



HS2 consultation

Please read - this affects you!

HS2 are currently inviting responses to their “WORKING DRAFT ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT”. Volume 2 MA03 describes the intended works for the section of HS2 which will run through Pickmere. The document reveals many details that have been awaited for months. The information includes:

- The provision of a large compound to be sited at Milley Lane for 5 years 9 months (anticipated length of time for construction) for 60 workers which will be accessed from Pickmere Lane.
- A 200m wide construction corridor
- A 2.5km (1.5ml) embankment, 66m (217ft) wide and up to 11m (36ft) high running from Linnards Lane through to Pickmere Lane at the Showground entrance. The track sits on this with the overhead catenaries and power cables over the elevated track.
- The stopping up of Budworth Road and stopping up and realignment of Pickmere Lane, Flittogate Lane and School Lane with a 14m overbridge crossing Pickmere Lane at the showground entrance.
- The demolition of Flittogate Farm and Barr Hill Cottages.
- The loss of a significant part of the Showground. The construction of an auto-transformer power station at Milley Lane for the track power.
- Realignment of affected footpaths in the Parish.
- These proposals will mean potential massive traffic disruption to and from the village, compounded by other works needed to realign the A556 as well as considerable visual impact, noise transmission, air quality issues during construction, and massive land loss during and after construction as well as a considerable and permanent environmental impact.
- Anticipated 9 trains in each direction each hour when operational and with night maintenance of track and superstructure between midnight and 0500.

This is real. This is present. Construction and road closures / realignments will affect every household during years of construction. Operation of the railway will affect many by way of visual intrusion, loss of openness, noise and with severe environmental impacts.

Your Parish Council has been fighting the HS2 proposal since it was first introduced but your input NOW is essential to influence Government.

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Copies of documents showing the detail we have so far are on-line at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-environmental-statement-volume-2-community-area-reports> (223pages!) and maps at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-environmental-statement-volume-2-map-books>

The Parish Clerk and your Parish Councillors have hard copies of these documents should you wish to consult them. They are also available at Knutsford Library.

The Consultation period ends on 21st December. HS2 also have a public information event on Friday 30th November at High Legh Village Hall from 2pm to 8pm. We urge you to attend this event and to challenge HS2 representatives on anything you wish to raise. You may also wish to lobby our MP, Esther McVey.

[Responses to the consultation must be made by 21st December 2018](#)

- Online <https://ipsos.uk/environment2b>
- E-Mail environment2b@ipsos-mori.com
- Post FREEPOST HS2 PHASE2B ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

Suggested topics for comments can also be found on the Parish Council website www.pickmere-pc.org.uk

Please treat this seriously. Read the reports, talk to your neighbours and act! The principle of HS2 is not at stake in this consultation, but the detailed effects are. The timescale is tight – your local environment and your community will be irreversibly changed if HS2 Phase 2b is built. Everyone’s view is important, so if you care, please respond. If you choose not to participate, then you have to accept the consequences which will be profound and permanent and which will change the character of the surrounding countryside, our environment and our Village.