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Homeowner Payment scheme



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HS2 is a new railway that will run between London Euston and other big stations in Britain.

When the work is done, it will be quicker and easier to travel between big cities like Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds.

HS2 Ltd is designing and building the railway.



Homeowner Payment (HOP) Scheme

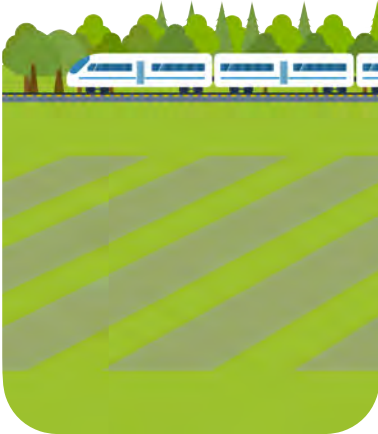
This a scheme to give people money if they live in and own a place in the countryside close to the new railway.



This scheme only applies to the parts of the railway:

- between London and the West Midlands
- between the West Midlands and Crewe.

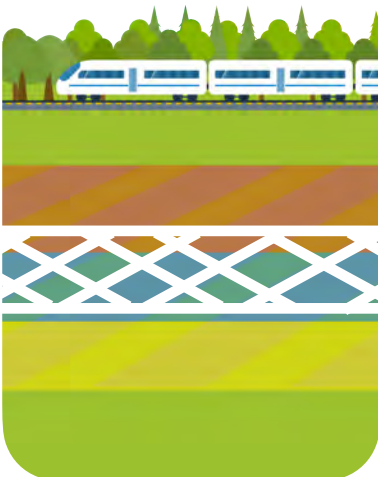
Homeowner Payment (HOP) Scheme



This scheme applies to land and buildings that are between 120 metres and 300 metres away from the new railway line. This is called the HOP zone.

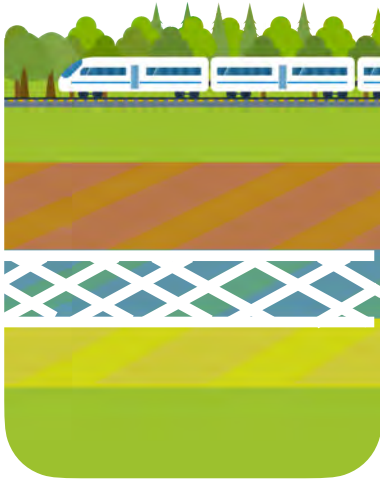


If you have a home or business in this area, you can apply to get a cash payment.



The amount we will give depends on how close your house is to the new railway line. There are 3 bands:

- Band 1 - between 120 metres and 180 metres from the railway line - £24,000.



- Band 2 - between 180 metres and 240 metres from the railway line - £16,000.

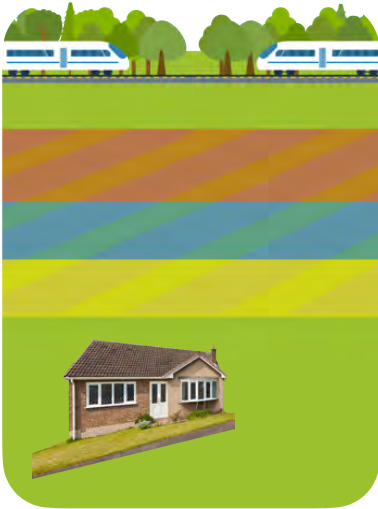


- Band 3 - between 240 metres and 300 metres from the railway line - £8,000.



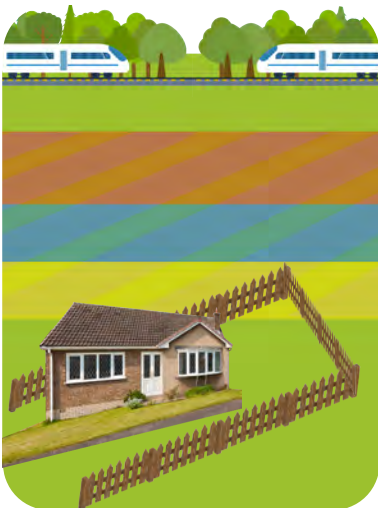
If your home or building is in 2 of these bands. We would give you the higher amount of money.

Your garden



You can still apply if:

- your building is more than 300 metres away, but



- any part of your house or at least a quarter of your building or garden or other land is less than 300 metres away.

Rural Support Zone



If you live closer than 120 metres to the new railway, you can apply to the Rural Support Zone scheme.



There is some Easy Read information about the Rural Support Zone Scheme.

You can see this at:

www.hs2.org.uk/documents/collections/rural-support-zone

Need to sell



If you need to sell your home, you may be able to apply to the Need to Sell scheme.



Click here to see Easy Read information about this scheme.
www.hs2.org.uk/documents/hs2-need-sell-scheme-easy-read-version

Contract of receipt



If we give you money under the HOP scheme, we will ask you to sign a contract of receipt.



This is a legal agreement.



You will sign to say you agree to give us the money back if you need to.



You need to get a solicitor to help you to sign the contract of receipt.



We will cover the cost of your solicitor's fee, up to £500.

Who can apply?

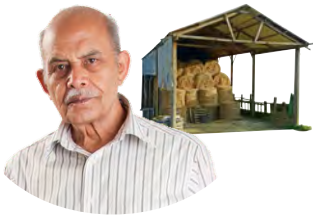


You can apply if:

- you own and have lived in your home in the HOP zone for at least 6 months in the last 18 months



- you own and work in a business in the HOP zone



- you own and use some farm buildings in the HOP zone.



You bought your home before HS2 was announced. This means before:

- 9 April 2014 for the section between London and the West Midlands



- 30 November 2015 for the section between the West Midlands and Crewe.

These are the dates that we first announced our plans to build these sections of the railway line.

How to apply



There are 5 steps to the application:

Step 1:

Read the information about the scheme. Check the map on www.hs2.org.uk to see if you can apply.

Step 2:

Fill in the application form. You can ask a friend to help you if you want.



We will write to confirm we have received your application within 2 days.

Step 3:

We check your application form.

We check to make sure:

- that you own the buildings and land
- that the building or land is in the HOP zone





We may contact you if we need more information.

Step 4:



If you are eligible, it could take 40 **working days** from when we receive your application for you to receive payment.

Working days are Monday to Friday.



Step 5:

We will ask you to sign a contract of receipt.

When you apply



When you apply you need to send us:

- your completed form



- proof that you are who you say you are - ID



- proof that you live in your home



- proof that you own the building or land.

ID: proof that you are who you say you are

We need to see something official with your photo and your name.



It could be:

- your driving licence



- your passport.



You can send us a photocopy.



You should get a solicitor, doctor, accountant or bank manager to sign to say that it is a proper copy of the official document.



You can also use the official Post Office Identity Document Checking Service.

Proof that you live in your home



We need 2 documents: you can provide 1 from List A and 1 from List B, or 2 from List A.

List A

- A recent bank statement.
- A letter about your pension or benefits.
- A letter from your building society.



List B

- A gas, electricity, landline phone or water bill.
- A council tax bill.
- A letter about your home insurance.





The 2 documents should be from different organisations.

They should show your name and the address of your home.



We cannot accept these documents as proof that you live in your home:

- driving licence
- National Insurance card
- mobile phone bill
- TV licence.



Proof that you own your home



You need to send us:

- a copy of the title document - this is a document that says you own the building



- a copy of the conveyance - this is a document that says you bought or were given the building



- a copy of the Land Registry Entry - this is a list kept by the local council which says who owns each bit of land.

If you have any questions



If you have any questions, please contact us by:

Phone: **08081 434 434**



Email: **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**



Minicom: **08081 456 472**



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