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HS2 REVIEW 2020 - A PROGRESS UPDATE

Thank you for your FOI request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 13 October 2025. Your FOI request was regarding the NAO HS2 Progress Update Report from January 2020. You specifically asked for:

"In the NAO HS2 A Progress Update Report Jan 2020 - Figure 6 June 2019 it states:

'The Infrastructure and Projects Authority undertakes a review and concludes that successful delivery is unachievable.'

a) Please send me a copy of the IPA review.

b) If this is not possible, please tell me who has the review, I have FOIed the IPA asking for a copy, but the Cabinet Office replied saying it does hold the review."

Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have checked our records and can confirm that we do not hold a copy of the IPA review.

As you have already contacted the Cabinet Office, you may also wish to contact the Department for Transport: ([Introduction : Make a Freedom of Information request](#)) or HS2 Ltd: ([Contact us - HS2](#)) who may be able to assist further.

I hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at FOI@nao.org.uk. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely,

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