



## Invitation to Parliamentary Seminar

### The case for High Speed Rail: a regional, social and economic perspective

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012, Times - 16.00-18.00**  
**Houses of Parliament, London, SW1A 0AA**

The Academy of Social Sciences, Regional Studies Association and Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) invite you to join us for a Parliamentary discussion hosted and chaired by Louise Ellman, MP for Liverpool Riverside and Chair of the Transport Select Committee. We will examine evidence from the social sciences which can contribute to debates on the future of new High Speed Rail lines in the UK.

The panel will feature:

**Host/Chair:** Louise Ellman MP for Liverpool Riverside and Chair of the Transport Select Committee

**Speakers:** Professor Iain Docherty FRGS, Professor of Public Policy and Governance, Glasgow University, Non-Executive Director of Transport Scotland, and member of the Commission for Integrated Transport's Expert Academic Panel

Michael Ward, Research Fellow, Smith Institute, Executive Chair of the Board of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies and co-author of *High Speed Rail: Is Everyone on board?* (Clark, Doyle and Ward, 2011)

Professor Roger Vickerman ACSS, Professor of European Economics, Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent

Professor Henry Overman ACSS, Professor of Economic Geography and Director, Spatial Economics Research Centre, London School of Economics

Advance booking is required as space is limited. To book your place and receive further details of the event please respond to Jimmy Ancheta at [events@regionalstudies.org](mailto:events@regionalstudies.org)

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