YouGov / LBC Survey Results

Sample Size: 501 Adults living in Birmingham
Fieldwork: 1st - 8th September 2016

		Gender		Age		Social Grade	
	Total	Male	Female	under 40	40+	ABC1	C2DE
Weighted Sample	501	245	256	230	271	235	266
Unweighted Sample	501	223	278	214	287	316	185
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

There are plans to build a new high speed rail link between London and Birmingham. The expected cost of this rail link is estimated to be around £30 billion.
Taking into account the different priorities the government has, do you think this a good or bad use of money?

Good use of money	**33**	37	29	31	34	40	27
Bad use of money	**51**	49	53	49	53	44	57
Don't know	**16**	14	17	19	13	15	16

In the last question you said you thought this was a bad use of money.
In which of the following areas would you most like to see this money spent instead of HS2?
[Only asked to those who said "bad use of money"; n=269]

Health care	**34**	21	45	37	31	41	28
Housing	**14**	19	11	15	14	18	12
Education and schools	**10**	12	9	15	7	10	11
Policing and crime prevention	**10**	11	9	9	11	5	14
Other transport links	**7**	11	4	4	10	9	6
Welfare	**6**	5	7	2	9	3	8
Defence and armed services	**4**	7	1	3	5	2	5
Environment	**3**	2	3	4	1	1	3
Infrastructure	**3**	3	4	2	5	6	2
Economic development	**1**	0	2	0	2	1	1
Something else *(please see sheet4 for open responses)*	**3**	3	3	2	4	4	2
Don't know	**4**	6	3	7	2	0	7

In the last question you said you thought this was a good use of money. What is the main reason you think this is a good use of money?
[Only asked to those who said "good use of money"; n=161]

Further investment in the city	**32**	33	30	29	33	31	*32*
Reduced congestion on roads/ other transport links	**17**	16	19	18	16	13	*23*
Access to a greater range of job opportunities	**16**	17	17	19	15	20	*12*
More jobs in the region	**15**	16	15	14	16	15	*15*
Increased connections to other markets	**9**	10	7	7	10	12	*5*
Increased tourism for the city	**4**	3	5	4	5	4	*4*
More vocational training opportunities (National College for High Speed Rail)	**1**	0	1	1	1	1	*0*
Something else	**3**	3	4	3	4	1	*7*
Don't know	**2**	2	3	5	0	3	*2*

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*

© 2016 YouGov plc. All Rights Reserved