

PLEASE ACT NOW

HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK (HS2)

The government has proposed a High Speed Rail link between London and Birmingham which would run alongside the Central Line through our area. It will have a profound, negative and long term impact on the value of homes and quality of life in the London Borough of Ealing.

“Up to 400 metre long trains with as many as 1,100 seats, and up to 14 trains per hour in each direction; developments in train control technology are expected to see that increase to 18 trains per hour on a wider network.”

From the HS2 website

The trains will operate from 5am until midnight Monday to Saturday and from 8am to midnight on Sundays. This will devalue homes in the vicinity of the route. What compensation will be available? How long will it take to come through? Blighted properties will remain unsold. It will affect the amount that landlords can charge in rents. Who wants to live or work next to a noisy railway line?

“The Government is also considering what additional measures may be appropriate to help those whose properties would be unlikely to need to be compulsorily purchased in order to build a new line, but who may still experience a significant loss in the value of their property as a result of its proximity. “

From the HS2 website

HS2 will mean new bridges, retaining structures and other construction work in Northolt, Greenford, Perivale and Hanger Lane. Homes, schools, small businesses and local travel will be affected for years during the construction period and once the route is in use.

HS2 will save those using it 30 minutes on the current time of a rail journey between London and Birmingham. It will cause noise, dirt, disruption and permanent property blight. It will cost taxpayers up to £33 billion. Our borough will not benefit from it.

WE NEED SERVICES NOT AN EXPENSIVE RAIL LINK WE WON'T USE

It is vital that residents of the London Borough of Ealing take part in the consultation by phoning 0300 321 1010 or at <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/> where you can take a look at the questions before completing the questionnaire. Remember to add your own comments as well. **You must do this before 29th July 2011.** In addition please write to:

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