



# High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013

## 2013 CHAPTER 31

An Act to make provision authorising expenditure in preparation for a high speed railway transport network. [21st November 2013]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### 1 Preparatory expenditure

- (1) The Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, incur expenditure in preparation for a high speed railway transport network.
- (2) The network referred to in subsection (1) is a network which—
  - (a) involves the construction of railway lines connecting at least—
    - London,
    - Birmingham,
    - the East Midlands,
    - Sheffield,
    - Leeds, and
    - Manchester, and
  - (b) connects with the existing railway transport network as well as with such other parts of the transport network (including roads, footpaths, cycleways, airports and light railways) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The expenditure which may be incurred under subsection (1) includes expenditure on—
  - (a) preparation for the construction of any railway line and any other infrastructure proposed to be included at any time in the network referred to in subsection (1), and
  - (b) preparation for the provision of services as part of that network.
- (4) The expenditure mentioned in subsection (3) includes expenditure incurred—