

# MEETING MINUTES

## HS2 Chiltern AONB Review Group

<b>Meeting Date / Time:</b>	23 March 2017
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Chiltern District Council Offices
<b>Meeting Type:</b>	Review Group Meeting #8
<b>Organisations in Attendance:</b>	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC), Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB), Chiltern District Council (CDC), Department for Transport (DfT), Land Use Consultants (LUC), Natural England (NE) & HS2 Ltd

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Title, Organisation</b>
Ben Robinson	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Dave Buttery	Chair, Department for Transport (DfT)
David McCann	Senior Project Manager, HS2 Ltd
David Smith	Civil Structures Lead, HS2 Ltd
Catherine Murray	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Hanna Doyle	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
Helen Hall	Programme Manager, Chilterns Conservation Board
Jackie Copcutt	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
James Gasson-Hargreaves	Senior Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd
John Woodhouse	Town Planner, HS2 Ltd
Jonathon Bellars	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
Kate Ahern	Land Use Consultants (LUC)
Kim Royer-Harris	Panels Coordinator, HS2 Ltd
Liz Bingham	Natural England (NE)
Lucy Murfett	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Miriam Baines	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
Neil Jackson	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Richard Haney	Land Use Consultants (LUC)
Seb Jew	Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd
Steve Fancourt	Rural Landscape Manager, HS2 Ltd

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Action/ Owner</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<b>Review of Minutes and Actions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regarding action #7 and 8 from 20/01/17 – a new meeting schedule will be circulated when the new LUC programme has been decided.</li> <li>2. Regarding action #6 from 20/01/17 – the group can apply for CEF and BLEF for any projects that are left when the £3m fund has been allocated. The Ecology Review Group is discussing if the Woodland Fund operates in the same way.</li> </ol>	

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	<p><b><u>Action/s:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action/s to note</li> </ul>	
C.	<p><b>Update on the Design Panel visit</b></p> <p>3. The group discussed the Design Panel visit.            4. LUC explained that the construction and removal of pylons was outside of the scope of their work and that green bridges need a separate discussion.            5. NE advised that they provided initial reflections to the group on 17<sup>th</sup> March about the Design Panel meeting.            6. HS2 Ltd agreed to find out the timetable of the Design Panel.</p> <p><b><u>Action/s:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2 Ltd to find out the Design Panel's timetable for their Meeting Report and circulate it to the group</li> </ul>	HS2 Ltd
D.	<p><b>Presentation by Land Use Consultants</b></p> <p>7. LUC gave a presentation on the contents of the draft design guide commissioned on behalf of the Chiltern AONB Review Group.            8. LUC stated that the vision presented by the design guide is for the HS2 corridor through the Chilterns AONB to be a beautiful, resilient and connected landscape.            9. The topics of the design guide discussed in the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design principles (condensed into 4)</li> <li>• Scope and purpose</li> <li>• The context of the Chilterns</li> <li>• Issues and opportunities</li> <li>• Landscape and visual strategy</li> <li>• Access and recreation</li> <li>• Ecology</li> <li>• Landscape fabric</li> <li>• Heritage</li> <li>• Holloways</li> <li>• Eco corridors</li> <li>• Noise barriers</li> <li>• Wendover viaduct and link</li> <li>• Ancillary buildings</li> <li>• Additional projects</li> </ul> <p>10. LUC requested that the group agree on the scope and target audience of the design guide.            11. CDC requested that the design guide should tie in with Schedule 17 applications.            12. The group had a discussion on whether the design guide should be understandable at a technical or general level.</p>	



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	<p>27. She requested that the group think about how much information they want to receive.</p> <p>28. She offered to include a Programme Manager update in every meeting.</p> <p><b>Action/s:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen to circulate to the group the new programme for LUC</li> <li>• Helen to also circulate the schedule and scope of future workshops</li> </ul>	<p>HH</p> <p>HH</p>
<p><b>F.</b></p>	<p><b>HS2 Key Design Elements</b></p> <p>29. John Woodhouse gave a short presentation on the difference between HS2 key and common design elements.</p> <p>30. He stated that further information can be found in Information Paper D1 and that Schedule 17 doesn't cover OLE.</p> <p>31. AVDC queried whether the Wendover cut and cover tunnel portal is a common design element.</p> <p><i>Headhouses</i></p> <p>32. David McCann gave a presentation on the headhouses that will be located in the AONB between the south and north portal.</p> <p>33. He outlined the location of the headhouses and their surroundings. He also commented on their size and possible mitigation proposals.</p> <p>34. David explained that when designing a headhouse you need to make sure that it can still perform a functional purpose.</p> <p>35. The different characteristics of each headhouse site was also discussed.</p> <p>36. CCB and CDC agreed to meet to discuss headhouses with the aim of feeding their comments back to HS2 Ltd.</p> <p>37. The group asked HS2 Ltd to circulate the presentation.</p> <p><b>Action/s:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS2 Ltd to circulate the presentation on key design elements and headhouses to the group</li> <li>• HS2 to check whether the Wendover cut and cover tunnel portal is a common or key design element.</li> <li>• HS2 to check the plan re the design of OLE and engagement on this.</li> </ul>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
<p><b>G.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><i>Site-specific management plan for the AONB</i></p> <p>38. NE asked for information on the site-specific management plan for the AONB as an environmentally sensitive worksite.</p> <p>39. HS2 Ltd advised that the site-specific management plan is submitted as part of Schedule 17.</p> <p>40. HS2 Ltd offered to investigate if there will be any engagement as part of the site-specific management plan.</p>	

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	<p data-bbox="300 309 416 338"><u>Action/s:</u></p> <ul data-bbox="395 367 1254 434" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="395 367 1254 434">• HS2 Ltd to investigate whether there will be any engagement with the group as part of the site-specific management plan</li></ul>	HS2 Ltd

**Next meeting:** TBC