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The Green Party will call to abolish HS2 at a campaign rally outside the Department for Transport at 3pm on Thursday 28th November.

The announcement follows reports earlier in the year that HS2 Ltd has estimated the total cost of reaching around £80bn. The Green Party would instead spend the money investing in local and regional transport links.

Green Party Co-Leader Jonathan Bartley spoke to the rally, which will include Green Party Candidates, activists and other Stop-HS2 campaigners.

Green Party co-leader Jonathan Bartley said:

“HS2 is an act of Ecocide and must be stopped. It will bulldoze huge areas of natural woodland and cut wildlife habitats in half. HS2 would come at eye watering cost to both the taxpayer and our environment.

“Instead of causing this huge environmental disaster, the Green Party would invest in local and regional transport infrastructure, particularly in the North, Midlands and South West of England. This will include upgrading and electrifying rail networks, re-opening closed stations, providing free bus transport for everyone, and spending £2.5 billion a year on new cycleways and footpaths.”

“Whilst a handful of MPs have stood up against High Speed 2, reacting to the threat this will pose to their communities, it’s deeply concerning that the official lines of the top three parties are all to go full steam ahead with it.”

“Only the Green Party opposes this nightmare project.

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