

Hints & Area AGAINST HS2

From Golds Clump towards West Crossing the flood plain

December 2012

Invitation to an Open Meeting about HS2 Compensation

Hints Village Hall
Sunday 16th December at 2pm

Guest Speaker
Christopher Pincher MP

This event is intended to provide advice on Property Compensation and completion of the consultation response

From March 2010 the Government has made a number of promises of a generous compensation scheme for those affected by HS2. It was suggested that distance would be 500m.

In November 2010 Philip Hammond stated that -

"the Government is not looking to build this railway off the back of people losing the value of their property"

Far from being generous those in the safeguarded area (60m from centre track) get market value plus 10%, to a maximum of £47K. For some properties this will barely cover the cost of moving house.

Those in the voluntary purchase zone (120m from centre track) get market value only.

And for everyone else blighted by HS2

HS2 Compensation

The recently announced details of the compensation packages predominately only apply to those within 60 or 120 metres.

Residents outside this distance (most of the village) need to understand that the value of their homes **will** be blighted by HS2. Recent valuations showing a 40% reduction in market value, prove this to be the case.

Those outside the 120 metres will have to wait 14+ years to apply for limited compensation.

The suggested long term hardship scheme criteria is worse than the existing scheme. The existing scheme has proved to be very difficult to get.

There will be direct blight on houses even at a distance. The excavation and building process, over many years, will bring dust and noise for many hours per day (sometimes 7 days per week). There will be disruption to many roads.

No compensation is payable for the effects of construction

Responding to the Compensation Consultation

We strongly recommend that everyone responds to this consultation.

Only if the arguments are presented in sufficient numbers is there any possibility that these proposals can be improved.

The aim is to get 100,000 responses

Full responses, on official response form, would be best. We also have free-post postcards for quicker responses. Encourage your friends and family to use these too.

Come along on the 16th for help and advice on these responses.