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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 the Government should give fair compensation so that no individual should suffer financial loss as a result of HS2. Helping under 2% of cases is wrong. If the Government can't afford fair compensation, then it can't afford to go ahead with HS2.

Q1-7: Schemes should not just be for the few properties very near the line, but (as promised) for all those that can prove significant losses in their property's value due to HS2 and can't move. It's unreasonable to change the criteria and re-define "fairness".

Q3,6,7: Schemes should be based on loss in property value, and not fixed distances from the HS2 line, or urban/rural locations, or hardship rules, or being over tunnels.

Q3: The hardship rules should be dropped. Any scheme should not rely on means-tested hardship rules that are about personal matters and unrelated to the blight being suffered.

Q2-7: There should be an independent appeals body to ensure decisions are fair.

Q6,7: As well as any Voluntary Purchase Scheme there should be a route-wide Property Bond Scheme, like HS2AA's, for beyond the immediate area (and not limited to 120m).

Other comments:

Read full consultation questions at www.sowhat.org.uk

This is my response to the compensation consultation.

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