

Mines and Minerals - FAQs

Why are you now obtaining mines and minerals for HS2 when you've already obtained the land?

The legislation for Phase One of HS2, between London and the West Midlands, doesn't include obtaining mines and minerals as part of our compulsory purchase programme.

We have obtained land for our building works, but we now need to obtain mines and minerals for two reasons:

- Some areas of mineral deposits could damage the railway if they were 'worked' or removed in the future.
- We sometimes need to divert utilities, such as gas and electricity, as we build HS2. This means we might have to obtain mines and minerals to protect the new pipes and cables.

We might use materials we obtain from the mines to build the railway and will limit future application to take minerals.

What are mines and minerals?

Mines and minerals are:

- rocks, stones and other materials which have a value when they are taken from the surface or below the ground; or
- the general below-surface layer of material which may have no value.

How will I be compensated if you take mines and materials for HS2?

In most cases, mines and minerals only have a nominal value. However, the type of the material and the quantity of it means it might have a commercial value. Our valuers will work out the value of the material and the level of compensation we will pay.