**HS2: THE GOVERNMENT’S PROPOSED TIMELINE**

**Local Engagement Spring 2012 (on going)**

The structure for the engagement activities outlined by HS2 Ltd are made up of:

* The National Environment Forum
* Local Planning Forums
* HS2 Community Forums

**Blight Consultation Autumn 2012**

The Government has made a commitment to introduce a package of compensation measures over and above the statutory minimum including:

* a refreshed hardship scheme
* support for those affected by construction and measures to reinforce confidence in properties above tunnels
* measures to simplify the compulsory purchase process
* a sale and rent back scheme to give homeowners within the safeguarding area more flexibility

**Safeguarding Consultation Autumn 2012**

A ‘safeguarding zone’ either side of the route will delineate the land that HS2 expect to need in order to build and operate HS2

**Scoping of the EIA Spring 2012 /Environmental Statement Public Consultation Spring 2013**

There has been no assessment of the environmental impact of HS2 yet, work is now starting on this.

**Hybrid Bill in Parliament October 2013**

This can take 2 years.

**Y route Formal Consultation 2014**

No details of the Heathrow spur or route North of Birmingham have yet been confirmed (as at 20th November 2012).

**Construction starts 2017**

Road closures including the A40, construction compounds, spoil removal, disruption to rail and tube services all begins

**Testing starts 2024**

**HS2 Services start 2026**

Nearly 400 ultra high speed to pass through Hillingdon daily between 5am and midnight, rising to almost 500 per day from 2032/3.

**Compensation Payments to Homeowners 2027**