

High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill

The Government has introduced this draft legislation into Parliament.

The purpose of the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill is to authorise the construction and operation of the High Speed Two (HS2) railway network – known as HS2 Phase 2b – to run between Crewe and Manchester.

The Bill is accompanied by an Environmental Statement that reports the environmental impacts of the planned new railway.

The Bill and its accompanying documents have been deposited in Parliament and are available on this USB stick.

How do I find information relevant to me?

This is a large piece of legislation and is accompanied by around 350 documents.

You can use the menu bar to navigate to particular types of document:

Hybrid Bill documents - the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill and explanatory notes.

Plans and Sections - detailed plans of the Phase 2b railway and other works, showing what land would need to be acquired or used for this purpose.

Environmental Statement - the documents that report what effects the planned new railway is likely to have on the environment. We recommend you read the 'Guide to the Environmental Statement' first. A useful starting point is the 'Non-technical summary', which summarises any significant environmental effects in your area.

Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) – Equality Check - the report where we set out our assessment of how the railway could have different effects on people with protected characteristics like disability, gender or religion. This set of documents also includes a summary and an Easy Read version of the summary.

Guidance documents - these contain useful information about the Bill and the structure of the Environmental Statement.

The HS2 Phase 2b route

The proposed Phase 2b route will run from Crewe to Manchester and is divided into eight 'community areas', which you can view by clicking on the map.

You can find reports on each community area in Volume Two of the Environmental Statement.

