

## Appendix D HS2 consultation in Leicestershire

- D 0. The HS2 Phase 2 consultation was launched on 17 July 2013. To compliment the consultation, HS2 Ltd. held over 30 information events along the proposed HS2 Phase 2 route. The full list of Phase 2 information events is available on the HS2 Ltd. web site ([www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk) - search for 'Phase 2 Consultations').
- D 1. The two information evens for Leicestershire were held on;
- a) Measham – Wednesday 27 November 2013, 12pm to 8pm. Measham Leisure Centre, High Street, Measham, DE12 7HR (203 attendees)
  - b) Ashby de la Zouch – Thursday 5 December 2013, 12pm to 8pm. Hood Park Leisure Centre, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1HU (348 attendees).
- D 2. Leicestershire County Council has worked with North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) to encourage Leicestershire residents and businesses to engage with the HS2 consultation process. The County Council and NWLDC have asked that residents and businesses respond to HS2 direct.
- D 3. Leicestershire County Council as a member of [East Midlands Councils](http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk) (EMC) (<http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk>) contributed to that organisation's response to the current consultation on Phase 2 of HS2, and supports the response agreed by the Executive Board Meeting on 6 December 2013. The papers for this meeting are on the EMC website here, [http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/Executive Board Papers - 06.12.13.pdf](http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/write/Executive_Board_Papers_-_06.12.13.pdf) (item 6).
- D 4. The County Council has also worked with HS2 Ltd. to ensure that Leicestershire residents and businesses are kept informed about the HS2 proposals and the consultation process, with the intention that they have clarity on how to respond.
- D 5. Following announcement of the Government's initial preferred route in January 2013, the County Council has been proactive in providing local residents with information about HS2. The County Council has:
- a) provided local residents with an early opportunity to find out more about the proposals where officers from Leicestershire County Council and North West Leicestershire District Council officers briefed over 150 residents who attended the Ashby, Measham and Moira Community Forum on 5 March 2013 (<http://www.leicestershireforums.org/ashby/amm--5-march-2013.html>)
  - b) set up a webpage on the County website to direct County residents to the HS2 proposals. The page outlines the Government proposals, the council's position, the public consultation and signposts to relevant HS2 external websites. This website can be viewed at, [http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/your\\_council/haveyoursay/hs2.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/your_council/haveyoursay/hs2.htm)

- c) following the announcement in July of the Government's preferred route, stations and the public consultation, arranged for HS2 Ltd. to attend the Valley Community Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and the Ashby, Moira, Measham Community Forum on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013. This enabled HS2 Ltd. to inform residents about the Government consultation and related information events and answer residents questions. This also gave local HS2 action groups an opportunity to update the Forums on their activities.
- d) promoted the HS2 Ltd. route consultation and the Leicestershire information events by distributing 18,000 leaflets to homes and businesses along the proposed HS2 route in the week prior to the first Leicestershire information event.