

1. Petitioner information

In the box below, give the name and address of each individual, business or organisation submitting the petition.

Ashley Parish Council
c/o Mrs S McDonald, Parish Clerk
Altrincham, Cheshire

In the box below, give a description of the petitioners. For example, "We are the owners/tenants of the addresses above"; "My company has offices at the address above"; "Our organisation represents the interests of..."; "We are the parish council of...".

We are the parish council of Ashley located in Community Area MA06 and represent the population resident within the parish administrative boundary.

2. Objections to the Second Additional Provision

In the box below, write your objections to the Second Additional Provision and why your property or other interests are **directly and specially affected**. Please number each paragraph.

Only objections outlined in this petition can be presented when giving evidence to the Committee. You will not be entitled to be heard by the Committee on new matters not included in your written petition.

Introduction

- 2.1 Ashley Parish Council is extremely disappointed that HS2 Ltd has not made the essential substantive changes to its hybrid Bill proposals for the MA06 Community Area that were requested by this council in its previous petition. This failure represents a missed opportunity and consequently the HS2 Phase 2b scheme remains totally unacceptable.
- 2.2 Ashley Parish Council considers the changes within MA06 made at AP2 would worsen the impacts on our community, notably in respect of the following issues, most of which were raised as points of objection within our petition against the hybrid Bill:

Realignment of Mobberley Road

- 2.3 Ashley Parish Council objects to the permanent realignment of Mobberley Road and considers that the AP2 proposals to change the realignment, reduce the length of viaduct over the Mid-Cheshire Line and extend the length of the Thorns Green Embankment are only designed to reduce cost to HS2, whilst providing no material benefit to the residents of Ashley Parish or the users of Mobberley Road.

400kV Overhead Power Line diversion

- 2.4 Ashley Parish Council objects to the proposed 3.2km long 400kV overhead power line diversion proposed by AP2, which will create far more disruption to residents during construction than the hybrid Bill proposals to divert the OHL over a distance of 1.9km.
- 2.5 The longer diversion will also result in a far greater area of countryside being occupied by HS2 construction works than previously proposed and will also increase the magnitude of change in respect of both landscape and visual effects.

Noise assessment

- 2.6 Ashley Parish Council objects to the noise assessment contained in the AP2 ES and the continuing failure of HS2 Ltd to accurately characterise the baseline noise environment of Ashley village and other residential properties within the parish.
- 2.7 Despite the obvious inadequacies of the original baseline noise monitoring, HS2 Ltd has failed to undertake further baseline monitoring has been carried out, which represents a missed opportunity.
- 2.8 Ashley Parish Council also notes that there is still no assessment of construction noise effects on Ashley residents during the civil engineering phase of the works.

Works to realign M56 motorway and relocate junction 6

- 2.9 Ashley Parish Council objects to the proposals to realign the M56 motorway by 30m to the south over a distance of 2.5km, with much of the works taking place within the parish boundary.
- 2.10 Ashley Parish Council also objects to the re-location of junction 6 of the M56 600m to the southwest of its existing location.
- 2.11 These works will involve just under five years of additional disruption, which will act cumulatively with the construction works for the Phase 2b mainline to increase the negative impacts on the community of Ashley Parish.
- 2.12 The additional impacts will relate to multiple environmental topics because of the additional landtake required, works duration and the disruption caused to the M56 that will inevitably lead to more traffic using local roads.

3. What do you want to be done in response?

In the box below, tell us what you think should be done in response to your objections to the Second Additional Provision. You do not have to complete this box if you do not want to.

You can include this information in your response to section 3 'Objections to the Second Additional Provision' if you prefer. Please number each paragraph.

Introduction

- 3.1 Ashley Parish Council requires all the amendments to the scheme identified in its original petition against the hybrid Bill to be implemented.

Realignment of Mobberley Road

- 3.2 Ashley Parish Council proposals to relocate the Phase 2b railhead removes any justification for the Mobberley Road realignment as originally proposed, or amended by AP2.
- 3.3 Ashley Parish Council therefore requires any realignment to be minimised and considered only in the context to lower the elevation of the HS2 mainline through Ashley parish, which would enable Mobberley Road to be routed over the HS2 mainline close to the road's existing alignment.

400kV overhead line (OHL) diversion

- 3.4 Ashley Parish Council requires the impacts on land and landscape of all overhead lines to be minimised by routing the 400kV line underground.
- 3.5 Such a proposal would avoid to extend the 400kV OHL diversion to 3.2km. Instead, the OHL should be routed underground beneath Blackburn's Brook Viaduct over the shortest practical distance.

Noise assessment

- 3.6 Ashley Parish Council considers HS2 Ltd's approach to noise assessment to be sub-optimal and still requires further baseline monitoring to be undertaken at appropriately representative residential locations within the parish.

- 3.7 Ashley Parish Council also requires a detailed assessment of the predicted effects of construction noise to be carried out. Such an assessment should be targeted at residential receptor locations agreed with the Environmental Health Department of Cheshire East Council, following consultation with Ashley Parish Council, and based on the worst-case scenario of the construction phasing.
- 3.8 The construction noise assessment outlined above should be based on the latest project proposals, i.e. as amended by AP2.
- 3.9 The noise assessment should also, for comparison, be undertaken based on the amended scheme proposed by Ashley Parish Council.

Works to realign M56 motorway and relocate junction 6

- 3.10 The proposed works to realign the M56 and relocate junction 56 are driven by HS2 Ltd's flawed proposals to construct its Manchester Airport Station on the northern opposite side of the M56 from Manchester Airport itself.
- 3.11 Ashley Parish Council considers there is minimal demand for this HS2 station and that it should be abandoned, alongside the proposed changes to the M56, which are completely unnecessary.