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### **Rail campaigners welcome TSC findings**

Campaign group Railfuture has welcomed the findings of the Transport Select Committee regarding HS2. "We agree that this project is essential to bring much-needed capacity to Britain's rail network" said a statement. "The committee is correct to say that the benefits significantly outweigh the risks and that the costs have been exaggerated. We also feel that its important to speed up the delivery of this project, not just by running the first two phases in parallel, but also by advancing plans to extend the route to Scotland. The hybrid bill needs to be progressed as rapidly as possible, although there is still scope for improvement on the scheme, particularly concerning connectivity to other lines and the HS1-HS2 connection, and we look forward to working constructively with the government in this regard."

#### **Notes to editors:**

Railfuture is the UK's leading independent organisation campaigning for better rail services for both passengers and freight.

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