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# HS2: the wider network, the wider benefits

Think Tank, Birmingham Science Museum,  
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Thursday 19 September 2013

Conference Chair: **Jim Hancock**

09:00 Registration and refreshments

## The challenge and the opportunity

09:30 Welcome and introduction by **Jim Steer**, Director, Greengauge 21  
09:35 **Lord Deighton**, Commercial Secretary to the Treasury and  
Chair of the HS2 Growth Task Force

09:45 **Sir David Higgins**, Chief Executive, Network Rail  
*The problem ahead if there is no HS2*

10:00 **Stephen Hughes**, CEO, Birmingham City Council  
*How HS2 will transform connectivity and drive growth*

10:10 **Q&A**

## The wider effects – the national rail network

10:25 **Rupert Walker**, Network Rail  
*Results of Network Rail studies into the impact of HS2 on the wider national network*

10:40 **Q&A**

10:55 Coffee Break

## The wider effects – job creation

11:15 **Leo Eyles**, Director, Albion Economics  
*Results of HSR Industry Leaders Group research into the employment implications of planning,  
constructing and operating HS2*

11:25 **Steve Scrimshaw**, Managing Director, Siemens Rail Systems UK & North West Europe  
*The spread of jobs through the supply chain*

11:35 **Q&A**

## The wider effects – nations and city regions

11:45 **Sir Richard Leese**, Leader, Manchester City Council  
11:55 **Keith Brown MSP**, Minister for Transport and Veterans  
*Scotland's HSR plans and ambitions for 2024*

12:05 **Geoff Inskip**, Director General, Centro  
12:15 **Q&A**

## The wider benefits of HS2: a leading economist's view

12:30 **Paul Ormerod**, author, columnist and economist  
*The benefits of positive linking*

12:50 Lunch

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## The wider benefits of HS2: the new economic analysis

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**Laura Webster**, Lead – Wider Evidence Base, HS2 Ltd  
*The wider benefits and the regional benefits of HS2*

## Panel discussion and Q&A

14:10

**Lewis Atter**, Associate Partner, KPMG † ; **Tom Worsley**, Visiting Fellow in Transport Policy, ITS Leeds; **Paul Ormerod**; and **Laura Webster**.

## The wider benefits: lessons from HS1

14:35

**Stephen Gasche**, Principal Planner, Rail, Kent County Council

14:45

**David Joy**, CEO, LCR  
*High Speed 1 – lessons from Kent*

14:55

**Q&A**

## The wider benefits: integration and freight

15:05

**Susan Williams**, NW Rail Campaign, Manchester Airport

15:15

**Maggie Simpson**, Executive Director, Rail Freight Group

15:25

**Q&A**

15:35

*Final summing up, Jim Steer and Jim Hancock*

15:45

*Close / refreshments / networking*

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