

HIGHWAYS SUB-GROUP of the HS2 PLANNING FORUM

Title:	Phase One Planning Forum, Highways Sub-Group (North and South) #10	
Date & Time	North and South Meeting 14 th October 2015 14:00 – 17:00 One Euston Square 40 Melton Street London	
Chair	Andrew Savage	Acting Independent Chair in Ted Allet's absence
Promoter Attendees:	Richard Adam Peter Tomlin John Woodhouse (Part) Marian Hutchin Ann Morley	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT
Highway Authority Attendees:	Don Murchie Muthiah Gunarajah Gez Romano David Grindley Sarah Mallen Matthew Davenhill Martin Steward Adrian Malcom Kevin Hicks Chris Young James Hodson Simon Weaver David Allen Mark Jones	Westminster City Council Hertfordshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Northamptonshire County Council Staffordshire County Council Staffordshire County Council Highways England London Borough Camden Birmingham City Council Birmingham City Council Midland Expressway Ltd TfL South Northamptonshire District Council Oxfordshire County Council
<i>Planning Forum Highways Sub-Group distribution list appended to minutes.</i>		

Item		Action Owner
1	Welcome and introductions Introductions were made.	
2	Review of notes and actions from last meeting Minutes from previous meeting were agreed. The outstanding actions table was gone through by the Chair.	
3	Routewide Traffic Management Plan	

	<p>Direction signing for emergency vehicles HS2 Ltd introduced the approach to emergency signing for emergency vehicles, and confirmed that these matter have been discussed with emergency services and DfT.</p> <p>NCC stated that adding additional signs to normal junction signs was not that simple. HS2 Ltd confirmed that highways authorities would be consulted on the location of the signage, and that a route wide Tier 1 contractor would prepare the material which HS2 Ltd would review. This would be a specialist contractor and not the main works civils contractor.</p> <p>WCC were concerned that the proposed signage may be excessive in small market towns. HS2 Ltd confirmed that gate numbers are needed on signs. Access to construction sites may change over time and that proposals would be put forward at the traffic liaison groups the normal way. HS2 Ltd confirmed that proposals would be discussed in line with the Route Wide Traffic Management Plan (RTMP), and as an example on CTRL highways authorities received approximately one notification per week.</p> <p>WCC stated that there will be 30 construction sites in their area, so a scope is needed of what and when. HS2 Ltd confirmed that there would be photographs of the site with overlay, maps and photo mock up.</p> <p>NCC enquired as to when authorities would see a copy of the authorisation certificate. HS2 Ltd confirmed that special approval would not be needed.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that discussion on signage would commence in early 2017 to support the enabling works.</p> <p>Feedback on RTMP consultation HS2 Ltd presented slides on changes that are being incorporated in the revised draft RTMP, following responses received. A response schedule has been prepared and discussions are ongoing with TfL on FORS and CLOCS. The final amendments are still going through HS2 governance, but the revised draft version will be circulated following that process.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate revised draft RTMP, and associated comments schedule, to subgroup.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to bring back to November meeting the areas proposed for Local Traffic Management Plans (LTMPs).</p> <p>In relation to CLOCS and FORS, TfL stated that they want water based transport to be used to remove excavated material, which will mean no drivers are needed. TfL asked how when contractors are being selected, and are from outside the UK, will they demonstrate that they comply with CLOCS and FORS, and if they don't have to comply, is that a fair process? HS2 Ltd's expectations are that principal contractors will be consortia, comprising of EU</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
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	<p>and/or UK based contractors, and that EU contractors will have to comply with ISO14001, and UK contractors will have to comply with FORS, or FORS equivalent. This is clearly set out in the revised draft RTMP.</p> <p>TfL asked does 'van excellence' apply to vehicles less than 3.5 tonnes. HS2 Ltd confirmed that 'van excellence' will apply to fleet vehicles and the highest standard will be applied as far as reasonably practicable.</p> <p>BCC enquired as to whether parking restrictions were included in rural areas. HS2 Ltd confirmed that there is no difference between a verge in an urban or rural area under existing legislation, so there is no distinction.</p> <p>TfL highlighted that LBC have not had an opportunity to provide comments on the RTMP, as they have been preparing for AP3, and would provide comment after 23rd October.</p> <p>TfL confirmed they will respond on the revised draft version once it is circulated.</p>	
4	<p>Consents and Approvals – Draft Approach</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate Draft Consents and Approvals Strategy for permanent works, for comment.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd stated that there is an estimated 1,980 consents for permanent highways works, and there will be a more accurate break down, following discussion on the strategy.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd emphasized the merits of the getting the strategy right and working together to achieve this.</p> <p>WCC enquired as to when discussions on the design of overbridges would be happening to ensure future proofing for new developments. HS2 Ltd confirmed the previous plan that AIPs would be a future agenda item, and that at the appropriate time designers will be looking at details, and would have discussions with highway authorities. HS2 Ltd agreed with WCC that highways authorities should have input at the AIPs stage.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to include AIPs as a future agenda item.</p> <p>BCC stated that consents and approvals should be about delivering the programme safely, and whilst this could be taken as read, BCC considered that this should be explicitly included in the goals, with which HS2 Ltd agreed.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to include 'delivering safely' as a goal of the consents and approvals strategy.</p> <p>With regard to timing, HS2 Ltd confirmed that the draft strategy would be</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>

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	issued, following that the quantification of consents and approvals would commence, and then the programming of works. Once the next design stage starts, discussions would commence with highways authorities about individual locations.	
5	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to issue draft highways maintenance agreement week commencing 19th October.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed they were meeting LBC on Friday 16th October, to discuss new burdens and highways maintenance.</p> <p>Action: Highways authorities provide comments on draft consents and approvals strategy. HCC to co-ordinate a response to be provided in advance of December subgroup meeting.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to respond to highways authorities comments at December subgroup meeting.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to respond on Highways England's question on what approval mechanism is in place for highway structures for temporary construction.</p> <p>Traffic management programme HS2 Ltd presented slide setting out high level programme.</p> <p>WCC asked whether because lorry routes are assessed in the ES, are they assumed to have approval at Royal Assent, and if not could they be approved in principle to speed up the approvals process? HS2 Ltd stated that it could be a starting point for discussions particularly for routes close to sites.</p> <p>BCC asked where construction would be starting along the route. HS2 Ltd confirmed that programme would be discussed at an early stage, and that main civils contracts would not be awarded until after Royal Assent.</p> <p>TfL enquired as to what requirements HS2 Ltd are putting on the contractor, as Select Committee was still in progress and things could change as a result of petitions. HS2 Ltd confirmed that any tender progresses progressed prior to Royal Assent would provide for the fact that requirements could change, as for example Draft EMRs would not be final until Royal Assent, and that a contractual change mechanism would allow contracts to evolve.</p>	<p>Authorities</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>SCC noted that Canals and Rover Trust are increasing their costs to discharge to canals. HS2 Ltd confirmed that provisions in the Bill provide for discharge to canals.</p>	

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	Action: HS2 Ltd to report back on s.100 highway drainage and whether it is provided for in the Bill.	HS2 Ltd
	Action: HS2 Ltd to include discussion on highways boundary and embankment ownership as future agenda item.	HS2 Ltd
	Action: HS2 Ltd to endeavour to circulate information on green bridges in advance of the next meeting.	HS2 Ltd
	Action: Birmingham City Council asked how impact of HS2 works happening at the same time as other highways schemes will be addressed.	HS2 Ltd