

# Response by Central Chilterns Community Forum

## HS2 Ltd phase 1 Design Refinement Consultation

### Proposed change

To support efficient operation of the high speed railway, the Secretary of State is minded to locate a maintenance loop near Stoke Mandeville in Buckinghamshire.

### 7.5 Question

7.5.1 This proposed change consists of providing a maintenance loop near Stoke Mandeville in Buckinghamshire to support the efficient operation of the railway. Please give your views on this proposal, indicating whether or not you support the proposal together with your reasons.

The proposal discusses a number of design options (7.3). It is noted that 2 of these, Hyde Heath between **the Chiltern's tunnel and the South Heath Green tunnel and between Grim's Ditch and Wendover Dean** are in the Chilterns in AONB.

Whilst both of these are considered inappropriate for topographical and engineering reasons the Secretary of State is reminded that they are in an AONB and that whilst the proposed route of HS2 is already planned to violate this area additional large scale destruction of the AONB for a maintenance loop is totally unacceptable.

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