

HIGHWAYS SUB-GROUP of the HS2 PLANNING FORUM

Title:	Phase One Planning Forum, Highways Sub-Group (North and South) #12	
Date & Time	North and South Meeting 16 th December 2015 14:00 – 17:00 One Euston Square 40 Melton Street London	
Chair	Ted Allett	
Promoter Attendees:	Richard Adam Peter Tomlin John Woodhouse Adam Ruane James Fearnley Hudson Taivo	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
Highway Authority Attendees:	Muthiah Gunarajah David Grindley Martin Steward Paul Hillman Chris Young Jim Stephens Rachel Best Simon Weaver Don Murchie Oliver Spratley Adrian Malcom Andrew Savage	Hertfordshire County Council Northamptonshire County Council Highways England Highways England Birmingham City Council Buckinghamshire County Council London Borough Brent TfL Westminster City Council Oxfordshire County Council London Borough Camden Warwickshire County Council

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 which were noted by HS2 Ltd for inclusion in the final version. The outstanding actions table was gone through by the Chair and the following additional points raised:	

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	<p>Oct 15, Item 3: Route Wide Traffic Management Plan (RTMP). Highways England and LB Camden expressed that, as not all the comments on the RTMP had resulted in changes to the document, the HS2 feedback on RTMP comments should be an agenda item at the Subgroup in early 2016.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd reminded the Subgroup that the document is not for <i>approval</i> but for consultation and was subject to revision where required by further Undertakings and Assurances or the final Code of Construction Practice, but would be happy to include the document as future agenda item in early 2016.</p> <p>TfL asked whether the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) would be revisited at the Subgroup, in accordance assurance they received. HS2 Ltd confirmed that the CoCP is an agenda item at the January Planning Forum and the outcome of this meeting would be reported to the Subgroup as required. HS2 Ltd confirmed that the CoCP would not be finalised until Royal Assent.</p> <p>October 15, Item 6: Action: The Subgroup asked if discussion on highways boundary and embankment ownership could be brought forward to February as an agenda item.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
3	<p>Traffic Management Update</p> <p>Completing the action under <i>Nov 2015, Item 4</i>, HS2 Ltd presented a map of the proposed Local Traffic Management Areas in the West Midlands area.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd also presented an update on various traffic management matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling works framework TMP pre Royal Assent • Highways works scope pre-Royal Assent • RTMP • Bridge structure / route reviews • Highways condition surveys • Traffic signals agreements • Direction signing to worksites • Vehicle booking system • Driver and vehicle safety • Traffic management team update <p>The following points were raised:</p> <p>WCC asked whether works on the M6 would be classed as enabling works. Highways England and HS2 Ltd clarified that they are currently discussing options of the work being delivered by Highways England and that it would likely occur after Royal Assent.</p>	

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<p>WCC asked if bridge structure / route reviews would be shared with Highways Authorities. HS2 Ltd stated that issues would be brought to Authorities to discuss potential works required.</p> <p>BCC asked if structure / route reviews would be undertaken on routes that do not require a lorry route consent. HS2 Ltd confirmed that reviews would only be undertaken on HS2 lorry routes.</p> <p>NCC asked what 'standard' upgraded bridges would be brought up to. HS2 Ltd confirmed that the commitment is 40 tonnes. NCC asked about how abnormal loads would be managed. HS2 Ltd explained that the existing EDLS system would operate at the responsibility of the haulier.</p> <p>TfL asked if the ODA/TfL signals agreement could be sent to TfL. It was noted that the ODA/TfL agreement would be a suitable starting point for temporary works to signals required to deliver HS2 and needs to be updated in consultation with the signals team. Action: HS2 Ltd agreed to share the agreement.</p> <p>In respect of driver and vehicle safety, Chair raised that Thames Tideway are setting out their own specifications and delivery mechanism for vehicle standards, and suggested that HS2 could consider this. HS2 Ltd explained that HS2 contractor requirements are being set out in accordance with the RTMP and that flexibility was considered appropriate for the scale and duration of the project.</p> <p>TfL mentioned the safer lorries scheme and asked if HS2 will be adopting the scheme. HS2 Ltd explained that the scope of safety measures was set out in the RTMP.</p> <p>TfL asked if more clarity could be provided on the use of rail to transport construction material. They asked that HS2 Ltd extend the study regarding rail use for Euston to route-wide. They also asked about mass-haul destinations and whether material would be moved into London. Action: It was agreed that a member of the HS2 mass haul / logistics team should present to the Subgroup in May or June 2016.</p> <p>LB Brent asked if HS2 will be looking into specific standards for vulnerable road users in rural areas. HS2 Ltd explained that the project is adopting most, if not all CLOC's standard and are consulting stakeholders on the specific issues regarding the application of certain elements of the standard within rural areas and motorcycle safety which will be inputted to the CLOC's working group.</p> <p>WCC asked whether Highways Authorities can influence the scope of the specification for highways condition surveys. Action: HS2 Ltd confirmed that this would be a future agenda item in May 2016.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>
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4	<p>Technical Feedback (1)</p> <p>HS2 Ltd presented a summary of the HS2 feedback on comments from Highways Authorities on two HS2 Technical Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Standard – Roads • Technical Standard – Public rights of way <p>HS2 Ltd provided a summary of issues raised and responded to key comments received from Highways Authorities.</p> <p>Any additional comments from authorities in the meeting were noted by HS2 Ltd and will be recorded in the consolidated comments table. Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate the two technical standard documents and the comments table with the minutes.</p>	HS2 Ltd
5	<p>Highways Maintenance Agreement</p> <p>HS2 Ltd explained the current position on the Highways Maintenance Agreement and stated that version 13 had now been circulated to Highways Authorities and that version 14 would be circulated in due course.</p> <p>Action: WCC to forward BCC legal comments to HS2 Ltd for consideration before HS2 Ltd finalise version 14.</p> <p>Authorities agreed that the key area of concern for them was the potential for unlimited liability exposure.</p>	WCC
6	<p>Forward Plan, Tracker and Programme</p> <p>HS2 Ltd presented the forward programme and proposed agenda items for Q1 and Q2 2016.</p> <p>[Post Meeting Note] The planned meeting on the 3rd February has been rescheduled to the 2nd February.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>BCC presented an issue raised at Select Committee in respect of the impact of HS2 construction traffic on home to school and other bus services (local authority provided). This matter was referred to the Highways Subgroup by Select Committee.</p> <p>It was agreed that given BCC are due to appear at Select Committee before the next Subgroup, that the matter should be discussed initially as part of a bilateral meeting in early January 2016. Action: The outcome of the bilateral and Select Committee could then be discussed as an agenda item at the next Subgroup (2nd February 2016).</p>	HS2 Ltd

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	<p>WCC requested that the HS2 high level programme should be included on the slides. Action: HS2 Ltd to include the HS2 programme along with the temporary works programme on the final slides and circulate.</p> <p>LB Camden expressed that since new data was now available in respect of the new burdens exercise carried out in Summer 2015, the exercise should be repeated. HS2 Ltd explained that the full assessment would be carried out at the next stage and as such the initial exercise does not need to be repeated.</p>	HS2 Ltd
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