



HS2 Route Wide Planning Forum - Phase

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- Local authorities will have a key role in consenting planning, highways and environmental health matters for Phase 1 of HS2.
- HS2 Ltd and DfT accept that the amount of time that some local authorities will be expected to dedicate to relevant consents for
- HS2 works may place an additional burden on these local authority service areas over a period of time.

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To date the decision has to date been taken to fund the following activities undertaken by local authorities:

- Technical engagement in the preparation of the ES and the design for the HS2 Bill;
- Funding pre-submission discussions on the detailed design;
- In addition, the HS2 Bill will allow local planning authorities to receive payment for considering requests for approval under Schedule 16;

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Highways and Environmental Health:

- HS2 and the DfT can confirm that local authorities will also receive an appropriate level of funding to ensure that they have sufficient resources in place to deal with highways and environmental health consents required for HS2.
- Funding for these activities will be conditional on the local authority signing a Service Level Agreement.
- Not all local authorities along the line of route will need additional resources to deal with highways and environmental health consents.

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- Consenting and the majority of discussions on detailed design development will take place after Royal Assent,. The requirement to fund local authorities is therefore not an immediate one and accordingly it is not considered necessary to agree the amount of funding each local authority will receive at this time.
- Decisions on the level of funding and the final details of the Service Level Agreement will therefore be taken nearer to Royal Assent, following discussions with local authorities on these matters.

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