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## Property Consultation 2014 – for the London-West Midlands HS2 route

Dear Parish Clerk,

I am writing to let you know that High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd has launched its Property Consultation 2014. We are consulting on two proposed schemes, as the government set out in an announcement in April 2014. These schemes, the **alternative cash offer** and the **homeowner payment**, are summarised in the enclosed factsheet. They would complement the assistance already available – and soon to be introduced – for people near the route of Phase One of the proposed high speed railway, between London and the West Midlands. The existing schemes are also summarised in the factsheet.

The consultation runs until 23.45 on Tuesday 30 September 2014, and it is open to everyone to contribute their views. We would like to ensure that the relevant information is available to people who, because they live close to the line of route, may be interested in taking part. We would be very grateful for your help with this.

This letter explains how to find out more about the proposals and submit a response. Please feel free to share this information with your contacts and stakeholders, post it on your website, or contact us for additional copies of documents.

We are also writing to owner-occupiers of properties within 1km of the line of route in rural areas and 300m in urban areas, to make them aware of this consultation and their opportunity to comment on the proposals.

### Getting information about the property proposals

The enclosed factsheet introduces the two new schemes on which we are consulting, as well as explaining the existing package of measures for people affected by Phase One.

The consultation document is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-property-consultation-2014>, along with maps showing the proposed schemes for areas near the Phase One route.

Paper copies of the consultation document and the maps are available in local libraries and Citizens Advice bureaux. To find the nearest location, please view the list at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-property-consultation-2014> or call our Community Relations Helpdesk on 020 7944 4908.

All documents are available free of charge online at the web address above, or by calling 0300 123 1102.

### **Responding to the consultation**

The consultation closes at 23.45 on Tuesday 30 September 2014. Respondents can:

- complete a response form online at <https://HS2PropertyConsultation2014.dialoguebydesign.net>
- email their response to [HS2PropertyConsultation2014@dialoguebydesign.com](mailto:HS2PropertyConsultation2014@dialoguebydesign.com)
- complete a paper response form by downloading it from <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-property-consultation-2014> or by calling 0300 123 1102 to request a form
- post their response to the address below. You do not need a stamp.

Freepost RTET-YGJB-GUAY  
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### **Can we help?**

If you have any further questions about this consultation, please contact our Community Relations Helpdesk on 020 7944 4908 (from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) or by email at [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk). This team will be supported by specialist staff to provide an expert response to questions about this consultation.

Yours faithfully,



**Alison Munro**  
Chief Executive  
High Speed Two Limited