



HS2 Action Alliance – HS2 Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,053 GB adults aged 18+ online between 14th and 16th March 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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ONLINE Fieldwork: 14th-16th March 2014

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 To what extent do you support or oppose the current plans to build a new high speed rail link between London and the North of England, known as HS2, which could cost around £50 billion?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2053	1011	1042	220	299	345	386	336	467	624	568	324	537	270	794
Weighted base	2053	1006	1047	244	346	346	366	305	447	549	569	447	488	293	856
NET: Support	623 30%	339 34%	285 27%	73 30%	106 31%	123 36%	111 30%	82 27%	128 29%	182 33%	183 32%	141 32%	117 24%	84 29%	282 33%
Strongly support	(4) 138 7%	90 9%	48 5%	15 6%	25 7%	28 8%	21 6%	17 6%	32 7%	36 6%	41 7%	34 8%	28 6%	17 6%	72 8%
Tend to support	(3) 486 24%	249 25%	237 23%	59 24%	81 23%	95 28%	90 24%	65 21%	97 22%	146 27%	142 25%	108 24%	90 18%	67 23%	210 25%
Tend to oppose	(2) 530 26%	256 25%	274 26%	56 23%	95 27%	85 24%	94 26%	75 25%	126 28%	160 29%	151 26%	102 23%	118 24%	100 34%	212 25%
Strongly oppose	(1) 530 26%	275 27%	255 24%	46 19%	62 18%	63 18%	104 28%	105 34%	149 33%	150 27%	128 23%	107 24%	145 30%	68 23%	202 24%
NET: Oppose	1060 52%	531 53%	529 51%	102 42%	157 45%	148 43%	198 54%	180 59%	275 62%	309 56%	279 49%	209 47%	263 54%	168 57%	414 48%
Don't know	369 18%	136 14%	233 22%	68 28%	83 24%	75 22%	57 16%	43 14%	43 10%	58 11%	107 19%	96 22%	108 22%	41 14%	160 19%
Mean	2.14	2.18	2.09	2.24	2.26	2.32	2.09	1.98	2.03	2.14	2.21	2.19	2.00	2.13	2.22
Standard deviation	0.95	0.99	0.91	0.94	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.94	0.95	0.98	0.95	0.89	0.98
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.04

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Weighted base	2053	185	82	226	185	185	144	103	205	267	287	185	466	581	121	270
NET: Support	623 30%	41 22%	16 20%	88 39%	69 37%	64 34%	43 30%	28 27%	54 26%	90 34%	86 30%	46 25%	174 37%	185 32%	49 41%	59 22%
Strongly support	(4) 138 7%	7 4%	5 6%	22 10%	19 10%	9 5%	17 12%	1 1%	7 3%	18 7%	24 8%	8 4%	42 9%	53 9%	6 5%	13 5%
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NET: Oppose	1060 52%	112 60%	51 62%	97 43%	88 48%	93 50%	75 52%	52 51%	107 52%	128 48%	147 51%	110 60%	228 49%	307 53%	56 46%	179 66%
Don't know	369 18%	32 17%	15 18%	40 18%	28 15%	28 15%	26 18%	23 22%	45 22%	50 19%	54 19%	28 15%	64 14%	88 15%	16 13%	32 12%
Mean	2.14	1.93	1.95	2.30	2.31	2.19	2.18	2.00	2.05	2.21	2.13	2.04	2.33	2.18	2.27	1.80
Standard deviation	0.95	0.89	0.93	1.02	0.98	0.91	1.05	0.87	0.88	0.96	1.00	0.86	0.92	0.98	0.90	0.94
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.06

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Table 2

Q.2 To what extent, if any, are you more or less likely to support the Conservative Party at the next election because of their plans to build the HS2 rail line between London and the North of England? Does it make you...

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	Gender		Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector		
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NET: More likely	109 5%	62 6%	47 5%	20 8%	31 9%	22 6%	11 3%	5 2%	20 5%	30 5%	29 5%	32 7%	19 4%	15 5%	56 7%
A lot more likely to support the Conservative Party	36 2%	21 2%	14 1%	5 2%	5 1%	11 3%	2 1%	1 *	12 3%	11 2%	9 2%	10 2%	6 1%	2 1%	20 2%
A little more likely to support the Conservative Party	73 4%	40 4%	33 3%	15 6%	26 7%	11 3%	9 2%	4 1%	8 2%	19 3%	20 3%	22 5%	13 3%	13 4%	36 4%
No difference	1257 61%	605 60%	652 62%	137 56%	205 59%	222 64%	226 62%	189 62%	279 62%	330 60%	370 65%	283 63%	274 56%	187 64%	519 61%
A little less likely to support the Conservative Party	181 9%	92 9%	90 9%	26 11%	35 10%	25 7%	32 9%	18 6%	44 10%	72 13%	45 8%	32 7%	33 7%	36 12%	72 8%
A lot less likely to support the Conservative Party	398 19%	213 21%	185 18%	30 12%	46 13%	62 18%	78 21%	89 29%	94 21%	100 18%	89 16%	92 21%	117 24%	42 14%	162 19%
NET: Less likely	580 28%	305 30%	275 26%	56 23%	81 23%	87 25%	110 30%	107 35%	138 31%	172 31%	134 23%	124 28%	150 31%	78 26%	234 27%
Don't know	107 5%	34 3%	72 7%	31 13%	28 8%	15 4%	19 5%	4 1%	10 2%	18 3%	37 6%	8 2%	44 9%	13 5%	47 6%

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Q.3 To what extent, if any, would you be more or less likely to support the Labour Party if they opposed the current plans for HS2?

Would it make you...

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NET: More likely	389	188	201	37	68	80	65	69	69	121	83	81	104	62	163
	19%	19%	19%	15%	20%	23%	18%	23%	16%	22%	15%	18%	21%	21%	19%
A lot more likely to support Labour	175	96	80	17	24	36	30	38	30	44	35	45	52	28	76
	9%	9%	8%	7%	7%	10%	8%	12%	7%	8%	6%	10%	11%	9%	9%
A little more likely to support Labour	214	93	121	20	44	44	35	31	39	77	48	36	52	35	87
	10%	9%	12%	8%	13%	13%	9%	10%	9%	14%	8%	8%	11%	12%	10%
No difference	1322	640	682	144	210	217	237	204	309	344	390	297	291	183	541
	64%	64%	65%	59%	61%	63%	65%	67%	69%	63%	69%	66%	60%	62%	63%
A little less likely to support Labour	124	72	52	24	29	18	21	9	23	39	37	29	19	27	62
	6%	7%	5%	10%	8%	5%	6%	3%	5%	7%	7%	6%	4%	9%	7%
A lot less likely to support Labour	123	70	53	8	18	12	29	19	37	36	32	27	28	11	49
	6%	7%	5%	3%	5%	4%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%	6%
NET: Less likely	247	143	104	32	47	30	50	29	59	75	69	56	47	38	111
	12%	14%	10%	13%	13%	9%	14%	9%	13%	14%	12%	13%	10%	13%	13%
Don't know	94	35	59	30	21	18	14	3	9	9	27	13	46	10	42
	5%	4%	6%	12%	6%	5%	4%	1%	2%	2%	5%	3%	9%	4%	5%

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