

**Joe Rukin**

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Dear Joe Rukin,

**FOI-19-3264**

Thank you for your information request of 03 June 2019. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information 2000 ("the FOI Act").

In your email you requested the following information:

***Over the last few months, one of the standard tropes we have seen in the press from HS2 Ltd, the DfT and various lobbyists is:***

***'HS2 will link over 25 towns and cities from Scotland through to the South East, joining up nearly half of the UK population and is set to deliver £92bn of benefits to the UK economy.'***

***Given that London is not considered to be part of the South East in political terms, please explain where in the 'South East' HS2 is intended to go.***

## RESPONSE

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you requested
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds the information that you have requested and this is provided as follows:

The HS2 route is available on line by accessing the following link.

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/where/route-map/>

A list of stations can be found by the following link:

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/where/the-stations/>

**Right to Review**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd at the address below. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-19-3265** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

**J. Palmer**

Briefings, Correspondence & FOI Adviser  
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

### **Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF