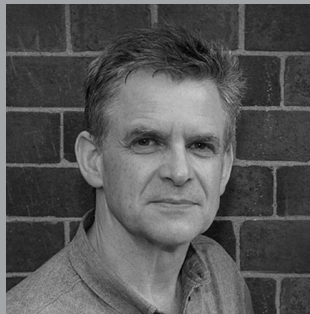




Clockwise (from top left): Theresa Bergne; Mark Delaney; Xanthe Quayle; Mike Martin; Harbinder Singh Birdi; Gillian James; Jonathan McDowell; and Tamsin Dillon.



New recruits to the HS2 Independent Design Panel

As HS2 moves closer to delivery eight new members have been appointed to ensure the Design Panel has the right skills and experience to reflect the needs of the project. These members have already been involved in several meetings, including: an opportunity to discuss emerging designs for the Colne Valley Viaduct; initial meetings with the four multi-disciplinary Phase One station design teams; and HS2 Ltd's train interior concept work.

The new panel members are:

- Jonathan McDowell – bridge design
- Xanthe Quayle – landscape architecture
- Mike Martin – landscape architecture
- Harbinder Singh Birdi – station design
- Tamsin Dillon – art and culture
- Theresa Bergne – art and culture
- Gillian James – customer experience
- Mark Delaney – customer experience

These appointments strengthen the panel and its work in championing the ambition for HS2 to be a world class railway.

Design Panel activities March 2018

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- Meeting to discuss the recruitment of new panel members with expertise in, station design, art and culture, following an advertisement for new panel members

Panel member recruitment meeting

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- Meetings to discuss approaches to future Station Design Panel meetings: Birmingham Curzon Street Station; Interchange Station; Old Oak Common Station; and Euston Station

Future review meetings

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- Old Oak Common Station
- Euston Station
- Interchange Station
- Birmingham Curzon Street Station
- Washwood Heath Depot
- Customer experience - barrier free travel

Full reviews

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- Design Panel Team Meeting attended by the chair, vice chair, secretariat and HS2 Ltd staff
- Chair's Review meeting to discuss HS2 Ltd responses to Design Panel recommendations on customer experience.
- Quarterly Governance Advisory Group meeting

Governance meetings

Phase One station design teams get started

The panel has now held initial meetings with all of the multi-disciplinary station design services contractor teams, who have been appointed to develop designs for the four Phase One stations:

- Birmingham Curzon Street Station
- Interchange Station
- Old Oak Common Station
- Euston Station

These teams are working towards submission Schedule 17 applications to local planning authorities in early 2019.

Overall, the panel were encouraged by the approach of the design teams, balancing the complex requirements of each station and their settings. A key challenge will be to ensure each station is carefully and collaboratively designed to stitch them into their respective contexts, to maximise the regeneration benefits of HS2.

To help with this challenge, HS2 Ltd have recently appointed Joanna Averley as the new Head of Urban Design and Integration. This role be essential in helping develop creative conversations with local authorities, and ensuring HS2 'enhances the lives of future generations of people in Britain by designing a transformational rail system that is admired around the world' (HS2 Design Vision).



Birmingham Curzon Street Station site, HS2 Ltd



Xanthe Quayle
Member of the HS2
Independent Design Panel

People's stories

Xanthe Quayle is a new recruit to the Design Panel, but a longstanding advocate for the importance and power of built environment professions in supporting positive environmental and social change. She is a member several Design Review Panels, and regularly examines at the Landscape Architecture Department, University of Sheffield.

Xanthe has approaching 25 years' experience in practice, working for nationally recognised landscape practices on some of the most challenging infrastructure and public realm projects of our time. As Director of Camlin Lonsdale Landscape Architects, Xanthe leads their design studio in West Yorkshire.

For Xanthe the design challenge of HS2 is to deliver local, people centred benefits - the antithesis of many of the imposing infrastructure interventions of the past. Achieving this will create a fitting cultural legacy, as a positive reflection of this 21st century endeavour.

Washwood Heath Depot

In March the Design Panel was briefed on HS2 Ltd's approach to the Washwood Heath Depot and Network Integrated Control Centre in Birmingham. With a total site area of around 63 hectares, the scale of transformation in this part of Birmingham will be enormous. The panel highlighted the need to capture this opportunity in a wider vision that will meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.



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