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 1

2019	Early & main
2022-2026	Testing and commissioning of the railway
2026	Railway opening

## Expected Timetable for HS2 Phase 2b

2020	Full Environmental Statement
2020	Deposit of Hybrid Bill
2023-2027	Building and testing of the line
2033	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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