

HS2 Phase 2B Crewe to Manchester

The Second reading of the Phase 2 (2B) Bill was approved in Parliament on Monday the 20th of June, the Bill actually received increased support from MPs.

Cheshire West and Chester council have recently completed 2 public briefings to hear the views of residents that will be impacted by HS2 and/or those who have justified concerns about the project.

Next Steps in the Formal Process:-

The Government Select Committee responsible for HS2 will now listen to any Petitions received against HS2.

What is a Petition

A petition against the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill is a document outlining how the Bill affects a person, group or organisation and how they believe it should be altered. It is a different process from other Parliamentary petitions you might know about (including public petitions or e-petitions).

Who may Petition

Any individual, group of individuals, organisation or business which is “directly and specially affected” by the Bill can petition against it. More information about who has the right to be heard before the Committee can be found in the guidance listed above.

When should I Petition

The petitioning period will start the day after the second reading of the bill, which took place on 20 June 2022. The petitioning period will run until **Thursday 4 August 2022.**

How do I Petition

Once the petitioning period begins, you will be able to submit your petition via an online portal on Parliament’s website:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6779/petitioning-against-thehigh-speed-rail-crewe-manchester-bill/>

If you prefer, you can also submit your petition by post, email or in person. Emailed submissions should be sent to prbohoc@parliament.uk. Postal submissions should be sent to the Private Bill Office, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA.

Is there a charge for petitioning?

There is an administration fee of £20 per petition.

More Information on Petitioning can be found in the link below
<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/22702/documents/167264/default/>

It is important to note that the Committee will not be considering the wider principles of the bill (for example, whether the railway should be constructed at all). Your petition should concentrate on the specific ways in which the Bill specially and directly affects you.

We have also been asked by an increasing number of residents who they can contact to share their concerns/objections with, see below:-

Contact our MP

Edward Timpson MP

58A High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire, CW6 0AG

01829 733 385

edward.timpson.mp@parliament.uk

Contact Cheshire West and Chester Council

Mark A Simmons

Communities & Engagement Programme Manager

CWAC

Mobile 07825691787

Email mark.simmons@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Visit: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/search/all?term=HS2>

Contact the HS2 Project Team

HS2 Helpdesk

24/7 Freephone 08081 434 434

Minicom 08081 456 472

Email: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Write: High Speed Two (HS2) Limited, Tow Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GA

Website: www.hs2.org.uk