

## ANNEX A

A high Speed Rail route between Glasgow and Edinburgh has never been part of HS2 Ltd.'s or the UK Government's plans, however this formed the basis of an independent study undertaken by Transport Scotland in 2013/14 and the 'High Speed Rail Scotland Summary Report' can be download from Transport Scotland's website:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/high-speed-rail/high-speed-rail/#42615>.

Whilst this study confirmed that a sub-30 minute journey time between Glasgow and Edinburgh was indeed possible, the benefits were not considered to be sufficient in themselves to cover the very high cost of building such a route as a free standing scheme. A high speed route between Glasgow and Edinburgh is therefore possible, but its feasibility is dependent on sharing cross-border high speed rail tracks constructed as part of a cross-border extension of HS2 into Scotland.

Also detailed on Transport Scotland's website

(<https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/high-speed-rail/high-speed-rail/#42615>)

further work, completed in 2018, has confirmed the technical and environmental feasibility of sections of high speed rail between Abington and Glasgow in the west and between Newcastle and Edinburgh east; however work to determine whether there would be a business case for their implementation has not yet been started.

## ANNEX B

Summary of documents provided in relation to EIR 202100134794					
Document	Type & Date	Title	Attachments	Exemptions applicable	Regulation
1	pdf document - March 2016	Ministerial Engagement Briefing - HSR announcement - Mon 21 March	Yes – 1 pdf doc 1. Event briefing	Yes	Regulation 11 (2) – personal data of a third party. Information redacted.
2	pdf document - January 2016	First Minister Question Briefing	Yes – 1 pdf doc 1. Briefing for First Minister's Question	Yes	Regulation 11 (2) – personal data of a third party. Information redacted.
3	pdf document - December 2012	Briefing for ICI Committee Evidence Session: Transport update	Yes – 1 pdf doc 1. Committee briefing	Yes	Regulation 11 (2) – personal data of a third party. Information redacted.
4	pdf document - November 2012	Briefing for Minister TV interview - HSR development	Yes – 1 pdf doc 1. Event briefing	Yes	Regulation 11 (2) – personal data of a third party. Information redacted.