Petition template – Second Additional Provision

**for the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill**

The following pages provide the template to be used for petitions against the Second Additional Provision to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill. The Second Additional Provision will sometimes be referred as ‘AP2’.

Before completing or submitting your petition, you are advised to read the guidance produced by the Private Bill Office on the petitioning process. All guidance can be found on the [Committee’s website](https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/597/high-speed-rail-crewe-manchester-bill-select-committee-commons/publications/13/engagement-document/).

**Content**

Your petition should include:

* The names and details of the petitioner/s (and of their nominated representative, if appropriate).
* The petitioners’ objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill.
* What the petitioners want to be done to address their objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill.

You should fill in each of the text boxes in the sections below. The text boxes will expand to accommodate your text.

Your petition should only include text, and not any images. You will have an opportunity to present any photos, maps, diagrams etc in your evidence before the Committee.

The Committee is only able to consider aspects of the Additional Provision to the Bill which affect people in their private capacity, not fundamental principles involving broader issues such as whether the railway should be constructed at all. You should not, therefore, make political comments, raise general objections to the Bill or raise broad issues of policy in your petition. You should concentrate instead on the specific ways in which the Additional Provision to the Bill specially and directly affects you or those you represent.

**Submission**

You are advised to submit your petition, as a Word document, by using the online portal if possible. The deadline for receipt of petitions is **5pm on Tuesday 15 August 2023**. The portal can be accessed here:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7810/petitioning-against-the-second-additional-provision/>

Should you wish to submit your petition via email or post, you should fill in the template petition fields on the following pages and send your petition:

* By email – hs2committee@parliament.uk (as a Word document)
* By post – Private Bill Office, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

**Payment**

Once you have submitted your petition, you must pay a £20 administration fee. Petitions will not be heard by the Committee without the payment of the fee.

You are not required to pay the fee if you have already petitioned against the Bill or the First Additional Provision and paid the £20 fee when submitting that petition.

You can pay the required fee by:

* Bank transfer – to sort code 60-70-80 and account number 10022317. Please ensure that you quote your surname as a reference, so that we can identify received payments with received petition.
* Cheque – payable to ‘HOC Administration 2’ and posted to Private Bill Office, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.
* Credit card – by contacting our Accounts Department on 020 7219 6308.
* Cash – in person to the Private Bill Office, Clerk of the House Floor, Palace of Westminster.

**House of Commons**

**High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill – Second Additional Provision**

1. **Terms and conditions**

We need your consent to use your data and to keep you updated on the progress of your petition.

**Your data**

Your petition will be published on the UK Parliament website. Please note this will include your name and part of your address. We will store your data and a copy of your petition in the Private Bill Office and as a record in the Parliamentary Archives.

**Communications**

Your data is stored so that you can be invited to have your petition heard by the Committee.

Private Bill Office staff may contact any of the people named in the petition to verify the information provided. Those communications will be stored with the information you have given.

Your petition and communications regarding it may be shared between the Private Bill Offices of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

If you have completed this form on behalf on an individual, group of individuals, on organisation or group of organisations, please ensure you have been authorised to do so.

For more information on how we handle your data, please see our [privacy notice](https://www.parliament.uk/site-information/data-protection/).

**Consent**

[ ] I give consent for my information to be used for the purposes set out above.

1. **Petitioner information**

In the box below, give the name and address of each individual, business or organisation submitting the petition. Please note that addresses here will be provided to the Bill’s promoter, but will be redacted in the version of the petition published on the Parliamentary Website.

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| Pickmere Parish Council |

In the box below, give a description of the petitioners. For example, “We are the owners/tenants of the addresses above”; “My company has offices at the address above”; “Our organisation represents the interests of…”; “We are the parish council of…”.

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| We are the parish council of Pickmere; the democratically elected local authority for the village which represents the interests of the residents and businesses within the parish. Pickmere is severely impacted by HS2 Phase 2b. |

1. **Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill**

In the box below, write your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill and why your property or other interests are **directly and specially affected**. Please number each paragraph.

Only objections outlined in this petition can be presented when giving evidence to the Committee. You will not be entitled to be heard by the Committee on new matters not included in your written petition.

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| **3. PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIONS TO THE SECOND PROVISION OF THE BILL (AP2)****3.1 GENERAL**3.1.1. The rural Parish of Pickmere will be severely impacted by the construction and operationof HS2 2b. Pickmere has no amenities for healthcare, education, food or other shopping; residents are particularly dependent on the local road network to access the nearby communities of Wincham, Northwich and Knutsford and to Manchester and beyond via the M6 Junction 19.  3.1.2. All roads that run east of Pickmere (B5391 Pickmere Lane, Budworth Road, Linnards Lane, Flittogate Lane) join the A556 and are themselves subject to a variety of realignments and temporary closures. To the south is Hall Lane which joins the A559; also affected. And to the north is Cann Lane which is a construction route and ultimately joins the A50 in High Legh; another construction route and in close proximity to the Hoo Green compound. 3.1.3. Because most of the land to the west of Pickmere is taken up by Neumann's and Ashton's Flashes, this only leaves smaller routes to the northwest and southwest of the village that are not directly affected by HS2. These will undoubtedly become busier as a consequence.3.1.3. The construction of HS2 2b will have a very negative effect on transport routes into and out of Pickmere in any direction; many of the works and construction traffic routes which will affect Pickmere lie outwith the parish boundary.3.1.4. Of particular concern within AP2 are the proposed changes:* Work No. 1/93A - A realignment of the M6 Motorway Junction 19 Northbound Offslip commencing at a point 120 metres north-east of the junction of Tabley Hill Lane with the A556 Chester Road and terminating at a point 500 metres east of that junction.
* Work No. 1/73A - A realignment of the A559 Manchester Road and the A559 Hall Lane commencing at a point 65 metres south-west of the junction of Station Road with those roads and terminating at a point 90 metres north-east of its commencement.
* AP2-003-001 - Additional land temporarily required for modifications to the A556 Chester Road and A5033

It should be noted that the above highways changes are based on the out-of-date assumption that Budworth Road will be closed and do not reflect the Promoter’s assurance that the closure of Budworth Road will be reviewed as per our Petition, 26 June 2023. AP2 needs to incorporate this assurance.**3.2. Work No. 1/93A - Modifications of Motorway M6 Junction 19*** Pickmere Parish Council is very concerned by the stated intention of HS2 Ltd to re-engineer the layout and traffic arrangements at Junction 19 of the M6.
* The proposed widening of the northbound exit slip road, realignment of the junction with Pickmere Lane and the provision and installation of a further overbridge and extra lane over Junction 19 of M6 is planned solely for the purpose of the construction of the railway and has no bearing or relevance to the recently completed works at Junction 19 by Highways England.
* These recent enhancements to M6 Junction 19 were designed to cope with anticipated future volumes of traffic and were projected to cost up to £66million. This has already caused massive disruption to residents and other commuters for two years during construction.
* The prospect of a repeat inconvenience at further significant cost - solely to facilitate the construction of the railway – and the attendant disruption and delay to local residents and commuters is unacceptable and considered a unjustifiable waste of money when the existing local road infrastructure is in an appalling condition and without budget to maintain or repair it.
* The new additional overbridge is, by definition, superfluous to requirements after completion of HS2, so there must be clarity as to where the responsibility lies for its future maintenance.
* The proposed works will have a major effect on the junction of Pickmere Lane (B5391) and Chester Road (A556) which are both in very close proximity to the intended works at Junction 19 and will inevitably and unreasonably cause significant inconvenience and delay to users of this route on their essential daily commutes to and from Pickmere and Wincham for the duration of the works.
* Pickmere Lane is a narrow country lane with a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes. When there are delays on the A556 or M6 motorway it is often used as an alternative “rat run” route by traffic. It is also sometimes inappropriately used by HGV traffic as an alternative route from the industrial areas in Wincham and Northwich to the A556 and M6 motorway; particularly when there are delays on the A556. We are very concerned that the proposed ‘improvements’ to J19 will make HGV access to Pickmere Lane easier for all HGV traffic. This will make it an even more attractive alternate route for all vehicles with the concurrent HS2 works further down the A556 and A559.

**3.3. Work No. 1/73A - Modification of junction between A559 Manchester Road and the A559 Hall Lane*** This junction is on the main route from Pickmere to Northwich, the nearest town.
* During the construction phase of HS2, travel to the other nearby towns, primarily Knutsford, Altrincham and Warrington will be more difficult thus access to Northwich will become even more important for local people.
* A prolonged period of roadworks at this junction, particularly if concurrent with disruption to roads to the east of Pickmere, would result in being almost completely surrounded by roadworks causing delays in every direction. This will cause significant detriment to the lives, mental health, and wellbeing of our residents.

**3.4. AP2-003-001 - Modification of junction between A556 Chester Road and A5033 Northwich Road*** This junction is the main route between Pickmere and Knutsford. Works here will be a further source of delays for residents’ journeys to Knutsford and east Cheshire.
* It also sits on the A556 between Northwich and the M6 motorway. Delays caused by these works will be a further incentive for vehicles to try the alternative route provided by Pickmere Lane.
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1. **What do you want to be done in response?**

In the box below, tell us what you think should be done in response to your objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill. You do not have to complete this box if you do not want to.

You can include this information in your response to section 3 ‘Objections to the Second Additional Provision to the Bill’ if you prefer. Please number each paragraph.

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| **4.1. Work No. 1/93A - Modifications of Motorway M6 Junction 19*** Reconsider the changes to M6 Junction 19 and look for alternatives to the high volume of HGV journeys required by the current construction plans.
* Alternatively, HS2 should provide clarity about the funding for the additional roadway and overbridge that does not negatively impact funding for the local road network – phrases such as ‘payment towards the cost’ are too vague to be sufficient.
* Access to Pickmere Lane from A556 near M6 Junction 19 - HS2 must identify measures to restrict HGV traffic and access to those areas on Pickmere Lane between the HS2 construction sites and the A556 to HS2 construction traffic alone.
* HS2 must provide ongoing measures to restrict HGV access on Pickmere Lane beyond the HS2 construction site to prevent it becoming a *de facto* through route for HGVs.
* HS2 must provide ongoing measures such as speed management and traffic calming to reduce the likelihood of Pickmere Lane being used as an alternative route by other traffic

**4.2. Other Works*** It is critical that the works in and around Pickmere must be scheduled in such a manner as to minimise disruption, community severance and isolation during the construction period. The only effective mitigation in this regard is that the Promoter, local authority and Approved Contractor/s are required to engage closely with Pickmere Parish Council.
* We request that the Promoter honour their commitment to keeping Budworth Road open by being required to provide an undertaking to that effect. Furthermore, because any design solutions will have an impact on the adjacent lanes of Frog Lane, School Lane and Pickmere Lane, any options must be based on full engagement with Pickmere Parish Council in order to build local knowledge and preferences into the final proposal. .
* We recommend that work on AP2 insofar as it impacts on M6 Junction 19 and routes in and around Pickmere should be postponed until the Budworth Road issue has been resolved.
* The unacceptable historic level of engagement between HS2 Ltd and Pickmere Parish Council on this issue and indeed, in general, must be improved . This will require a significant change in communication by HS2 Ltd to our Parish. A robust framework for future engagement is a necessity when it comes to mitigating - the worst effects for our village. We request that the Promoter is required to make proposals for improved arrangements and communications.
* It is worth noting that Pickmere Parish Council identified its concerns regarding the proposed closure of Budworth Road several years ago, raising them with both Cheshire East Highways and HS2 Ltd. Had either acted on our views and taken our local insight into account, the need for an additional AP with respect to Budworth Road could have been avoided, saving the taxpayer time and money.
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**Who should be contacted about this petition?**

[ ]  **Individual above**

[ ]  **Another contact (for example, Roll A Agent or other representative)**

**If another contact, complete the ‘Main contact’s details’ section below.**

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1. **Next steps**

Once you have completed your petition template, please save it.

After doing so, please visit the Committee’s webpage on the link below and follow the instructions to submit your petition through the dedicated online portal.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7810/petitioning-against-the-second-additional-provision/>

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Once your petition has been received and accepted, it will be sent to the Bill’s promoter (HS2 Ltd, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport) and published online on the Committee’s website. Copies of petitions submitted in hard copy (i.e. delivered by post or in person) will also be kept in the Private Bill Office and then as a record in the Parliamentary Archives.

Petitions sent to the Bill’s promoter will include all personal information provided by the petitioner/s. Petitions published online will include only the name and part of the address of the petitioner/s. More detailed personal information, provided in Sections 5 and 6, will be removed before publication.

As the Government is attempting to collect information on how people find out about private and hybrid bills and their associated petitioning periods, we would appreciate your responses to the following questions:

Q1. How did you find out about the petitioning period against the Second Additional Provision to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill? Please select all boxes that apply.

[ ]  HS2 leaflet posted to your home

[ ]  Email

[ ]  Legal notice describing the works published in the newspaper

[ ]  Adverts on social media

[ ]  An article in the news

[ ]  From the Parliamentary website or a Parliamentary mailing list

[ ]  Via a local organisation, or local representatives, such as your Parish council, MP or local councillor – Please describe:

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Q2. Can you provide any further details on how easily you found out information about the Second Additional Provision and the petitioning process?

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