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**PROPERTY COMPENSATION CONSULTATION 2013**  
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**Your chance to press for FAIR compensation for 300,000+ households affected by HS2**

The Government is asking for your views on its proposals for compensating those affected by a new high speed rail line (HS2).

Their current proposals will help less than 2% of those affected.

Please do have your say by filling in the below and posting this response today. No stamp is needed.

**Consultation closes: 4 December 2013**

***HS2: Property Compensation Consultation 2013***

*I believe that the compensation proposals are inadequate and unjust, as 89% (26,181) said last January. Private individuals whose property suffers a loss in value due to HS2 are being asked to bear an unfair share of the cost of HS2. This can't be right.*

**All Q:** I support the 'polluter pays' principle: if HS2 causes a loss in property values then the HS2 project should pay for it, not private individuals. This should be a core principle.

**Q1:** 'Fairness' means helping all those affected – not less than 2% of cases, as proposed.

**Q3,6,7:** If HS2 causes a significant loss in property value then the owner should be compensated – irrespective of distance from the rail line, rural/urban, or hardship rules.

**Q3,7:** The Hardship scheme, with its mean-tested rules that are unrelated to blight, must be dropped and a route-wide Property Bond scheme (like HS2AA's) be put in its place.

**Q1-7:** There should be an independent appeals body to make sure that decisions are fair.

**All Q:** People should be free to move or re-mortgage as they normally would.

**Q6,7:** A Voluntary Purchase or Bond Scheme must apply beyond 120m – the current EHS has applied up to 1.1kms. A Property Bond should apply in addition to other schemes.

**Other comments:**

***Read full consultation questions at [www.sowhat.org.uk](http://www.sowhat.org.uk)***

**This is my response to the compensation consultation.**

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