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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 'fairness' requires the polluter to pay. The Government should compensate those who are blighted by HS2, with the full cost included in the business case – just like any other cost. If the taxpayer can't afford it, then the country can't afford HS2.

Q1,6,7: Schemes should not just be for the few properties very near the line, but for all those that can prove significant losses in their property's value from HS2 and can't move.

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: Blight extends well beyond 120m from the line –the EHS scheme has applied up to 1.1km. A route-wide Property Bond, like HS2AA's, should apply as it helps more people.

Other comments:

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

This is my response to the compensation consultation.

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