

Quainton and Waddesdon Action Group Against HS2 update

CONSULTATION REMINDER: Those who receive this newsletter before August still have a chance to respond to the HS2 consultation, which closes on the 29th July.

If you would like to respond, you can access the survey questions online at <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/> . Advice about how to you might like to respond to the questions can be found on our website at www.againsths2.co.uk and at www.stophs2.org .

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet, you can collect a paper copy of the survey, plus information on how to respond, at the Quainton village shop.

END OF FIRST CAMPAIGN PHASE: The end of the consultation marks the completion of the first phase of the campaign against HS2. Although it can be difficult to measure the effectiveness of a campaign, it is clear from the mounting negative publicity around HS2 that our community efforts, and others like ours, have made a big difference to the potential outcome of the project. Poll after poll has found HS2 to be undesirable and a waste of taxpayers' money, with journalists and transport experts questioning the claimed benefits of the scheme on a daily basis. Whilst the majority of respondents to the consultation have so far answered that they do not want HS2.

Quainton and Waddesdon Action Group (QWAG) would like to thank everybody for the part they have played in this first stage of the campaign, whether participating in protests, writing letters, signing the petition or taking part in the consultation. It has all helped to challenge the government and make the nation question HS2.

CAMPAIGN PHASE TWO: Whilst the most intense focus of the campaign to date is coming to a close, action will still be needed by communities and campaigners across the country in the run up to the government decision to proceed or not with HS2. We understand this will take place around December 2011. QWAG will endeavour to update Quainton and Waddesdon with the latest news and necessary action required by campaigners via this newsletter and our website www.againsths2.co.uk .

If anyone would like to join the committee or volunteer to help out with future campaign events, please contact Sarah Anthem on sarahanthem@btinternet.com .