Transport sustains social interaction and economic development – as part of the UK and European rail network, HS1 plays its part in helping people get the most from their lives and in developing the economy. Rail is the most environmentally friendly form of travel and HS1 in particular was built to very high environmental standards. This policy reflects our commitment to protecting that heritage.

Choosing to travel on HS1 is the sustainable choice and travellers on HS1 can be safe in the knowledge that HS1 Ltd is committed to environmental sustainability – it makes business sense.

Developing the use of the High Speed 1 rail network will:
- enhance rail as a more environmentally friendly form of transport;
- develop our commercial reputation as a responsible company; and
- provide social value.

HS1 Ltd is also committed to:
- being involved with our local commercial and community neighbours;
- preventing pollution and protecting our natural resources; and
- promoting biodiversity.

This means:
- achieving more with the use of fewer resources;
- working with our suppliers to encourage innovation and product improvement;
- driving energy efficiency and reducing reliance on fossil fuels; and
- investing in skills training.

Sustainability is an integral part of High Speed 1 and involves us all.

Consideration of the environment will be integrated into our business decision making and of course we will comply with the applicable legal requirements and the targets set by industry organisations to which we subscribe. A framework setting out our specific objectives and targets is published in our Sustainability Plan. This is regularly refreshed and reviewed to facilitate continual improvement.

We all need to consider how our actions can enhance the sustainability of the company and the legacy for the future. HS1 Ltd, our employees, our stakeholders, contractors, and our suppliers are all part of our vision. We will work with you all to achieve this.

Nicola Shaw
Chief Executive
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