

Panel comments on station design procurement

The HS2 Independent Design Panel has taken part in a joint meeting with the Independent Assurance Panel, chaired by David Orr, to discuss the emerging procurement strategy for stations.

A series of panel meetings has been held to discuss how design teams will be procured for Euston and Old Oak Common Stations in London, Interchange Station in Solihull, and Curzon Street Station in Birmingham.

The joint meeting with the Independent Assurance Panel was the final meeting to discuss the procurement strategy for stations, before a decision is made on this by the HS2 Ltd Board.

This was the fifth time that the panel has been invited to comment on station design procurement. At an early stage, the panel's advice was sought at mentoring sessions. As the strategy was developed, further meetings were held to provide more detailed comments, with an emphasis on achieving the best outcome in terms of design quality, cost and risk.



HS2 vision for Euston Station platform

The panel has also said that it would welcome an opportunity to comment on the specific procurement process for each station. The design briefs, tender questions, and scoring will all be crucial to achieving high quality design.

For example, the panel has encouraged HS2 Ltd to look beyond its 'red line boundary' and include masterplan integration and public realm improvements in station design briefs - to maximise the regeneration benefits of HS2 stations. The panel has pointed to Crossrail as an example of partnership working with local authorities, and other stakeholders, to deliver public realm improvements, with funding from a variety of sources.

Design Panel activities October 2016

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- Training for HS2 Ltd staff who will be assessing design in tender returns as part of Phase 1 civil engineering procurement and Phase 2 professional services contract procurement

Mentoring and desktop reviews

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- Joint meeting with HS2 Independent Assurance Panel on station design procurement
- Ecology, biodiversity and landscape design
- HS2 Branding and Identity
- Design Innovation
- Further enhancing sustainability in the Design Panel's remit

Workshops

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- Hybrid Bill proposals for Toton Station
- Hybrid Bill proposals for Manchester Piccadilly Station
- Hybrid Bill proposals for Manchester Airport Station - all of the above included site visits and briefings by the local authority on the planning context
- Curzon Street Station Design Ambitions document

Full reviews

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- Monthly Design Panel Team Meeting - October
- Briefing on the Design Panel for HS2 Ltd staff in Birmingham
- DfT Design Leadership Update (with David Prout, Director General for HS2, DfT, and Cavendish Elithorn, Strategy Director for HS2, DfT)

Briefing and governance meetings

New focus on sustainability for Design Panel

It has been agreed that the HS2 Independent Design Panel should take responsibility for providing external scrutiny and advice on sustainability.

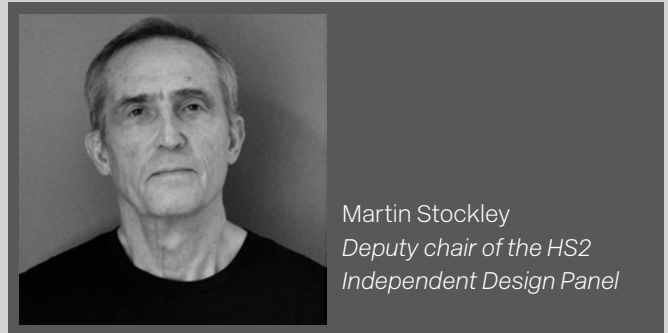
To date there has been a separate Sustainability Panel made up of HS2 Ltd staff and four independent external members, which has been managed by HS2 Ltd. Going forward, the proposal is that the Independent Design Panel should be used to provide an element of external scrutiny to HS2 Ltd's sustainability approach.

HS2 Ltd has developed a Sustainability Approach document. It has been agreed that, in principle, the five sustainability themes outlined in this document could provide a framework for future panel discussions on this issue.

Where possible, comments on sustainability should be given as part of wider Design Panel discussions, with sustainability running as a 'golden thread' through the panel's work. Some meetings specifically focusing on sustainability are also likely to be needed – for example, to provide comments on HS2 Ltd's approach to using BREEAM or addressing the accessibility of the railway.



The five themes of the HS2 Sustainability Approach document include: economic growth and community regeneration; skills, employment and education; health, safety and wellbeing; environmental protection and management; and design that is future proof.



Martin Stockley
Deputy chair of the HS2
Independent Design Panel

People's stories

We are pleased to announce that Martin Stockley has been appointed as a deputy chair of the HS2 Independent Design Panel. Martin has recently returned to the UK after two and a half years living and working in Moscow. He previously ran his own practice of consulting engineers from 1997 to 2013. He played a key role in changing the way that streets and public spaces are designed, as now adopted by the Department for Transport's 'Manual for Streets'. Purposely a generalist, Martin has worked on civil, structural, transport and public realm projects and has served as both chair and panel member on a number of design review panels.

Martin is particularly interested in the socio-cultural impacts of infrastructure projects, areas which can often be overshadowed by technical and economic pressures. He sees a key part of his role on the panel as contributing to the debates around balancing technical costs and demands against the value rendered: how to make infrastructure that is celebrated for its human value and not merely talked of apologetically in terms of damage and mitigation.

Annual Meeting 22 November

An Annual Meeting of the HS2 Independent Design Panel will take place on 22 November from 2.30 to 5pm. This will include update briefings from HS2 Ltd, as well as feedback on the impact of panel recommendations. Professor Sadie Morgan will chair a discussion about the panel's work so far and next steps.



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