



Campaign to Protect  
Rural England  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



## HIGH SPEED RAIL AND HS2

The government has announced details of the consultation process for its strategy for High Speed Rail and its proposal for the initial high speed rail line from London to the West Midlands, the HS2 project. The announcement is on the website [www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk).

CPRE Bucks is opposed to the plans for a new, totally segregated, ultra high speed rail line from London to Birmingham. We believe that the government case for HS2 does not achieve its stated objectives in a sustainable way.

CPRE Bucks agrees with many of the government's objectives set out in the consultation document ; increased rail capacity, reduced journey times and increased reliability, improved rail links between our major cities, reductions in energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, and transfers from air and road travel to rail. However, we believe that the proposed HS2 scheme suffers from many significant disadvantages and as a consequence of these it fails satisfactorily to achieve the set objectives.

We deplore the flawed consultation process, which only identifies one route for consideration. Also, the scheme is not proven to provide value for money, which should be a primary consideration in the present and projected economic circumstances. We have many other concerns, which will be fully documented as part of the consultation process. Our response may be made in association with like minded organisations.

Our recommendation to all those who are concerned about the Protection of Rural England and HS2 is to read the consultation documents, visit the planned roadshows and respond to the consultation.

We call upon the government to act upon the views of the various respondents, reconsider, and amend its proposals accordingly.

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