

MEETING MINUTES

HS2 Chiltern AONB Review Group

Meeting Date / Time:	23 March 2017
Meeting Location:	Chiltern District Council Offices
Meeting Type:	Review Group Meeting #8
Organisations in Attendance:	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC), Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB), Chiltern District Council (CDC), Department for Transport (DfT), Land Use Consultants (LUC), Natural England (NE) & HS2 Ltd

Attendees:	Title, Organisation
Ben Robinson	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Dave Buttery	Chair, Department for Transport (DfT)
David McCann	Senior Project Manager, HS2 Ltd
David Smith	Civil Structures Lead, HS2 Ltd
Catherine Murray	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Hanna Doyle	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
Helen Hall	Programme Manager, Chilterns Conservation Board
Jackie Copcutt	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
James Gasson-Hargreaves	Senior Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd
John Woodhouse	Town Planner, HS2 Ltd
Jonathon Bellars	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
Kate Ahern	Land Use Consultants (LUC)
Kim Royer-Harris	Panels Coordinator, HS2 Ltd
Liz Bingham	Natural England (NE)
Lucy Murfett	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Miriam Baines	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
Neil Jackson	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Richard Haney	Land Use Consultants (LUC)
Seb Jew	Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd
Steve Fancourt	Rural Landscape Manager, HS2 Ltd

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Α.	Introductions	
В.	 Review of Minutes and Actions Regarding action #7 and 8 from 20/01/17 – a new meeting schedule will be circulated when the new LUC programme has been decided. Regarding action #6 from 20/01/17 – the group can apply for CEF and BLEF for any projects that are left when the £3m fund has been allocated. The Ecology Review Group is discussing if the Woodland Fund operates in the same way. 	



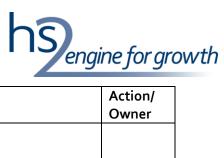
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	Action/s: No action/s to note	
С.	 Update on the Design Panel visit 3. The group discussed the Design Panel visit. 4. LUC explained that the construction and removal of pylons was outside of the scope of their work and that green bridges need a separate discussion. 5. NE advised that they provided initial reflections to the group on 17th March about the Design Panel meeting. 6. HS2 Ltd agreed to find out the timetable of the Design Panel. Action/s: HS2 Ltd to find out the Design Panel's timetable for their Meeting Report and circulate it to the group 	HS2 Ltd
D.	 Presentation by Land Use Consultants 7. LUC gave a presentation on the contents of the draft design guide commissioned on behalf of the Chiltern AONB Review Group. 8. LUC stated that the vision presented by the design guide is for the HS2 corridor through the Chilterns AONB to be a beautiful, resilient and connected landscape. 9. The topics of the design guide discussed in the presentation included: Design principles (condensed into 4) Scope and purpose The context of the Chilterns Issues and opportunities Landscape and visual strategy Access and recreation Ecology Landscape fabric Heritage Holloways Eco corridors Noise barriers Wendover viaduct and link Ancillary buildings Additional projects 10. LUC requested that the group agree on the scope and target audience of the design guide. 11. CDC requested that the design guide should tie in with Schedule 17 applications. 12. The group had a discussion on whether the design guide should be understandable at a technical or general level. 	



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	13. HS2 Ltd advised that the design guide should be directed to the Main Works Contractors and the reviewers.	
	14. HS2 Ltd stated that the design guide would be given to the Main Works Contractors as an aspiration and that planners could use the guide to determine applications.	
	15. The group agreed that the design guide should be understandable at a technical level and that it should begin with an explanation about what the landscaping encompasses.	
	16. BCC stated that the design guide should not only be landscape orientated as ecology is also an important issue to cover.	
	 LUC stated that it would be useful for them to obtain ecological and archaeological knowledge from the group. 	
	18. HS2 Ltd informed the group that the GIS data for LUC will contain ecological data.	
	19. LUC stated that they will circulate the draft design guide contents to the group for their comments.	
	20. Helen Hall offered to coordinate the group's responses to the draft design guide contents.	
	21. BCC asked when the group would have a chance to communicate their knowledge to the Main Works Contractors.	
	22. HS2 Ltd agreed to investigate when the group will be able to communicate their knowledge to the Mains Works Contractors.	
	 23. CCB asked if there are any design guidelines for HS2 overhead line electrification. 24. HS2 Ltd stated that this is outside of LUC's remit but that it would arrange 	
	for the relevant experts from HS2 Ltd to attend a future meeting and present on this topic.	
	<u>Action/s:</u>	
	 Helen to coordinate the comments from the group on the draft design guide contents from LUC 	нн
	• HS2 Ltd to investigate when the group will be able to communicate their knowledge to the Mains Works Contractors	HS2 Ltd
	 HS2 Ltd to provide LUC & BCC with GIS information including ecology data for BCC to complement 	HS2 Ltd
	 LUC to discuss the ecology data with BCC to help inform the creation of an ecological corridor 	LUC
	 HS2 Ltd to arrange for a presentation to be given to the group on the design of overhead line electrification 	HS2 Ltd
Ε.	Forward Plan for the Chiltern AONB Review Group	
	25. Helen Hall stated that she will circulate to the group the new programme for LUC. She also stated that she will circulate the schedule and scope of future workshops.	
	 She advised that she is working on developing the group's communications strategy. 	



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		Owner
	27. She requested that the group think about how much information they want	
	to receive.	
	28. She offered to include a Programme Manager update in every meeting.	
	Action/s:	
	 Helen to circulate to the group the new programme for LUC 	нн
	 Helen to also circulate the schedule and scope of future workshops 	нн
F.	HS2 Key Design Elements	
	29. John Woodhouse gave a short presentation on the difference between HS2	
	key and common design elements.	
	30. He stated that further information can be found in Information Paper D1 and	
	that Schedule 17 doesn't cover OLE. 31. AVDC queried whether the Wendover cut and cover tunnel portal is a	
	common design element.	
	Headhouses	
	32. David McCann gave a presentation on the headhouses that will be located in	
	the AONB between the south and north portal.	
	33. He outlined the location of the headhouses and their surroundings. He also	
	commented on their size and possible mitigation proposals.	
	34. David explained that when designing a headhouse you need to make sure that it can still perform a functional purpose.	
	35. The different characteristics of each headhouse site was also discussed.	
	36. CCB and CDC agreed to meet to discuss headhouses with the aim of feeding	
	their comments back to HS2 Ltd.	
	37. The group asked HS2 Ltd to circulate the presentation.	
	Action/s:	
	 HS2 Ltd to circulate the presentation on key design elements and 	
	headhouses to the group	HS2 Ltd
	HS2 to check whether the Wendover cut and cover tunnel portal is a	HS2 Ltd
	common or key design element.	1152 210
	• HS2 to check the plan re the design of OLE and engagement on this.	Hs2 Ltd
G.	AOB	
	Site-specific management plan for the AONB	
	38. NE asked for information on the site-specific management plan for the	
	AONB as an environmentally sensitive worksite.	
	39. HS2 Ltd advised that the site-specific management plan is submitted as part	
	of Schedule 17. 40. HS2 Ltd offered to investigate if there will be any engagement as part of the	
	site-specific management plan.	



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	Action/s:		
	•	HS2 Ltd to investigate whether there will be any engagement with the group as part of the site-specific management plan	HS2 Ltd

Next meeting: TBC