

# High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future

Consultation on the route from West Midlands to Manchester, Leeds and beyond

### **Session Overview**

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- Project Update
- Route overview
- The Consultation Aim; Documentation; Responding
- Information Events



### The vision for HS<sub>2</sub>

- A 21<sup>st</sup> century high speed rail backbone, integrated with existing network
- Delivered in two phases
- Direct, high capacity, rail links between our major cities
- Will free up space on the classic networks and reduce road congestion



# The capacity crunch

- Over recent years rail travel has been experiencing a massive growth
- 125 million long distance journeys were made in 2011/12, more than double the 54 million made in 1994/95
- By mid 2020's key routes will be severely crowded







# Benefits of the high speed rail network

- Increased capacity to meet future demand
- Redevelopment and regeneration supports 100,000 jobs
- Reduced journey times across the high speed rail network
- Greater connectivity across the Midlands and the North bringing together 18 cities

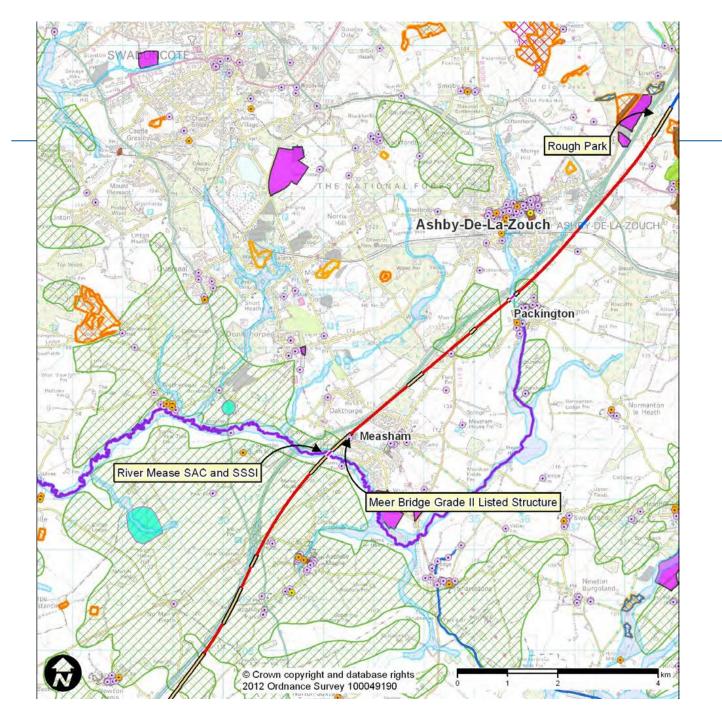




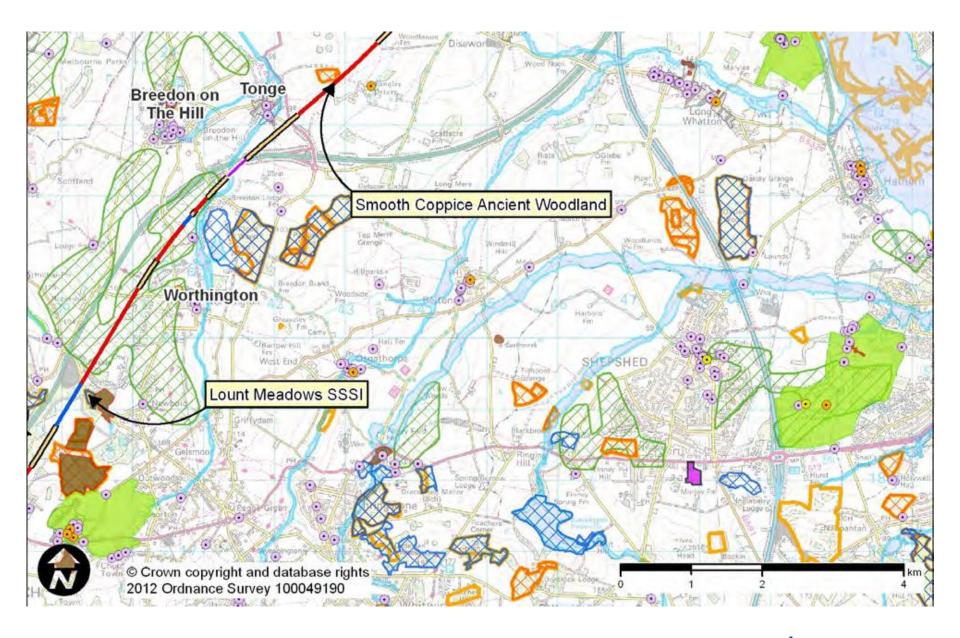
# The Phase Two journey...

- January 2013 initial preferred route announced
- July 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 announcement of the proposed route and the start of the public consultation
- July 2013 introduction of the Exceptional Hardship Scheme for properties affected by P2
- **18**th October 2013 start of the information events
  - ▶ 36 days of events in 29 locations
- 31st January 2014 the last day of consultation
- Next The government announces a final decision on the proposed route, station and depot options by end of 2014

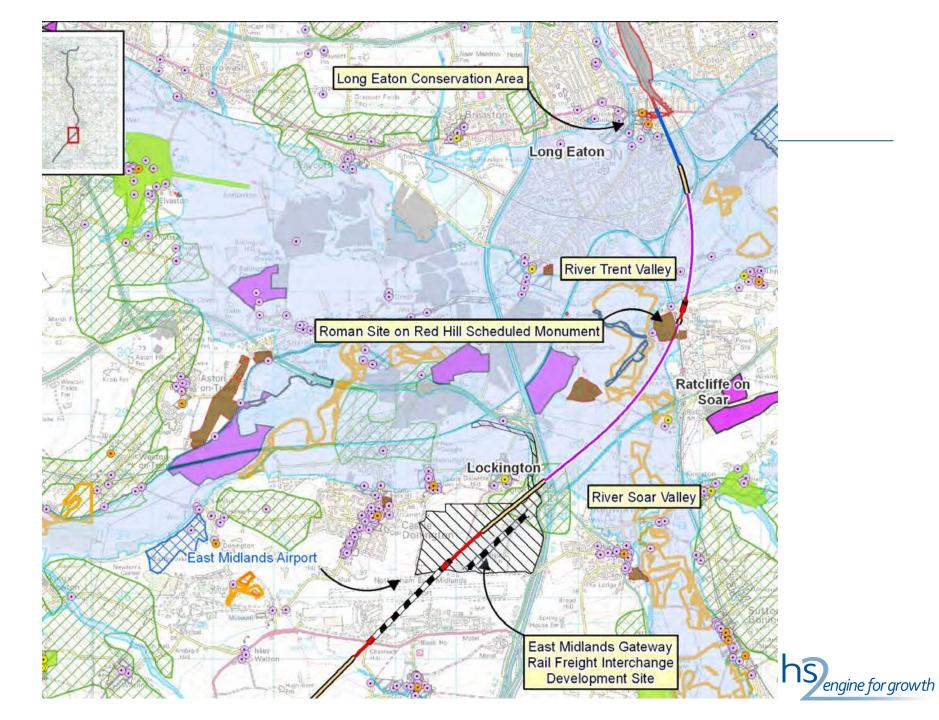












#### The aim of the consultation

- To obtain feedback on the proposed route, stations and depots to inform the government's decision
- The consultation also asks
  - Should there be additional stations
  - Comments on the appraisal of sustainability
  - How capacity freed up on the existing rail network could be used
  - Comments on whether the build specification should include space for other utilities



#### The Documentation

### All information can be found at www.hs2.org.uk

- Consultation document, response form and executive summary
- Sustainability Statement
- Technical report
- Factsheets and maps
- Network Rail Released Capacity report

### On-going work - Wider analysis documents

 An update of the strategic and economic case for HS2 will be published in October 2013



### Responding to the Consultation

- All responses MUST be sent through these dedicated response channels:
- Online response form <u>www.hs2.org.uk</u>
- Email <u>HS2PhaseTwoRoute@Ipsos.com</u>
- Freepost to the following address

Freepost RTEL-YAZX-HAZT

Phase Two Route Consultation

PO Box 1152

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- Online responses and emails will be acknowledged but postal communication won't
- Responses cannot be accepted by hand at events



#### **Information Events**

Aim of events

To help those who prefer face to face discussions to better understand our proposals

- What will events be like?
  - HS2 Staff
  - Sound demonstrations
  - Interactive map tables
  - Information panels inc. route maps, visualisations
  - Factsheets
  - Consultation and supporting documents



### Your nearest information events

Location	Date, time, venue
Long Eaton	<ul> <li>Friday 15th November</li> <li>12pm - 8pm</li> <li>Westpark Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton, NG10 4AA</li> </ul>
Long Eaton	<ul> <li>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>10am - 5pm</li> <li>Westpark Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton, NG10 4AA</li> </ul>
Measham	<ul> <li>Wednesday 27th November</li> <li>12pm - 8pm,</li> <li>Measham Leisure Centre, High Street, Measham, DE12 7HR</li> </ul>
Ashby de la Zouch	<ul> <li>Thursday 5th December</li> <li>12pm - 8pm</li> <li>Hood Park Leisure Centre, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1HU</li> </ul>



#### Conclusion

- Consultation runs from 17 July to 31 January
- Responses must be submitted via the formal response channels
- All information and documentation can be found on <u>www.hs2.org.uk</u>
- Information Events will be held along the proposed route and promoted widely



## **Questions and further queries**

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