

Boris, HS2 will cost nature too much

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister,

HS2 should not get a green light in its present form because of the huge impact on the natural environment. It shouldn't only be the financial cost that is under scrutiny.

A recent report from The Wildlife Trusts shows that if HS2 is allowed to continue unchanged, it could damage or destroy irreplaceable internationally recognised wetlands, ancient woods and Sites of Special Scientific Interest that are supposed to be protected under UK law.

Scientists say that nature is in deep trouble in the UK; the HS2 project threatens to be a severe setback to the great efforts being made to restore it. It is not just wildlife that will lose out: many of the wild places at risk are treasured by local people.

Green transport is vital but the Climate and Ecological Emergency will not be solved by making the nature crisis worse. We urge the government to stop and rethink HS2's approach because of potential environmental damage.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Bennett, CEO, Friends of the Earth
Dr Gail Bradbrook, Co-Founder, Extinction Rebellion
Hilary McGrady, Director General, The National Trust
Darren Moorcroft, CEO, Woodland Trust
Chris Packham CBE, StandForTheTrees.org
John Sauven, Executive Director, Greenpeace
Matt Shardlow, Chief Executive, Buglife
Beccy Speight, CEO, RSPB
Tanya Steele, Chief Executive, WWF
Patience Thody, Acting CEO, The Wildlife Trusts
James Thornton, CEO, Client Earth
Julie Williams, Chief Executive, Butterfly Conservation

#ReThinkHS2



GREENPEACE



ReThinkHS2.org