

Cubbington Action Group against HS2

Summary of Petition against the HS2 Hybrid Bill

Cubbington Action Group will petition on the following grounds:

1. Increase in height of line

Although HS2 Ltd have stated that they recognise the advantages of keeping the line as low as possible, since the 2011 public consultation, they have progressively increased the height of the trackbed across the whole of its passage through Cubbington Parish, by up to 9 metres. This is not acceptable.

Increased height = greater visual impact and more noise, raising of road levels and larger, more intrusive earthworks

These changes have been made since the 2011 public consultation and we contend that this renders the 2011 consultation invalid.

2. Height of viaduct over River Leam – unnecessarily high

The height of the proposed viaduct across the River Leam is about 5 metres higher than necessary to clear possible flooding. The larger mitigating embankments would create more visual impact.

The higher the viaduct, the higher the embankments would be on either side of the river, and the greater the noise impact on the valley.

3. South Cubbington Wood and veteran pear tree – tunnel requested

We are seeking an amendment to the Hybrid Bill to provide for a bored tunnel under the wood to preserve the ancient woodland and the pear tree.

4. Unacceptable HS2 proposals to compensate for loss of ancient woodland and pear tree

In the event of a tunnel being refused, we are seeking the **restoration of North Cubbington Wood and public access to that wood**, in preference to HS2 Ltd's proposal of planting new trees on productive farmland around South Cubbington Wood and moving woodland soil to a meadow between North Cubbington Wood and Weston Wood. We are also seeking a better way of preserving the pear tree than collecting seeds and attempting grafts.

5. Footpath diverted from fields, to run along Rugby Road and across the new road bridge

We are asking for assurances that a proper footway will be made along the road and a barrier on the new bridge to protect pedestrians from traffic. The present grass verge is inadequate.

6. Footpaths affected by construction works

We are requesting that all 3 footpaths remain open to walkers during construction works, via diversions if necessary.

7. Construction traffic

1. We are asking for site traffic to be routed down Coventry Road instead of via Rugby and Kenilworth Roads as currently proposed, where large lorries would pass 200+ houses and have to negotiate a mini-roundabout.
2. We are also seeking an undertaking that Mill Lane will not become an unofficial site access route.

8. Noise

We have requested an explanation of the proposed noise mitigation and may comment on this.