

HS2 COMMITTEE OF MPs VISIT TO HYDE HEATH – 11AM ON 22ND JUNE

NOW is your opportunity to make your feelings felt on HS2.

Demonstrate your passion for Hyde Heath and desire for a tunnel to protect the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Hyde Heath from the devastation of the High Speed Train.

On Monday 22nd June at 11.00 am the Select Committee of MP's will visit Hyde Heath School and Mantles Wood in Hyde Heath. At 11.10 am they will visit the school, for 10 minutes. Then at 11.20am they will start from the white gates, just beyond the common. Here Cheryl Gillan, our local MP, will give the MPs a talk on tunnel proposals. They will then walk down into Mantles Wood.

The purpose of the visit is to get first hand information on how the building and running of the line will affect Hyde Heath resident's lives.

Hyde Heath needs your presence but you may also talk to the MPs if you desire.

The village is asking for up to one hour of your time, at the School or Mantles Wood or both. We would like to make our presence felt with a strong contingent at the white gates, then if you wish, you can walk and talk to the MP's as they travel into Mantles Wood. In Mantles Wood there is the opportunity to hear from Chilterns Board Conservationists and Experts on the Ancient Wood who will give a short presentation to the MPs.

This is one of our best opportunities to get the tunnel extended to save both our village and the surrounding beautiful countryside from the scar which will be the track itself and the huge cutting that will accompany it.

Remember, the committee are on OUR side. We are not asking for finger wagging or a shouting match. We need to Welcome the Committee and be friendly to them – they are our best chance for a Tunnel. The MPs want to hear from people talking about village life and how we and visitors use the beautiful countryside that surrounds us and how HS2 will affect this.

We will be losing much of what we treasure along with footpaths, wildlife and in its place a mammoth scar that will make its presence known every 4 minutes as empty trains rush in and out of the tunnel portal that will replace our Beautiful Mantles Wood and Ancient Landscape.

Please make every effort to find a way to be there, and demonstrate the strength of feeling within Hyde Heath for our environment. Perhaps you could work from home for the day. Perhaps you could ask your friends or relatives to give their support. Any and all support is valuable.

So that's 11 o'clock on the 22nd June, is Hyde Heath worth an hour out of your life?

We are also looking for help, to erect signs, down into Mantles Wood. If you can help with this, we will be deploying these on Sunday @10.30am. Please bring Sledgehammers and step ladders.