



# High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 7

### *Grants*

#### **56 Grants for affected communities and businesses etc**

- (1) The Secretary of State may pay grants to contribute to the funding of activities or projects that are intended—
  - (a) to benefit communities that are, or are likely to be, disrupted by the carrying out of relevant high speed railway works,
  - (b) to benefit the environment in any area that is, or is likely to be, affected by the carrying out of such works, or
  - (c) to support businesses and other economic activities in areas that are, or are likely to be, disrupted by the carrying out of such works.
- (2) “Relevant high speed railway works” means—
  - (a) the works authorised by this Act, and
  - (b) works in connection with a Bill or proposed Bill to authorise works for a high speed railway line connecting with Phase One of High Speed 2.
- (3) The reference in subsection (2)(b) to a proposed Bill is to a Bill proposed in a Command Paper which the Secretary of State has presented to Parliament.
- (4) The Secretary of State may determine the amount and the manner of payment of grants under this section.
- (5) Grants under this section may be subject to conditions determined by the Secretary of State, such as—
  - (a) conditions as to the use of the grant;
  - (b) conditions as to the circumstances in which the whole or part of the grant must be repaid.
- (6) The Secretary of State may delegate his or her functions under subsections (4) and (5) to another person.