



Dear Community Forum Area Representative,

HS2 LOCALISED SOUND MONITORING LOCATIONS

There are several stages being undertaken by HS2 Ltd to understand existing sound levels and to accurately forecast HS2 noise levels. The third round of localised sound monitoring locations is currently underway. It is our intention to select sound monitoring locations which are representative of local sound levels with a particular focus on noise sensitive areas where the existing levels have the most influence on the assessment outcomes. We have requested feedback from EHP's (Environmental Health Practitioners) from the local authority who have a statutory role to protect the health and wellbeing of residents in their community.

Discussions at Community Forums however, highlight local concerns about the specific locations that HS2 acoustic consultants are using to gather background sound information. Some communities may also be concerned as to whether HS2 Consultants might be using or choosing specific locations that are not representative or typical of the community area and, as a result, whether local areas will be properly represented in the HS2 assessments and noise modelling.

A number of community groups have requested that we release initial information regarding specific sound monitoring locations for them to review. We have explained that we would be unable to do this at this stage as we do not wish to release information and surveys details that are still under development.

A wider approach

As a means to improve engagement with local communities your local Community Forum representatives (or action group) are invited to assist us in the sound monitoring surveys that will form the basis of our baseline assessments. We would like local representatives to identify locations that they feel typify local sound levels (high, medium, low) so that we can ensure that these are covered by existing or future proposed survey locations.

How will we deal with your location proposals?

HS2 Ltd will consider your proposals for monitoring locations put forward through this engagement. If our specialist consultants feel that any locations suggested through this consultation are already represented by the locations we have used we will be able to indicate this to you.

Where we feel that the locations you suggest are not adequately covered by our assessment and are a valued proposal for monitoring we will include these locations in our ongoing assessments (subject to landowner permission being granted and the sites being secure for the purposes of monitoring).

HS2 LOCALISED SOUND MONITORING LOCATIONS: REQUIRED METHODOLOGY

For rural locations:

- A. Provide one location within 300m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent high ambient sound for your area
- B. Provide one location within 300m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent a quiet ambient sound for your area
- C. Provide one location within 500m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent moderate sound for your area
- D. Provide one location within 1km of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent quiet for your area

For urban/built up areas:

- A. Provide one location within 150m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent high ambient sound for your area
- B. Provide one location within 150m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent a quiet ambient sound for your area
- C. Provide one location within 250m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent moderate sound for your area
- D. Provide one location within 500m of the proposed railway alignment that you consider to represent quiet for your area

Please:

- **Ensure** - that all your proposed locations are located on accessible public space or, if on private land, that you have in-principle agreement from the landowner for surveys to be permitted.
- **Ensure** - that all your proposed locations would be secure for at least a 24-hour period
- Fully complete the appropriate form overleaf.
- Send your completed form to your *HS2 Ltd Area Stakeholder Manager*

HS2 Proposed Localised Sound Monitoring Locations

FOR A RURAL LOCATION

Area the monitoring locations represents (e.g. Wendover)					
Your Name or Group Name (of community representative):					
Contact telephone number:					
Contact address:					
		Ordnance grid reference (2 Letter 6 Figure)	Description of location (e.g. field, verge)	Private or public space?	Contact details of landowner
A	Within 300m high ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
B	Within 300m quiet ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
C	Within 500m moderate ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
D	Within 1km Quiet ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:

HS2 Proposed Localised Sound Monitoring Locations

FOR AN URBAN/ BUILT UP LOCATION

Area the monitoring locations represents (e.g. Euston)					
Your Name or Group Name (of community representative):					
Contact telephone number:					
Contact address:					
		Ordnance survey reference (2 Letter 6 Figure)	Description of location (e.g. field, verge)	Private or public space?	Contact details of landowner
A	Within 150m high ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
B	Within 150m quiet ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
c	Within 250m moderate ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address:
D	Within 500m Quiet ambient sound				Name: Tel: Address: