Farmers and Growers Guide

1. The principles set out in the guide will be adhered to throughout the design and construction of HS2.

2. HS2 to provide a guide to the enforcement of assurances.

3. Agricultural liaison service and officers to be under the direct control of HS2.

Interest on late payments

4. Bill amendment: provide for interest of 8% on CPO compensation payments.

Temporary possession

5. Amend Bill to provide 3 months’ notice.

6. Reserve right to address the committee on the template management agreement for mitigation land, once it has been received from HS2: The template has not yet been provided.

7. Indication of period of planned occupation to be provided.

Borrow pits

8. Material should be taken from available resources in commercial quarries within reasonable distance: HS2 agreed to carry out a review of the borrow pits and report back, allowing the NFU to comment: the report is awaited.

Land take for mitigation

9. Impact on farm must be taken into account when exercising professional judgment as to extent of land take.

10. Stated aim of “no net loss” must be complied with.

Land drainage

11. Amend assurances to (a) remove onus on farmers to maintain new systems (b) ensure new systems are as effective as those they replace (c) provide for expert adjudication (d) confirm reinstatement works outside Bill limits can happen if appropriate.

Rights of entry for surveys

12. Form of notice to be more specific about what activities are proposed.

Replacement buildings

13. Reasonable consideration to be given to providing a letter of support for planning application.

14. Prompt response to farmer’s request about likely amount of compensation.
15. Recommend minister writes to planning authorities as per phase one

**Earthworks**

16. HS2 should remain responsible for safety and maintenance of earthworks on farmers’ land

**Utilities and conduits**

17. Conduits to be provided at regular intervals (every 500m) for cables etc (and no ransom)

**Accommodation crossings**

18. Overbridges for farmers to be no less than 5m wide and capable of taking 60 tonnes
19. Underbridges for farmers to be no less than 5m wide and 5m high
20. New or modified farm accesses to be at least 20m long and capable of use by road legal agricultural vehicles
21. Specifications to be agreed and binding

**IHT**

22. Recommendation to HMT that Agricultural relief to be extended to land in temporary occupation under the Bill
23. Recommendation that HMRC includes case study of a farmer affected by HS2 in its IHT manual
24. Farmers and Growers Guide to contain guidance about meaning of reasonable mitigation and include it in guidance letter from HS2 to farmers affected by HS2

**CGT**

25. Recommendation to HMT that (a) time limit for reinvestment to extend to 10 years and then use discretion afterwards, or (b) HMRC to confirm it will use discretion in favour of farmers reinvesting outside the 10 year limit
26. Any CGT payable where farmer can’t roll over be allowed as an element of compensation.