

High Speed Rail Group - output document 2020

2020	Reports, submissions, letters, working groups	Media placement/ press statements/ Public Affairs	Events
January	<p>Letter to Prime Minister on importance of HS2 – from HSRG and RIA member CEOs</p> <p>Letter to The Daily Telegraph in support of HS2 from High Speed Rail Group Director, Will Roberts</p> <p>Letter to The Times on how HS2 solves the North-South divide and promotes local regeneration from High Speed Rail Group Director, John Downer</p>	<p>High Speed Rail Group Director Will Roberts on BBC 5 Live Breakfast to respond to Wildlife Trusts report</p> <p>Letter to Prime Minister receives coverage in Mail on Sunday, ‘Calamitous job loses if HS2 is axed warn bosses’</p> <p>High Speed Rail Group Director Jim Steer interviewed in The Times, ‘Ditching HS2 could mean years of weekend closures’</p> <p>Yorkshire Post Op Ed from High Speed Rail Group Director Jim Steer Get HS2 Done</p>	
February	<p>Letter to The Times - The continuing failure of the environmental lobby to recognise the green case for HS2 from High Speed Rail Group Director, Richard Thorp</p>	<p>HSR Group Apprentice Network interviewed by Tom Burridge and included in BBC 6 O’clock news on 11th February</p> <p>HSRG release statement responding to Government to decision to proceed with HS2</p>	<p>Launch of High Speed Rail Group Apprentice Network with Mark Thurston</p>
March			
April	<p>Submission to Environmental Audit Committee Possible Future Inquiries</p>	<p>HSRG release statement responding to Government issuing Notice to Proceed</p>	
May	<p>Submission to BEIS Select Committee My BEIS Inquiry</p> <p>Submission to National Infrastructure Commission’s Rail Needs Assessment</p>	<p>Blog on Making the environmental case for HS2</p> <p>HSRG member Blog on ‘The HSR supply chain is contributing to a legacy of sustainable and low carbon travel’</p>	<p>‘In Conversation With...’ online panel with Jillian Anable, Professor of Transport and Energy at the Institute for Transport Studies at the University of Leeds. Looking at the impact of COVID-19 on travel patterns and HSR’s role in the UK’s journey to net zero</p>

June	<p>High Speed Tales Apprentice Network Podcast with Lord Andrew Adonis, former Transport Secretary and chair of the National Infrastructure Commission</p> <p>High Speed Rail: London and South East Voices report with contributions including HS1 and SYSTRA, Damian Green MP, Deirdre Wells of Visit Kent and Liz Peace from Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation</p> <p>Report on High Speed Rail and Scotland, setting out new plan for linking HS2 to Scotland</p>	<p>HSRG Board meeting and Andrew Stephenson MP, Minister for HS2</p> <p>High Speed Rail and Scotland press coverage- national exclusive in The Scotsman, the Scottish edition of The Times, Daily Mail and key Scottish titles including The National and The Herald, as well as broadcasters STV and BBC Radio Newcastle. Over 180 regional titles covered the report launch in total, along with a host of key trade press</p> <p>Conservative MP David Mundell submitted written question to Department for Transport: “To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential merits for the Scottish economy of implementing the recommendations in High Speed Rail Group's report on extending HS2 upgrades beyond phase 2b”</p> <p>NIC Rail Needs Assessment submission covered in key trade titles including New Civil Engineer</p>	<p>‘In Conversation with...’ online panel with Andrew Stephenson, Minister for HS2</p> <p>‘Platform to Growth: innovation and Industrial Strategy’ event with Nadhim Zahawi, Minister for Business and Industry, on the importance of high speed rail as an economic programme that underpins the levelling up agenda, a timely discussion on impact of COVID-19 and the need for a green recovery</p>
July	<p>Submission to the Transport Decarbonisation Plan ‘Decarbonising Transport: Setting the Challenge’</p> <p>High Speed Tales Apprentice Network Podcast with HS2 Ltd. CEO Mark Thurston</p>	<p>HSRG member Blog on ‘What can HS2 learn from its older brother?’ published in New Civil Engineer</p>	<p>Panel event with HS2 Ltd to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day</p>
August	<p>Submission to BEIS Select Committee’s ‘super inquiry’ into post pandemic economic growth</p>		
September	<p>Joint lobbying pamphlet with Rail Delivery Group on ‘The Green Case for Rail Investment After the Pandemic,’ on the post-pandemic future of long distance rail travel</p> <p>Submission to Comprehensive Spending Review</p>	<p>Coverage of Transport Decarbonisation submission exclusively in The Times also in Daily Mail/ Mail Online, The Daily Telegraph, the Evening Standard and Wired.</p> <p>HSRG release statement welcoming start of HS2 full construction</p>	<p>Labour Party conference event with panellists including Shadow Rail Minister Tan Dhesi MP and Midlands Connect Director Maria Machancoses</p>
October	<p>High Speed Tales Apprentice Network Podcast with HS2 Minister Andrew Stephenson</p>		<p>Conservative Party conference event with RIA - ‘The Rail Interview’ with Rail Minister Chris Heaton-Harris MP</p>

			<p>HSRG representation at Swiss Federal Railways webinar ‘The power of digital to inspire rail passenger confidence’</p> <p>SNP party conference event with RIA with Scottish Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson MSP interviewed by Alastair Dalton, Transport Correspondent at The Scotsman</p>
November	<p>HS2 Midlands Voices report - contributions include Arup, EKFB and SYSTRA. and Paul Faulkner, Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, Cllr Kay Cutts MBE from Nottinghamshire County Council and HS2 East.</p>	<p>Panel event with Iain Stewart covered in New Civil Engineer and The Scotsman</p>	<p>In Conversation With... online panel with Scotland Office Minister Iain Stewart</p>
December	<p>Submission to the Government’s Union Connectivity Review</p>	<p>Union Connectivity Review submission national coverage in Daily Express, The Glasgow Times and The Herald, New Civil Engineer and Infrastructure Intelligence</p>	