



# High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 2

### *Miscellaneous and general*

#### **59 Ancient woodland**

- (1) The nominated undertaker must prepare and publish annual reports about the impact of the construction of each Phase of High Speed 2 on ancient woodland.
- (2) A report must contain—
  - (a) information about the impact on ancient woodland of the construction of each Phase of High Speed 2 during the period to which the report relates;
  - (b) such other information as may be specified by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The first report must be published before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which this Act comes into force.
- (4) Subsequent reports must be published before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which the previous report was published.
- (5) A report is not required in relation to a Phase of High Speed 2 in respect of a period during which no construction works take place for that Phase.
- (6) The nominated undertaker must publish reports under this section in such manner as the nominated undertaker considers appropriate.
- (7) In this section “Phase of High Speed 2” means—
  - (a) Phase One of High Speed 2 (within the meaning of section 1 of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017);
  - (b) Phase 2a of High Speed 2;
  - (c) any other railway line which forms part of the high speed railway transport network referred to in section 1 of the High Speed Rail (Preparation) Act 2013.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021, Section 59.