

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SUBGROUP of the HS2 PLANNING FORUM

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Environmental Health Subgroup (North and South) Meeting #6</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	North and South Meeting Thursday 2nd July 2015 2 - 4 pm One Euston Square, London	
<b>Chair</b>	Ted Allett	Independent Chair
<b>Promoter Attendees:</b>	Adam Ruane Phil King Tom Marshall Pam Lowery Leila du Toit Gordon Allison Jonathan Ben-Ami	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd Arup
<b>EHP Attendees:</b>	Gregory Pilley Helen Masterson Somayya Yaqub Richard Hiscock Steve Braund Ben Coakley Julian Smith David Gilmour Richard Peers Neil Wait Dean Walters Stephen Whiles Dominic Towey	Three Rivers District Council London Borough Camden London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Aylesbury Vale District Council Chiltern District Council Chiltern District Council Wycombe District Council South Bucks District Council Staffordshire County Council Lichfield District Council North Warwickshire Borough Council North Warwickshire Borough Council Solihull MBC
Planning Forum Environmental Health Subgroup distribution list appended to minutes.		

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions made</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Review of notes and actions from last meeting</b></p> <p>Authorities confirmed they were happy with the draft minutes from previous meeting. Minutes were agreed with no changes.</p> <p>The Chair went through the outstanding actions table and the following additional points were raised:</p>	

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	<p>Jan 15, Item 2b (LEMP's): <b>Action:</b> Agreed to include on the agenda for the next meeting</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 2 (invitation to John Wade): The Chair confirmed that he has contacted John Wade on behalf of the EHPs and will invite him to next meeting. <b>Action:</b> Chair to invite John Wade to the next meeting</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 2 (detailed design process): Agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting. <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to include on agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 2 (Crossrail Lessons Learnt): <b>Action:</b> Chair and EHPs to discuss at the pre-meeting of the next subgroup meeting.</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 3 (draft LEMPs): HS2 Ltd confirmed that a post meeting note had not been distributed. HS2 Ltd clarified their position on this matter, as stated in previous meetings, that they would share drafts of LEMPs with individual local authorities prior to their appearance before Select Committee. Each LEMP would be finalised after Royal Assent of the Phase One Bill. HS2 Ltd also clarified that the draft LEMPs are classed as public documents and local authorities can consult on them if they wish, but HS2 Ltd has not issued the drafts for this purpose and is not consulting with communities at this stage.</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 3 (minutes of LEMP meetings with HS2 Ltd): HS2 Ltd confirmed that no formal minutes had been distributed. HS2 Ltd also confirmed that there will be an update to the LEMPs after the House of Commons Select Committee has concluded - to be sometime in 2016. <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to draft main points of the LEMP discussions held with Lichfield DC and North Warwickshire DC and distribute to relevant EHPs.</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 3 (CoCP): Action complete</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 4 (notifying residents of GI works): HS2 Ltd confirmed that an exemplar notice template had been produced which will be tailored to include location specific information, including programme dates. <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to email exemplar to EHPs after meeting</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 4 (GI programme): HS2 Ltd confirmed that as a result of difficulties it has encountered with agreeing land access arrangements, the current overarching GI programme is out of date and is undergoing revision. HS2 Ltd also confirmed that one Section 61 consent application has been submitted to date by their GI contractors. <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to provide EHPs with copy of the revised overarching GI programme when this becomes available.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>Chair/EHPs</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
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	<p>Mar 15, Item 6 (revised CoCP): 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision has been distributed and therefore action is now complete.</p> <p>Mar 15, Item 6 (complaints handling): <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to include on the agenda for the next meeting</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Revised draft CoCP (3<sup>rd</sup> Draft) review</b></p> <p>A tracked changed version of the revised draft CoCP was sent out prior to the meeting, along with HS2 Ltd’s response to comments by local authorities during the recent review of the document.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that the revised draft contains new sub-chapters but no new chapters. The subsequent discussion focussed on the issues raised by EHPs on the subgroup, and HS2 Ltd’s response to these.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Section 7 – Air Quality</p> <p>HS2 Ltd noted their feedback to each EHP comment on Section 7. The key points discussed were as follows:</p> <p><u>General points</u></p> <p>Attendees agreed that the list of best practice guidance included within this section should be caveated with text ‘as superseded’ or similar.</p> <p>Dust suppression conditions could be subject to class approval under Schedule 16 of the Bill, except where specific construction arrangements are submitted to the relevant local authority. HS2 Ltd confirmed that risk assessments associated with the control of dust and emissions during construction may be activity or site based and these will be carried out by the contractor. There may be wider engagement with local authorities to identify which sites are sensitive, but management of this process would fall to the contractor. Chiltern District noted their concern that despite this early engagement, they will not be able to judge if the contractor is using BPM until he goes out on site. HS2 Ltd highlighted that construction arrangements or breaches in the class approval will be enforceable under the planning regime in the Bill (Schedule 16) by LPA’s under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that Environmental Management Systems for construction will be in the form of ISO 14001 systems. It would be difficult to hand such Systems over to the public and local authorities and also difficult for the public to interpret them without some understanding of ISO 14001.</p>	

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	<p>With regards to trigger levels, HS2 Ltd referred to research commissioned from Kings College due to be reported in approximately 6 months, which will inform the air quality strategy and setting of trigger levels.</p> <p>With regards to NOx/NO<sub>2</sub>, HS2 Ltd confirmed that amendments have been made to 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 since the spreadsheet comments were made. These amendments include references to emission standards covering NOx/NO<sub>2</sub>.</p> <p>EHPs noted that it would be useful to include a reference to AQMAs in the CoCP, if there is a likelihood that construction traffic will trigger an AQMA.</p> <p><u>Paragraph specific points</u></p> <p>7.1.1 – HS2 Ltd to consider revising the wording to make it clear that nuisance in this paragraph is that in its widest sense, i.e. not restricted to Statutory Nuisance alone. <b>Action</b> – HS2 Ltd to consider revised wording</p> <p>7.2.1 – HS2 Ltd noted that the term ‘sensitive receptors’ is a commonly used term in documents such as the CoCP and captures the types of receptors that the project needs to consider. LEMPs also refer to the identification of sensitive receptors. <b>Action</b> - HS2 Ltd to look through document and check consistency on how such receptors are referred to.</p> <p>7.2.2 – HS2 Ltd noted that the term ‘reasonably practicable’ is used to reflect the fact that there may be site constraints. EHPs queried if this should be changed to ‘where practicable’ to be consistent with BPM. <b>Action</b> - HS2 Ltd to consider using ‘where practicable’, particularly in terms of the legal position as ‘reasonably practicable’ is a widely used legal term.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd also noted that the issue relating to the use of ULSD had been discussed previously.</p> <p>As set out in new paragraph 7.2.3, there is a requirement for many vehicles to be Euro VI and but this would not apply to all, as such a requirement is not practicable. HS2 Ltd highlighted that emissions is likely to form part of the emerging HS2 Air Quality Strategy and HS2 Phase One Route Wide Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>7.2.8 – HS2 Ltd noted that the position on this had moved on since the comments were made, confirming that the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 exclude concrete batching plants on construction sites. In relation to this project, this change would affect tunnel lining batching/construction activities. However, HS2 Ltd noted that air quality</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
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	<p>issues associated with these facilities would be addressed at a local level.</p> <p>7.3.1 - HS2 Ltd confirmed that the EHPs' issues raised under 7.3.1 were likely to be addressed further in the AQM Strategy. HS2 Ltd noted that the Strategy was likely to be produced by October 2015 and will be shared with the EH sub-group members. It will confirm that monitoring will fall to HS2 Ltd/contractors and not local authorities. HS2 confirmed that reporting will reflect the practice currently undertaken on Crossrail but would report back at the next meeting to confirm if this commitment will be in the CoCP or in the Strategy, as well as confirm if the Strategy will be referenced in the CoCP.</p> <p>b) Section 11 – Land Quality</p> <p>HS2 Ltd summarised their feedback to the EHP comments on Section 11. The following key issue was discussed:</p> <p>11.2.4 – Lichfield EHP noted that material management plans are required to be submitted to local authorities for approval. HS2 Ltd queried this and confirmed that it will follow the CLA:RE code of practice. It will seek clarification of the legal position. <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to confirm whether statutory sign-off of the soil handling process is required when soil is imported.</p> <p>c) Section 13</p> <p>HS2 Ltd summarised their feedback to the EHP comments on Section 13. The key issues discussed were as follows:</p> <p>Section 13.2.1– HS2 Ltd confirmed that Best Practicable Means is defined in Section 72 of the Control of Pollution Action 1974</p> <p>Table 1 – HS2 Ltd confirmed that Table 1 (noise insulation and temporary rehousing trigger levels) were consistent with Crossrail. LB Camden raised concern about the validity of this statement, but would check the HS2 levels against Crossrail's to either confirm or alleviate this concern. <b>Action:</b> LB Camden to check Crossrail criteria against HS2 and feedback at next meeting.</p> <p>Extra (multiple contractors) – <b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to amend reference in comment from '4.2.2' to '4.1.2'.</p> <p>Extra (works undertaken by National Grid) – HS2 Ltd confirmed that the CoCP does not apply to pre-Royal Assent works. Where works undertaken by National Grid are undertaken prior to Royal Assent of the Phase One Bill, these will be controlled through contractual requirements.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>LB Camden</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
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	<i>Note: if deemed relevant, EHP comments made above should be formally reflected in the collated CoCP comments table once the document has been considered fully by EHPs.</i>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Forward Programme</b></p> <p>Chair proposed that the next meeting should take place on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> September. The exact date would be confirmed once the Chair has established John Wade’s availability. A further meeting is proposed for November, with exact date to be confirmed at the September meeting.</p> <p>EHPs were invited to consider the changes made to the revised draft CoCP and feed their comments back at the September meeting.</p>	<p>Chair/HS2 Ltd</p> <p>EHPs</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>No AOB items were raised.</b>	

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