



5 years on, who's really celebrating?

Five years on from the announcement of the controversial £50bn high speed rail project, HS2, what exactly has been achieved by those in charge of delivering this 'rich man's railway'?

In the words of the magician Paul Daniels, "not a lot".

Unless, of course you count the spending of almost a billion pounds of tax payers' money, the hiring

of around 900 employees, endless consultants and lawyers, along with the services of image consultants and professional bloggers.

With £7bn worth of contracts currently out to tender it's no wonder the project has been labelled by industry experts as a 'grave train' for those with vested interests.

It really does seem that it's a case of having their cake and eating it too.

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