

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1862 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 29th - 30th October 2013

Total	Voting intention				2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
1862	X	X	X	X	585	431	395	903	959	222	471	637	533	1061	801	238	605	398	458	162	
Unweighted Sample	473	589	118	172	587	429	435	894	968	140	448	728	546	1234	628	275	623	364	436	164	
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There are plans to build a new high speed rail link between London and Birmingham, and then on to Manchester and Leeds. This is expected to cost around £50 billion. Do you support or oppose these plans?

Support	27	38	26	38	14	32	24	25	31	22	35	31	25	22	31	22	35	27	27	26	13
Oppose	53	43	55	43	77	49	54	59	51	54	39	44	54	66	49	58	42	53	55	52	64
Don't know	20	19	19	19	9	19	22	17	17	23	26	25	21	13	20	21	23	19	18	21	23

A recently-released report has argued that the alternative to the new high speed rail link would be to upgrade the existing north-south trainlines to increase capacity. This would be cheaper, but would require 14 years of weekend train closures on the north-south train routes in order to upgrade the existing track..

Taking this into consideration, which one of the following options would you prefer?

I would prefer high speed rail link to be built as planned, even if this is more expensive than upgrading existing tracks	27	38	26	42	11	30	24	27	32	21	39	29	25	21	32	20	33	27	24	28	18
I would prefer capacity on the the existing train lines to be increased, even if this requires long term disruption to weekend train services	40	37	42	34	58	41	44	44	40	40	20	33	44	49	39	41	31	41	40	44	37
Neither - there is no need to increase train capacity to the north	19	16	18	9	27	20	18	15	16	22	19	19	18	21	18	21	19	19	23	14	27
Don't know	14	9	13	14	4	10	14	14	12	16	22	20	13	8	12	18	17	13	13	14	19