

Publication of HS2 statement of reasons document

I am today (24 June 2019) publishing the [Statement of Reasons command paper](#) for the High Speed Rail (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill. The command paper is titled the 'Government overview of the case for HS2 Phase 2a and its environmental impacts'.

This is required by Parliamentary Standing Order 224A to assist the House during the third reading of the [High Speed Rail \(West Midlands to Crewe\) Bill](#).

This document summarises the work that has already been done to assess, control and mitigate the environmental impacts of HS2 Phase 2a, and explains why the government continues to take the view that the HS2 Phase 2a project is worthy of its support.

Copies of the Statement of Reasons will be made available in the libraries of both Houses.

Statistical data set: Wholesale fruit and vegetable prices, weekly average

Average weekly wholesale prices of selected home-grown horticultural produce in England.

Statistical data set: Commodity prices

Prices for selected agricultural and horticultural produce.

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