



HS2 tree planting, HS2 Ltd

Bringing to life the HS2 Green Corridor

As part of its work, the Design Panel attends 'chair's review' meetings. These provide an opportunity for the panel to discuss how HS2 Ltd is responding to its previous recommendations and for the panel to provide mentoring support to HS2 Ltd leads and design managers.

In March, the panel met David Green, Landscape Assessment Manager at HS2 Ltd. David gave an update on progress made since the previous meeting with the Design Panel in September 2018 to deliver the Green Corridor concept. Overall, the panel was pleased to hear how the concept is beginning to gain traction, including with stakeholders such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England. The

panel praised the development of an online tool for identifying potential 'Green Corridor' projects - demonstrating how the convening power of HS2 Ltd is drawing together resources from across several organisations to maximise benefits. The panel noted that clear and robust decision making will be needed for deciding on which projects will be delivered / supported, helping to ensure it is not just those with 'the loudest voices' who receive the benefits.

Much of the benefit of the Green Corridor exists beyond the project's boundary and the panel is keen to understand how HS2 Ltd can open up conversations to a broader audience - for example integrating with the existing engagement it has with local communities. The panel also suggests identifying a range of examples from across the route that can help to tell the story, for example the work of the Colne Valley Regional Park Panel.

Design Panel activities March 2019

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Workshop review meetings

- Small Dean Viaduct - Phase One Area Central
- Wendover Green Tunnel south portal - Phase One Area Central

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Schedule 17 stage reviews

- Wendover Dean Viaduct - Phase One Area Central
- Old Oak Common Station - Phase One Area South

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Chair's review meeting

- Green Corridor - A chair's review meeting to discuss HS2 Ltd responses to previous panel recommendations

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Governance meetings

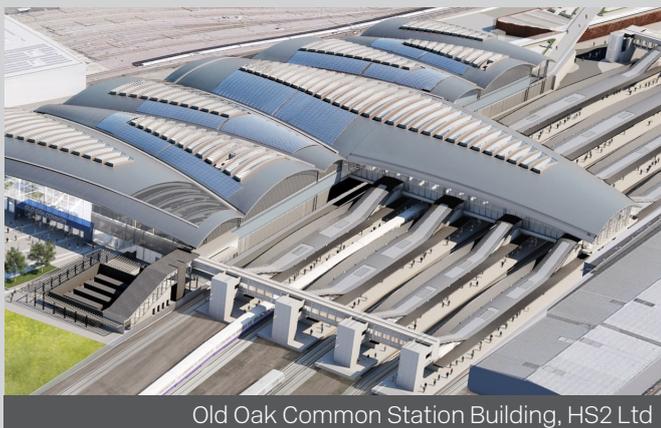
- March Design Panel monthly team meeting attended by the Design Panel chair, vice chair, secretariat and HS2 Ltd staff

Design Panel meetings at Schedule 17 stage

As described in the June 2018 newsletter, it has been agreed that a series of Schedule 17 Stage Design Panel meetings will be arranged for those HS2 Phase One elements that the panel has previously commented on. This will allow the panel to assess the way designs have progressed in response to its previous comments, provide updated comments on the submitted scheme and give a clear view on whether it feels that high quality design, that meets the aspirations of the HS2 Design Vision, has been achieved.

In March, the panel attended two Schedule 17 stage review meetings - one for Wendover Dean Viaduct in Area Central and one for Old Oak Common Station in Area South. Both meetings included representatives from the relevant local planning authority.

Overall, the panel found much to support in both the approach for Wendover Dean Viaduct and the designs for the Old Oak Common Station building. In both schemes the panel noted areas for further work, and stressed the importance of design quality being followed through during detailed design work and construction. As part of future Schedule 17 submissions, HS2 Ltd will include a public copy of the Schedule 17 stage Design Panel report - at which point the panel's advice may inform the local planning authority's decision making process.



Old Oak Common Station Building, HS2 Ltd



Peter Bishop
Co-chair of the
Old Oak Common Station
Design Panel

People's stories

Professor Peter Bishop is chair of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) Place Review Group and co-chair of the Old Oak Common Station Design Panel. He is a Professor of Urban Design at The Bartlett School of Architecture and a Director at Allies and Morrison.

For 25 years Peter was a planning director at four different central London boroughs, and has worked on major projects in London, including Canary Wharf and King's Cross, and the UK. In 2006 he was appointed as the first Director of Design for London, the Mayor's architecture and design studio, and in 2008 served as Deputy Chief Executive at the London Development Agency. In 2011 he was commissioned by the government to review national architecture and design policy, published as the 'Bishop Review'.

Peter is a passionate advocate for the positive role infrastructure can have in 'placemaking'. He is committed to supporting HS2 Ltd develop an exemplary design for Old Oak Common Station that confidently contributes to a new piece of London where people want to live, work and play.

New interim Design Director

In March, HS2 Ltd announced that Christoph Brintrup, currently Head of Landscape, will be appointed as Interim Design Director. This role is critical to the signal that HS2 Ltd sends on its ambition for design quality, and for ensuring that the supply chain perceives design as a priority and delivers best value. Christoph will commence his new role at the end of April, taking over from Kate Hall who is leaving to sail around the world.



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