

## Whither High Speed Rail?

Wed 20 November 2019, 14:00 – 17:00

Venue: Transport for London, 55 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BH

The seminar initially aims to review developments in high speed rail regionally and beyond, to see what they suggest about the optimality of the current HS2/HS3 and wider rail strategy and designs. Then two speakers present rival views of a future GB rail network, high speed and conventional.

### High Speed Rail: The Wider Scene

1. *Luc T'Joen, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg*

Luc is a senior administrator dealing with audits in the area of investment for cohesion, growth and inclusion. He led the audit team responsible for ECA's 2018 report on the European high-speed rail network, which assessed 10 high-speed rail lines and four cross-border-projects in Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Austria and Portugal. He will cover the audit work done, introducing the audit process, clarifying what data have been collected and the type of analysis done, as well as the main findings, and the development of conclusions and recommendations on future directions for EU co-funded high-speed rail investments.

2. *Stephen Perkins, Head of Research and Policy Analysis, International Transport Forum, OECD, Paris*

Stephen will survey of national policies and aims related to HS Rail, looking at other key countries policy issues (France, China, Spain) to see broadly where they are today with the same objectives and issues that the UK is currently facing in its HS2/3 thinking.

*Questions to both speakers and discussion*

*Refreshment break*

### The UK High Speed Debate in more Detail

3. *Colin Elliff, High Speed UK (HSUK)*

Colin is a chartered civil engineer who has worked in the railway industry all his professional life. HSUK is an alternative high speed rail network based on maximising efficient connectivity. Based on the modelling and outline design of HSUK, he will offer a critique of HS2/3. He will outline the design criteria for HSUK, and using the measures of connectivity from the modelling comment on implications for traffic volumes, economics etc.

4. *Jim Steer, founder and Director of Greengauge 21*

Jim has many years consultancy and public sector experience in rail planning and policy. Using Greengauge 21's recent report Beyond HS2—a plan for a National Rail Strategy, Jim will discuss priorities and directions for the UK's HS rail network and its insertion into the existing conventional network. Greengauge 21 is a high-speed rail interest group, to facilitate public debate.

*Questions to both speakers and discussion*

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