



How will work on the High Speed railway affect people living along the route between London and Birmingham?

London Corridor

Tell us before 11.45pm on 22 January 2016



Equality Assessment (Equality Check) Update
December 2015

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For legal purposes, the Equality Assessment Update (December 2015), available at www.gov.uk/hs2, remains the true record.

Section 1 – What is an equality check?



High Speed Two (HS2) is a new high speed railway that will run from Euston station in London to a new station (Curzon Street) in Birmingham city centre. HS2 Limited is designing and building the railway.



What HS2 Limited needs to do:

- ask the Government if it can build the new railway
- carry out an **equality check** of the new railway. **Equality checks** are explained on Page 4.

2 years ago, HS2 Limited gave the Government a design for the new railway.



Since 2013, HS2 Limited has changed the design of the railway and has carried out a new **equality check**.

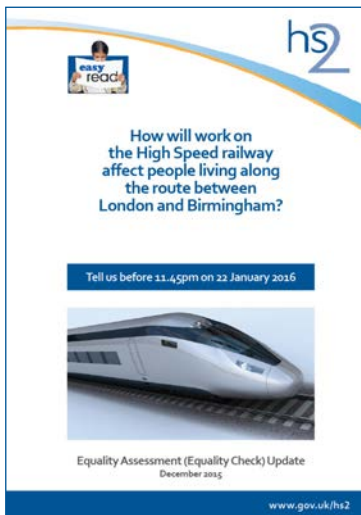
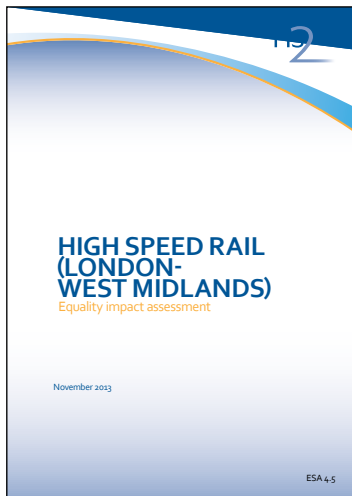


You can tell us what you think of this **equality check** until **11.45pm** on **22 January 2016**.

The Equality Assessment Update (equality check)

This report is an equality check update.

It replaces the old equality check that HS2 Limited did on the 2013 design for the railway.



This new **equality check** looks at the route from:

- Camden Town in London
- to Birmingham city centre (Curzon Street Station).

It was carried out to find out if work on the railway would have a bigger impact on people from **equality groups** than the rest of the population.

The 9 **equality groups** are different groups of people protected against discrimination in the Equality Act 2010.

The groups are:

- age
- disability
- gender (male or female)
- transgender
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnant women and mothers of young children
- race (black, asian and minority ethnic people)
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation (gay, lesbian and bisexual).



Equality checks



HS2 Limited did the first **equality check** in November 2013. It looked at the impact of the design between London and Birmingham on **equality groups**.



The second **equality check** in September 2015 looked at the impact of the new design at Euston Station on **equality groups** in that area.

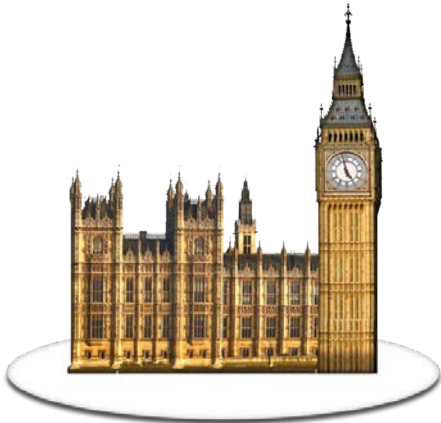


This third **equality check** looks at the impact of the new design on the rest of the route between London and Birmingham on **equality groups**.

How did HS2 Limited do this equality check?

As there is a new design, this **equality check** helps HS2 Limited to tell the Government how **equality groups** could be affected when it:

- builds the new railway
- starts running the new high speed trains.



This **equality check** shows where HS2 Limited thinks there could be:

- a **bigger impact** or
- a **different impact**

on **equality groups** compared to other people who live or work along the route or who use the railway.



There could be a **bigger impact** on an **equality group** because:

- there is a large number of people from that **equality group**
- they use services affected by the changes more than other local people – for example community centres, schools, or places of worship.



There could be a **different impact** on an **equality group** because they are more sensitive to the changes.