

**HOUSE OF COMMONS
NAMED DAY PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION**

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

91N To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has considered the merits of including a direct link to Heathrow Airport in Stage 1 of the proposed High Speed 2 scheme. **[49707]**

Philip Hammond

[Holding answer: Tuesday 29 March 2011]

The report provided to Government by HS2 Ltd on options for a direct link to Heathrow considered the case for such a link both as part of an initial London-West Midlands line and as part of a Y-shaped national high speed rail network. This report is available online at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20110131042819/http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/proposedroute/routesupplement/pdf/routesupplement.pdf>

The Government's proposed strategy is set out in the consultation document, High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future, available on the HS2 consultation website at:

<http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/library/documents/consultation-document>.