

HIGHWAYS SUB-GROUP of the HS2 PLANNING FORUM

Title:	Phase One Planning Forum, Highways Sub-Group (North and South) #11	
Date & Time	North and South Meeting 18 th November 2015 14:00 – 17:00 Warwick Hilton	
Chair	Ted Allett	
Promoter Attendees:	Richard Adam Peter Tomlin John Woodhouse Adam Ruane	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
Highway Authority Attendees:	Muthiah Gunarajah Andrew Savage Gez Romano Keith Davenport David Grindley Martin Steward Paul Hillman Chris Young James Hodson David Allen Sarah Widdows Steve Braund David Lowe	Hertfordshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Northamptonshire County Council Highways England Highways England Birmingham City Council Midland Expressway Ltd South Northamptonshire District Council Buckinghamshire County Council Chiltern District Council Warwickshire County Council (Part)
<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 Action: Minutes from previous meeting were agreed, with some minor typographical changes to be made to the published version (to be provided by the Chair) and a wording change to item 7 action 4 (see AOB). The outstanding actions table was gone through by the Chair and the following additional points raised: <i>July 15 Item 4:</i> HS2 Ltd stated that Information Paper E13 would be updated in due course. It was agreed to keep the action on the tracker.	HS2 Ltd / Chair

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	<p>July 15 Item 7: HS2 Ltd stated that consents and approvals is likely to be an agenda item at the February 2016 meeting.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that comments will be collated on the draft consents and approvals strategy and provided to HS2 Ltd by HCC by the 16th December.</p> <p><i>Sept 15 Item 3:</i> HS2 Ltd stated that technical standards will be covered in the December and February 16 meetings and that any further comments should be provided to the relevant collating authority to be provided to HS2 ASAP.</p> <p>Chair raised that during the pre-meet authorities had asked whether technical standards for bridges would be shared for comment. Action: HS2 Ltd responded confirming that there are technical standards for bridges, which can be shared in the new year.</p> <p><i>Oct 15 Item 3:</i> HS2 Ltd stated that the draft RTMP, pending governance, would be shared with authorities week commencing 30.11.15.</p>	<p>HCC</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
3	<p>Highway Condition Surveys</p> <p>HS2 Ltd presented information regarding the proposed approach to Highway Condition Surveys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current position as stated in RTMP • Work being undertaken to develop methodology • Programme to develop methodology (2nd/3rd mtg in 2016) <p>HS2 Ltd stated the intention to continue engagement with the Subgroup as the methodology is developed.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Section 59 of the Highways Act is not disapplied by the Bill, and as such authorities retain the power to seek damages for extraordinary weight of traffic</p> <p>WCC raised that all A Roads being used as HS2 lorry and diversion routes should be surveyed and that follow-up surveys should take place to ensure the baseline was recorded correctly. There should also be a consideration of traffic flow, 'rainbow' plans and cumulative traffic impacts to inform survey methodology. <i>[Note Rainbow Plans are the select committee exhibits showing the assumed construction traffic routes for individual construction traffic compounds]</i></p> <p>BCC raised that all HS2 routes should be surveyed to ensure adequate information is available to inform liaison with the community on highway conditions.</p> <p>WCC raised that the diversion routes for the strategic road network affect A and B roads in Warwickshire, which is difficult to manage due to capacity</p>	

	<p>issues. WCC asked this to be considered in development of the methodology.</p> <p>HS2 stated that the methodology and length for condition surveys would need to bear the particular circumstances in mind and include a consideration of the types of road and the relative import of traffic due to HS2 when considered against baseline traffic levels.</p> <p>Chair asked whether a lorry route 'class approval' could be considered by HS2 as this may streamline the approvals process. HS2 Ltd expressed that the Bill cannot be amended to include this, but engagement on lorry routes would take place through LTMP development and in accordance with the approval process set out in Schedule 16 of the Bill.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd stated that lorry route approvals (Schedule 16 of the Bill) will be an agenda item in February or March 2016.</p> <p>Chiltern DC asked how confident HS2 are in lorry routes stated in the ES. HS2 Ltd explained that lorry routes are assessed in the ES and broadly have remained consistent through the various Aps. Where volumes have changed as a result of AP changes and given rise to additional significant effects, this has been assessed and reported. HS2 Ltd reiterated that lorry routes will be subject to approval by the relevant planning authority (i.e. the same organisation as the highway authority in this case) under Schedule 16 of the Bill.</p>	HS2 Ltd
4	<p>Local Traffic Management Plan Areas</p> <p>HS2 Ltd presented the latest draft LTMP areas to the Subgroup, stating that the new areas have been designed to align more closely with highway authority boundaries.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd stated that the areas would be refined during the development of the LTMP's and requested that any comments on the boundaries be provided directly to HS2 Ltd.</p> <p>WCC requested that a plan be produced to show the proposed LTMP areas in the West Midlands area. Action: HS2 Ltd accepted this request.</p>	<p>Authorities</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
5	<p>GA Designs: status and consultations timeline</p> <p>Chair introduced the item, expressing his understanding of the HS2's position on bridge General Arrangement drawings.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd explained that preliminary bridge General Arrangement drawings have been produced for internal use during the hybrid Bill design stage. These drawings will inform the next stage of design, which has not yet started, to show the assumptions used for hybrid Bill purposes but would not necessarily represent or constrain the final designs. Future GA drawings will have to</p>	

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	<p>account for finalised Act limits, latest technical standards, Environmental Minimum Requirements, Undertakings and Assurances and other relevant design information. The process of procuring designers and undertaking this work is not finalised. Action: HS2 Ltd will keep the Subgroup informed.</p> <p>WCC expressed that sharing all GA designs now would be beneficial to inform the design process. HS2 Ltd stated that this would be premature since there are currently no designers in place to progress matters beyond the hybrid Bill assumptions, but that HS2 Ltd is committed to engage with local authorities on bridge designs at the appropriate time.</p>	HS2 Ltd
6	<p>Green Bridges</p> <p>HS2 Ltd presented an overview of the 16 green bridges along the Phase One route, including location, function and the changes made in Additional Provisions since Bill deposit.</p> <p>Buckinghamshire CC asked if the 16 planned green bridges are likely to change. Chair explained that this will depend on the recommendations of Select Committee.</p> <p>WCC expressed that the technical approval of green bridges should be joined-up and asked how the approval process would work.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd explained that where there is a 'highway' element to the bridge, the highway aspect will be approved by the highway authority (under Schedule 4). The design and appearance of the bridge would be a planning matter, and as such would be approved by the local planning authority under Schedule 16. The Schedule 16 bringing into use approval would also be relevant for the Scheduled works.</p> <p>WCC presented some information about green bridges in Warwickshire, expressing concern over the design and effectiveness of the bridges.</p>	
7	<p>Paved Verges on Bridges</p> <p><i>This item was not discussed due to time constraints.</i></p>	
8	<p>Highways Maintenance Agreement update</p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided an update on the Highways Maintenance Agreement.</p> <p>It was explained that version 10 has now been circulated to all authorities following comments from WCC. Version 11 will be provided to WCC, BCC and LBC (as leads on the issue) and a meeting arranged to discuss differences (w/c 30th Nov).</p> <p><i>[Post Meeting Note: meeting arranged for the 30 November 2015]</i></p>	

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	Chair and NCC highlighted that there are some numbering and typographical errors in version 10. Action: HS2 Ltd noted this and expressed the intention to provide a marked up copy of the agreement at version 11.	HS2 Ltd
9	Forward Plan, Tracker and Programme HS2 Ltd provided an updated forward plan and tracker, and explained that the first meeting in the new year would be in early February and that a forward plan for Q1 / Q2 2016 would be drawn up for the December meeting.	
10	AOB Chair asked HS2 Ltd about progress with the service level agreement for local authority funding. HS2 Ltd explained that a copy of the draft SLA had now been circulated to single points of contact at Phase One authorities via the Planning Forum, with the intention of meeting with authorities Q4 2015 – Q1 2016 to discuss the agreement. Highways England expressed their wish to present on LIDAR at the next Subgroup. Action: It was agreed that this would take place once more information had been shared by HS2 Ltd on condition surveys, i.e. in the new year. Highways England and Birmingham CC asked that the minute of item 7 action 4 in meeting #10 be amended to reflect the discussion more accurately. Action: HS2 Ltd noted this and committed to making the change before the minutes are finalised.	HS2 Ltd / HE HS2 Ltd