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The Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce insists that businesses in the region must benefit from HS2.

The Government has announced that it will forge ahead with the new high speed rail service to improve connections between London and the Midlands and then further north.

And Louise Bennett, chief executive of the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce, said it was vital that the new line bolstered business in the city and the county.

She said: “The view on HS2 among our members has been split and there was certainly a feeling that those behind the project failed to really ‘sell’ its benefits to businesses in Coventry and Warwickshire.

“The Chamber held several events and we even visited Lord Adonis in London to find out as much information as possible on HS2 on behalf of our members.

“What is absolutely vital now is that all stakeholders in Coventry and Warwickshire join together to make sure that this line brings economic benefits to our doorstep and does not deliver them elsewhere.

“We need clear, concise information on how this will affect services from our stations to London and vice versa and we need to ensure that we get the best deal for the region because this is one of the most significant transport announcements for many years.”