

Open Data Policy

Purpose

This policy statement sets out HS2 Ltd commitment to making public data easily available under the Government's Transparency Agenda.

Principles

We will aim to publish data collected and produced for the development of the High Speed Two rail network within 20 days of key business milestones to data.gov.uk in an appropriate format that can be readily consumed.

Our statement of general policy is to:

- Pledge that decision-making on release of data is made by the appropriate Information Asset Owner within the organisation and takes into account:
 - Risks relating to information security classification, commercial sensitivity, copyright data protection and security aspects of critical national infrastructure. Only information not carrying these risks will be considered for publication
 - Existing agreements with statutory national bodies controlling the release of sensitive data.
- Assign responsibility within the organisation for planning the proactive release of data
- Plan for the proactive release of data at key business milestones, such as major consultations and bill submissions
- Encourage data that is as accurate as possible and accessible, without hindrance, by third parties to download and use as appropriate
- Conform to the provisions of the provisions of the Department for Transport Open Data Strategy, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Open Data Principles published in the Government Service Design Manual.
- Make spatial data sets available in a consistent format as required under the EU Inspire Directive.
- We will tell our employees and contractors about this policy, so that they understand our commitment to open data.

Applicability, implementation and resources

This policy applies to all aspects of the HS2 programme, including both Phase One and Phase Two. HS2 Ltd will govern the availability of the resources needed to implement this policy, then maintain it, so that it remains effective and relevant through regular reviews and updates.

Executive Owner

The Chief Financial Officer is the Executive Owner of this policy and is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and relevance of its contents and for periodic review and update to reflect changing circumstances.

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