

Sadie's News

I am delighted to welcome you to the first of our regular newsletters, and to let you know what has been achieved since the induction day. To give you an idea of the diversity of the workshops, reviews and meetings held so far, there is a list below of recent activities.

To date the Panel has been flexible in its approach through mentoring, advising, as well as reviewing — adapting to the needs of the individuals/projects involved. For their part HS2 LTD has responded by being open, willing and welcoming of the process.

I have been buoyed by the enthusiasm of the Panel members and HS2 to ensure that the work of the Panels is both positive and useful. There have been many successes with tangible improvements in the quality, consistency and ambition of the projects we've seen. There are still many issues to be tackled by HS2 and the Panel. HS2 have recently strengthened their management team to assist the Panel secretariat and ensure recommendations are responded to in a timely manner.

The Design Panel has been working on its governance structures and is now conducting a review of the first few months of operation.



Sadie and Interchange Station Design Panel members at induction meeting

One of the immediate actions we have identified is to improve communications with you all, especially those who have yet to be directly involved — I hope that this update, and those to follow, will go some way to address this.

I hope very much that I will see most of you in the next few months, please feel free to be in touch with myself or Deborah. If you have any comments on this Newsletter we would love to hear them so we can make sure it's useful to everyone.

Design Panel Activities

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- Design Priorities Station Procurement
- Meeting to discuss Station Procurement
- Euston OSD Procurement
- Meeting to discuss HS2 Service Design Procurement
- Regeneration lessons from King's Cross and St Pancras

Mentoring Projects

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- Workshop to establish a Design Panel Schedule
- Leeds Stations
- Meadowhall Station
- Colne Valley Viaduct
- Birmingham Station
- Old Oak Common Station
- Curzon Street Station

Full Reviews

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- Civil Engineering ITT Procurement Process
- Station Design Procurement Strategy
- Open Route Structures
- Railway Operations
- Bridge Design Requirements
- Station Design Approach

Workshops

- Phase 2 Briefing to Panel/Strategic recommendations
- Branding and Identity
- Phase 2 Professional Services ITT Procurement
- Phase 1 Civil Engineering ITT Procurement
- Health and Safety Strategy

- Community Engagement Strategy
- Design Panel Impact and Effectiveness
- Phase 2B (Eastern) Route Tour



Plan from UK Central brochure



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Design Panel for Interchange Station

In April an important step was taken when the HS2 Design Panel was welcomed by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council for a first meeting to discuss Interchange Station on site.

The Borough Council have selected 16 members of the main HS2 Design Panel to participate in future reviews of Interchange Station. This first meeting, chaired by Sadie Morgan, started with the Council taking panel members on a tour of the area around the station, giving them an insight into the local context and physical constraints. This was followed by a Panel meeting where the Council explained the planning context and emerging masterplan for a mixed use 'Garden City'.

HS2 and Arup presented their current work on a 'Design Ambitions' document for the station, which is being developed to establish a joint vision for the project. The Panel had an opportunity for comments on the strategic issues that had been raised.

This induction day will provide the basis for future Design Panel meetings, as the station design and masterplan are developed in more detail - with 5 or 6 panel members attending each meeting.

Interchange Station Design Panel members are: Sadie Morgan (chair); Hanif Kara; James O'Callaghan; Dan Epstein; Paul Appleby; Annie Coombs; Johanna Gibbons; Selina Mason; Peter Maxwell; Hiro Aso; Beatrix Young; Ann Sawyer; Mike Luddy; Reuben Arnold; and Sir Nicholas Serota.

People's Stories

The importance of the Panel to Solihull is ensuring that the borough can capture and maximise the design legacy from the development. The UK Central Hub, where the interchange station will be located, will be a truly sustainable community. A centre for Urban Living in the Landscape with the latest sustainability, technology and a fully integrated transport system. Being able to call upon the expert resource of a design review panel helps us to deliver that aspiration.

The first session served as a fantastic opportunity to introduce the Panel Members to our ambition for UK Central and in particular the Hub, and the scale of the opportunity. It was used as a bit of an induction session, and it was positive from our perspective, at both a political and officer level, to gather some initial thoughts and ratification for the approach from the Panel.

From the Solihull perspective we are keen to maximise the involvement of the Panel. It serves as both an independent source of expertise, and hopefully a critical friend through our journey.

Other News

David Kester & Associates (DK&A) have been appointed to lead a design facilitation and engagement programme. The Design Vision Delivery programme supports design and innovation best practice within HS2 and the supply chain which is great news for all of us.



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