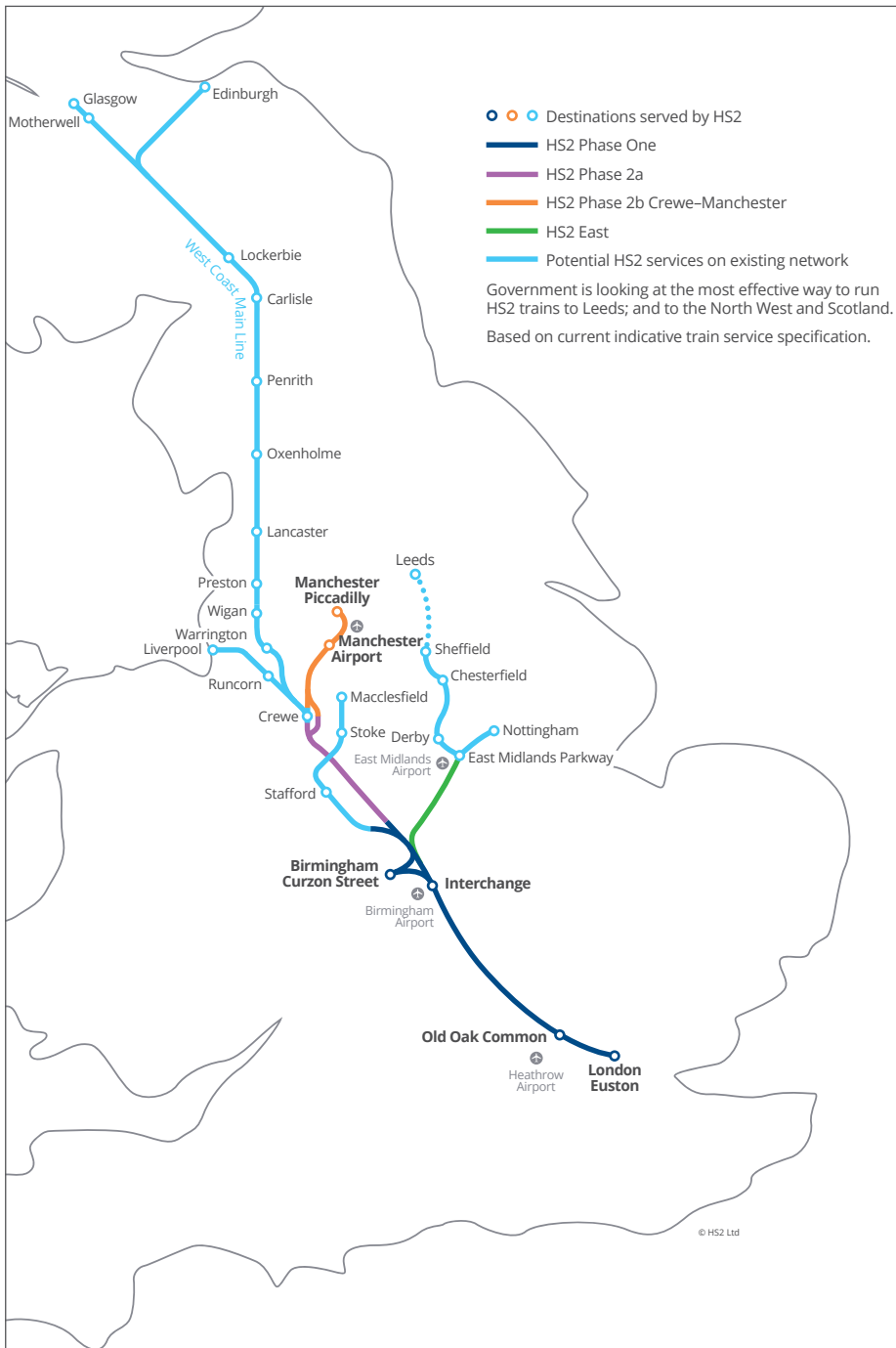


High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Supplementary Environmental Statement 2 and Additional Provision 2 (July 2023)

Guide to the SES2 and AP2



Why is the Bill being changed?

The proposed changes reflect our refinements to the design of the Western Leg and discussions with stakeholders.

A number of these changes require amendments to the Bill which are outside the original proposals. These changes make up AP2, which includes the following documents:

- a paper of amendments to the Bill;
- plans and sections that show the proposed amendments;
- a book of reference, identifying the owners and occupiers of affected land;
- a housing statement;
- an estimate of expense; and
- the AP2 ES.

In January 2022 the Government deposited a Bill in Parliament seeking powers to construct, operate and maintain the next phase of the High Speed 2 (HS2) railway known as Phase 2b Crewe – Manchester (the ‘Western Leg’). Alongside it was an Environmental Statement (‘the main ES’) setting out the likely significant effects of the proposals.

In July 2022 the Government deposited a further set of documents known as an Additional Provision (AP1), proposing changes to the Bill.

It included an environmental statement (the AP1 ES), which reported the likely significant environmental effects of the changes and our proposals to manage, reduce and avoid them.

AP1 was also accompanied by a Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES1), which reported the likely significant environmental effects of changes that were new, different, or removed, but are within the existing scope of the Bill.

The Government is now depositing a second Additional Provision (AP2) which proposes further changes to the Bill, along with an Environmental Statement (the AP2 ES) and a second Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES2).

What is the AP2 ES?

The AP2 ES reports on the significant environmental effects that the AP2 amendments are likely to have where these are new, different, or removed compared to those reported in the main ES as updated by SES1 and SES2. It also outlines the measures that are being proposed to avoid, reduce or manage these effects.

What is the SES2?

The SES2 reports on the likely significant environmental effects of changes that are new, different, or removed, but are within the existing scope of the Bill.

These changes include: new and updated environment baseline information (e.g. as a result of further surveys completed); changes to the design and construction assumptions; and corrections to the main ES and SES1 and AP1 ES.

The SES2 and AP2 ES are separate environmental statements but are in combined volumes so that they can be reviewed together.

Can I comment on SES2 and AP2 ES?

Yes. The Government is consulting on the SES2 and AP2 ES. The consultation will run until **11:45pm on 31 August 2023**.

Information about how to respond to the consultation can be found on www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-speed-rail-crewe-manchester-additional-provision-2-environmental-statement-and-supplementary-environmental-statement-2-consultation

Can I object to AP2?

Persons whose property or interests are specially or directly affected by the amendments to the Bill for which powers are sought under AP2 have the right to petition against AP2. If you are directly affected you will have received a notice, together with a letter and a guidance leaflet explaining what to do next.

The last date for depositing a petition against the proposals is **5pm on 15 August 2023**.

Petitions will be heard by the Select Committee that is considering the Bill. For further information on the Committee process, visit www.parliament.uk and search for "hybrid Bill".

How do I find the environmental information I need?

The SES2 and AP2 ES are made up of a number of documents that are publicly available.

Non-technical summary

This is a summary of the changes and amendments reported in the SES2 and AP2 ES, and of any new or different likely significant residual effects on the environment (i.e. effects which are likely to remain after mitigation measures are put in place) compared to those reported in the main ES, as updated by the SES1. AP1 amendments are taken into account where relevant. You may find this a useful place to start.

What is an AP?

An Additional Provision (AP) is a package of proposed amendments to a Bill.

APs are part of normal procedure for projects of this kind; a number of APs may be put forward on the Bill's journey through Parliament.

What are "existing powers and limits"?

The 'existing powers' are the powers to build and operate the railway and associated works, as sought in the original Bill or proposed to be amended by AP1. The 'existing limits' are the land they cover.

AP2 proposes changes to the Bill that are outside this original scope (e.g. where land outside existing limits if required).

Glossary of terms and list of abbreviations

This contains any new or different terms and abbreviations used throughout the SES2 and AP2 ES which are not already explained in the main ES or the SES1 and AP1 ES and a list of references used in the SES2 and AP2 ES.

Volume 1: Introduction and methodology

This introduces the changes in SES2 and the amendments that have resulted in the need to amend the Bill which are assessed in the AP2 ES. It also explains the environmental impact assessment process that has been applied.

Volume 2: Community Area (CA) reports and map books

Each of these reports focuses on a particular area along the route. Volume 2 describes:

- the changes included within SES2; and
- amendments within AP2 ES.

Volume 2 reports any significant environmental effects that are likely to arise, where these are new, different or removed from those reported in the main ES, as amended by the SES1. The AP1 amendments are taken into account where relevant.

They also set out the measures that are being proposed to avoid, prevent or reduce the effects.

There are also map books for each CA showing 'before' and 'after' details of the proposed changes and amendments.

Volume 3: Route-wide effects

This volume reports any likely significant route-wide effects, where these are new or different from those previously reported.

Volume 4: Off-route effects

This volume reports any new or different significant effects that are likely to arise, where these changes affect areas beyond the route corridor between Crewe and Manchester (e.g. Annandale depot), compared with those previously reported.

Volume 5: Technical appendices and map books

This volume comprises technical appendices which contain supporting information and environmental topic maps.

Structure of SES2 and AP2 ES

This guide includes a diagram showing the structure of SES2 and AP2 ES as well as the types of documents included within each volume (**see overleaf**).

Volume 2:

Community Area reports

There are SES2 changes and AP2 amendments in the following community areas:

MA01 – Hough to Walley's Green

MA02 – Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam

MA03 – Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath

MA06 – Hulsheath to Manchester Airport

MA07 – Davenport Green to Ardwick

MA08 – Manchester Piccadilly Station

Structure of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) SES2 and AP2 ES

Non-technical summary

Provides a summary, in non-technical language, of the Supplementary Environmental Statement 2 (SES2) (Part 1) and the Additional Provision Environmental Statement 2 (AP2 ES) (Part 2) and of any likely residual significant environmental effects which are new, removed or different compared to those reported in the main Environmental Statement (ES), and the SES1 or AP1 ES as relevant.

Glossary, abbreviations and references

Contains any terms and abbreviations used throughout the SES2 and AP2 ES, and provides all references cited in each of the volumes.

Volume 1: Introduction and methodology

Provides an introduction to the SES2 and AP2 ES and explains the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process that has been applied. This volume introduces the supplementary environmental information and changes to the design and construction assumptions included within the SES2 and amendments within the AP2 ES.

Volume 3: Route-wide effects

Describes any new, removed or different likely significant environmental effects arising at a route-wide level from the supplementary environmental information, changes to the design and construction assumptions included within the SES2 (Part 1) and the amendments within the AP2 ES (Part 2) compared to those reported in the main ES, and the SES1 or AP1 ES as relevant.

Volume 4: Off-route effects

Describes any new, removed or different likely significant environmental effects arising at off-route locations from the supplementary environmental information, changes to the design and construction assumptions included in the SES2 (Part 1) and amendments within the AP2 ES (Part 2) compared to those reported in the main ES.

Map Book

Volume 2: Community Area (CA) reports

Consists of six reports and their associated map books. These reports set out the supplementary environmental information, changes to the design and construction assumptions included within the SES2 (Part 1), amendments within the AP2 ES (Part 2) and any new, removed or different likely significant environmental effects arising from these changes and amendments in each community area compared to those reported in the main ES, and the SES1 or AP1 ES as relevant.

MA01 Report

Hough to Walley's Green

MA01 Map Book

MA02 Report

Wimboldsley to Lostock Gralam

MA02 Map Book

MA03 Report

Pickmere to Agden and Hulseheath

MA03 Map Book

MA06 Report

Hulseheath to Manchester Airport

MA06 Map Book

MA07 Report

Davenport Green to Ardwick

MA07 Map Book

MA08 Report

Manchester Piccadilly Station

MA08 Map Book

Volume 5: Appendices and Map Books

This volume contains supporting environmental information and maps to be read in conjunction with the other volumes of the SES2 and AP2 ES.

Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book	Map Book
Agriculture, forestry and soils	Air quality	Climate change	Community	Ecology and biodiversity	Electromagnetic interference	Historic environment	Land quality	Landscape and visual	Major accidents and disasters	Socio-economics	Sound, noise and vibration	Traffic and transport	Water resources and flood risk
AG Appendices	AQ Appendices	CL Appendices		EC Appendices	EM Appendices	HE Appendices	LQ Appendices	LV Appendices	MA Appendices	SE Appendices	SV Appendices	TR Appendices	WR Appendices

Alternatives report

Planning data

Wider effects report

Corrections report

Published outside the ES

Background Information and Data (BID) and associated BID Map Books

Baseline data and other background information is set out in the relevant BID documents and associated BID map books. This is a compendium of technical reports that sit outside of the SES2 and AP2 ES, but are aligned to and referred to by the SES2 and AP2 ES. They are published at the same time as the SES2 and AP2 ES.

Where are the documents available?

Digital – In areas affected by the amendments in the AP2, we have supplied copies of the AP documents to libraries, local authority offices and parish councils.

A list of locations is available on www.gov.uk/hs2 or from our Helpdesk (call 08081 434 434).

Print – Some libraries also have printed copies of the documentation that is relevant to their area.

Online – The full SES2, AP2 and AP2 ES are accessible at www.gov.uk/hs2

You can also purchase copies of the documents. A price list can be found at www.gov.uk/hs2

If you are affected by AP2, you may request certain documents free of charge by contacting our Helpdesk.

What can I do now?

Members of the public and other interested parties can respond to the SES2 and AP2 ES consultation.

More information can be found at

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-speed-rail-crewe-manchester-additional-provision-2-environmental-statement-and-supplementary-environmental-statement-2-consultation

If you are directly and specially affected by the proposals, you can object to the proposals in AP2 by submitting a petition in the House of Commons.

More information on petitioning can be found at www.parliament.uk

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