

**HOUSE OF COMMONS  
NAMED DAY PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION**

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**Andrea Leadsom (South Northamptonshire)** Party: **CON**

**345N** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria he applied to the selection of interested parties who were invited to the launch of his Department's High Speed 2 consultation; and for what reasons members of anti-High Speed 2 action groups who had registered to attend were not invited. **[47282]**

**Philip Hammond**

***[Holding answer: Thursday 17 March 2011]***

The launch event for the high speed rail consultation had limited space, and focussed on national and regional business leaders and local Government representatives. Invitations were issued to individuals inviting them to register. These invitations were personal and it was made clear that they were not transferrable without prior agreement.

However, the consultation process has been designed to allow all those interested to learn more about the Government's proposals and to register their views - including through a series of public road shows, a dedicated phone line and comprehensive online information.