

# Hints & Area AGAINST HS2

From Golds Clump towards West Crossing the flood plain

March 2013

## Judicial Reviews

### The fight goes on!

HS2 Action Alliance won the Compensation Judicial Review outright and were given leave to appeal the environmental review.

The Judge granted permission to appeal - *often it is rejected* - so the Judge thought a higher court should be allowed a view on the case. The legal team advise HS2AA the case has a good chance. The Appeal Court may choose to get an opinion from Europe.

### What does all this mean to you?

**Compensation case** - the 2011 consultation was unfair and the decision for a hardship based scheme unlawful. There will be another consultation that will include the Property Bond option, so there is another chance to get fair compensation.

### Environmental Case -

*What if the appeal is successful?*

- HS2 Ltd. Would have to go back to looking at the alternatives, eg other routes, doing environmental assessments on each, and then consulting on them.
- This process take time and offers further opportunities to confront Government with the facts

### £100K Legal Fund Appeal

Many people kindly contributed to the initial legal fund but we now need to raise more funds to go to the Court of Appeal.

***Every penny counts!***

**Donations can be made via the Action Group or Direct to HS2AA**

**Cheques to:** HS2AA Legal Fund  
c/o HS2AA Treasurer,  
Lamb Cottage, Potter Row,  
South Heath, Bucks. HP16 9LT

***The legal fund is ring-fenced:  
unused funds will be reimbursed  
for those donating more than £250***

## Community Forums and Mitigation

In April, a decision will be given as to whether our community mitigation proposals are going to be incorporated into the final design brief for this area.

The proposal, a tunnel through the escarpment behind Hints to protect the Ancient Woodland and to partially protect the surrounding landscape. This would also help reduce noise and visual blight impact for Hints residents.

We are not confident that this request will be met as HS2 Ltd is being pressed to save money. They are proposing to raise track height by 7-8 metres on many parts of the route in order to reduce costs. This includes the area from the old A5 to the A51

Members of the public will have the opportunity to take part in an Environmental Consultation in the Spring this year. No date or venue has yet been given. Staffordshire County Council will be actively involved in ensuring that HS2 Ltd. meet the design criteria on the environmental

## Land Referencing

Land Interest Questionnaires part of the land reference work being done in preparation for the Hybrid Bill are being sent out. These forms may require legal advice for completion.

It is possible to reclaim up to £250 for this. **HS2 have NOT advertised this.** Contact the helpline telephone number given on the form for further details.

## The Y Route

Members of our Action Group took part in the analysis of 73 DfT maps for Phase 2. Press releases were sent out to local newspapers.

It is estimated that over 300K properties are now affected. Many new Action Groups have been formed which will help strengthen the campaign to STOP HS2.

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