



# ComRes – HS2 MPs Poll

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

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### Summary table

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Support	Oppose	Don't know	Not stated
The first phase to go ahead as has been outlined	150 100%	75 50%	48 32%	25 16%	2 1%
The complete scrapping of HS2 and a return to the drawing board in terms of planning for increased rail capacity and new rail services	150 100%	45 30%	79 53%	22 14%	5 3%
Postponement of HS2 Phase 1 for the time being	150 100%	47 31%	76 51%	23 15%	4 3%
Redirecting some of the funds earmarked for HS2 into expanding existing capacity	150 100%	65 44%	59 39%	20 14%	6 4%
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Support	75	38	28	7	3	62	4	8	8	15	20	19	10	22	43	33	20	12	10	5	2	7	6	6	8	40	62	13
	50%	53%	46%	54%	40%	51%	46%	48%	50%	46%	53%	53%	42%	47%	54%	66%	39%	42%	48%	58%	29%	68%	30%	31%	37%	65%	50%	48%
Oppose	48	22	21	4	*	43	2	3	8	11	14	10	10	18	20	9	22	11	6	3	5	2	12	10	9	8	41	8
	32%	31%	36%	34%	7%	35%	25%	15%	46%	35%	38%	27%	41%	40%	25%	19%	43%	39%	28%	34%	64%	16%	57%	54%	41%	12%	33%	29%
Don't know	25	11	9	2	3	16	2	7	-	6	3	7	3	6	15	6	9	5	5	-	1	2	2	3	5	13	19	5
	16%	15%	16%	12%	52%	13%	20%	37%	-	20%	9%	18%	14%	14%	19%	12%	18%	16%	24%	-	7%	16%	10%	15%	22%	21%	16%	21%
Not stated	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
	1%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	9%	-	4%	-	-	2%	3%	-	2%	3%	-	2%	-	8%	-	-	3%	-	-	1%	1%	2%

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Support	45	22	18	4	*	40	2	2	4	11	14	11	9	15	21	7	25	11	2	3	5	1	10	9	8	9	36	8
	30%	31%	31%	30%	7%	33%	25%	10%	25%	36%	37%	30%	38%	32%	26%	14%	49%	38%	8%	34%	64%	6%	48%	46%	36%	15%	29%	31%
Oppose	79	41	29	8	1	68	4	7	10	15	22	21	12	24	43	37	19	11	13	5	2	8	6	8	10	39	66	13
	53%	57%	49%	62%	21%	55%	46%	41%	59%	46%	59%	57%	51%	52%	54%	73%	37%	37%	63%	58%	29%	79%	30%	43%	45%	64%	54%	49%
Don't know	22	8	10	1	3	12	3	7	1	6	2	4	2	7	13	5	6	5	6	-	1	2	4	1	4	10	17	4
	14%	12%	16%	8%	39%	10%	28%	37%	4%	19%	4%	11%	8%	15%	16%	10%	12%	17%	28%	-	7%	16%	18%	8%	18%	17%	14%	16%
Not stated	5	-	3	-	2	3	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	3	3	1
	3%	-	4%	-	32%	2%	-	12%	12%	-	-	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	8%	-	8%	-	-	3%	4%	-	4%	3%	5%

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Support	47	24	19	2	2	39	3	5	6	9	16	8	9	17	21	9	20	12	5	4	4	2	10	6	10	11	40	7
	31%	33%	32%	18%	23%	31%	34%	26%	37%	29%	41%	21%	35%	37%	26%	18%	40%	42%	24%	42%	56%	16%	51%	31%	44%	17%	32%	26%
Oppose	76	36	28	10	2	65	3	7	9	15	19	23	13	23	40	31	21	13	11	5	2	9	5	10	9	35	63	14
	51%	50%	48%	74%	37%	53%	38%	41%	51%	46%	51%	63%	54%	49%	51%	63%	41%	43%	56%	58%	29%	84%	26%	54%	41%	57%	51%	51%
Don't know	23	11	10	1	2	16	2	5	-	8	3	5	2	5	16	8	8	3	4	-	1	-	4	2	3	13	19	4
	15%	15%	16%	8%	23%	13%	20%	26%	-	26%	7%	15%	8%	12%	20%	15%	16%	10%	20%	-	7%	-	20%	11%	14%	21%	15%	15%
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	3%	1%	4%	-	16%	2%	9%	6%	12%	-	-	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	5%	-	-	8%	-	3%	4%	-	4%	2%	7%

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Don't know	20	12	6	-	3	13	2	6	-	8	1	4	2	3	15	7	6	5	2	-	1	1	1	2	2	14	19	1
	14%	17%	10%	-	39%	10%	20%	32%	-	23%	3%	11%	8%	6%	19%	13%	13%	17%	11%	-	7%	6%	5%	10%	8%	23%	15%	5%
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Support	43	20	19	1	3	32	2	9	4	11	10	7	6	20	17	7	15	12	9	3	5	3	9	7	6	11	38	6
	29%	28%	32%	8%	48%	26%	17%	53%	25%	33%	27%	20%	26%	43%	22%	13%	31%	41%	45%	34%	65%	26%	42%	36%	27%	18%	30%	21%
Oppose	86	42	31	12	1	78	5	4	11	17	27	23	16	24	46	36	31	11	7	5	3	8	9	11	13	38	70	16
	57%	59%	52%	92%	13%	63%	55%	20%	63%	51%	73%	63%	66%	52%	58%	73%	62%	38%	36%	58%	35%	74%	43%	57%	58%	62%	57%	62%
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	11%	12%	11%	-	39%	9%	20%	27%	-	16%	-	15%	6%	5%	17%	10%	7%	16%	19%	-	-	-	12%	3%	14%	18%	11%	13%
Not stated	3	1	3	-	-	3	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	2	1
	2%	1%	4%	-	-	2%	9%	-	12%	-	-	2%	3%	-	3%	4%	-	5%	-	8%	-	-	3%	4%	-	2%	2%	5%