

CVRP Panel

Public exhibition –
Summary report

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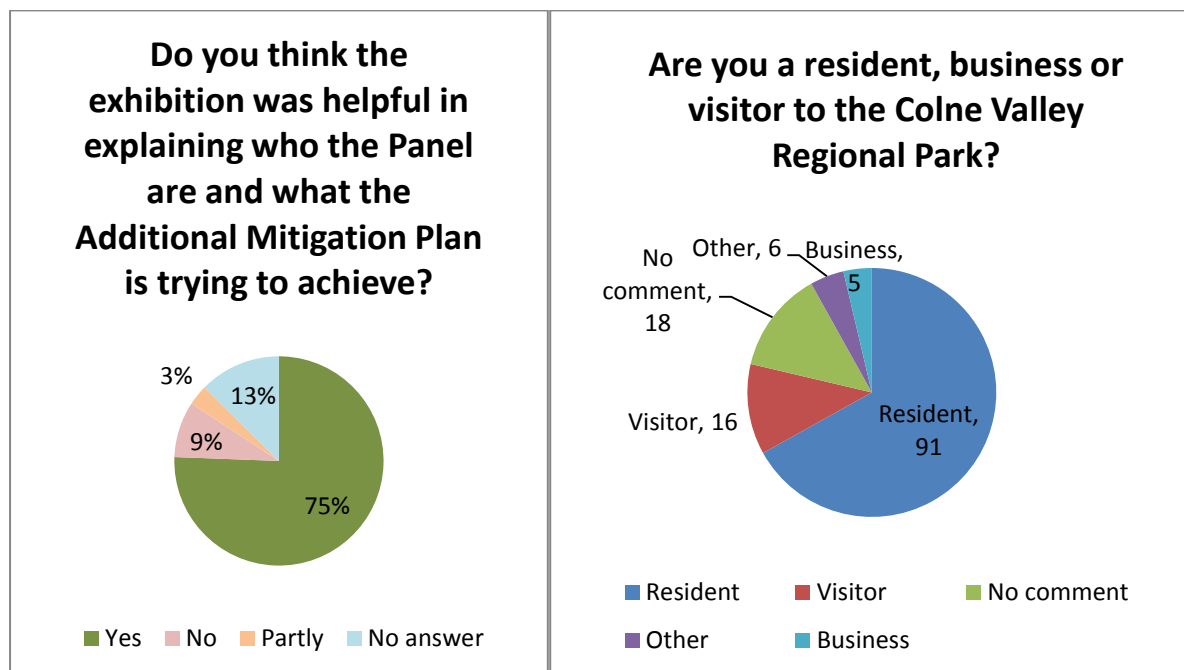
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Public exhibition events

Overall, 131 feedback responses were received during the public exhibition period. Four exhibition events were held between 7-12th February 2017 (Denham, Maple Cross, Harefield and South Harefield), the exhibition banners were displayed at the Colne Valley Regional Park visitor centre between 13-19th February and online submissions were received between 7-26th February. The feedback forms have been logged and are included as Appendix A and B of this document (excluding HS2 specific responses, which were passed on to the HS2 helpdesk). This report discusses the exhibition results and makes recommendations for the Panel's next steps in agreeing on the final Additional Mitigation Plan. This report was formally discussed at the Panel meeting on 15th March 2017.

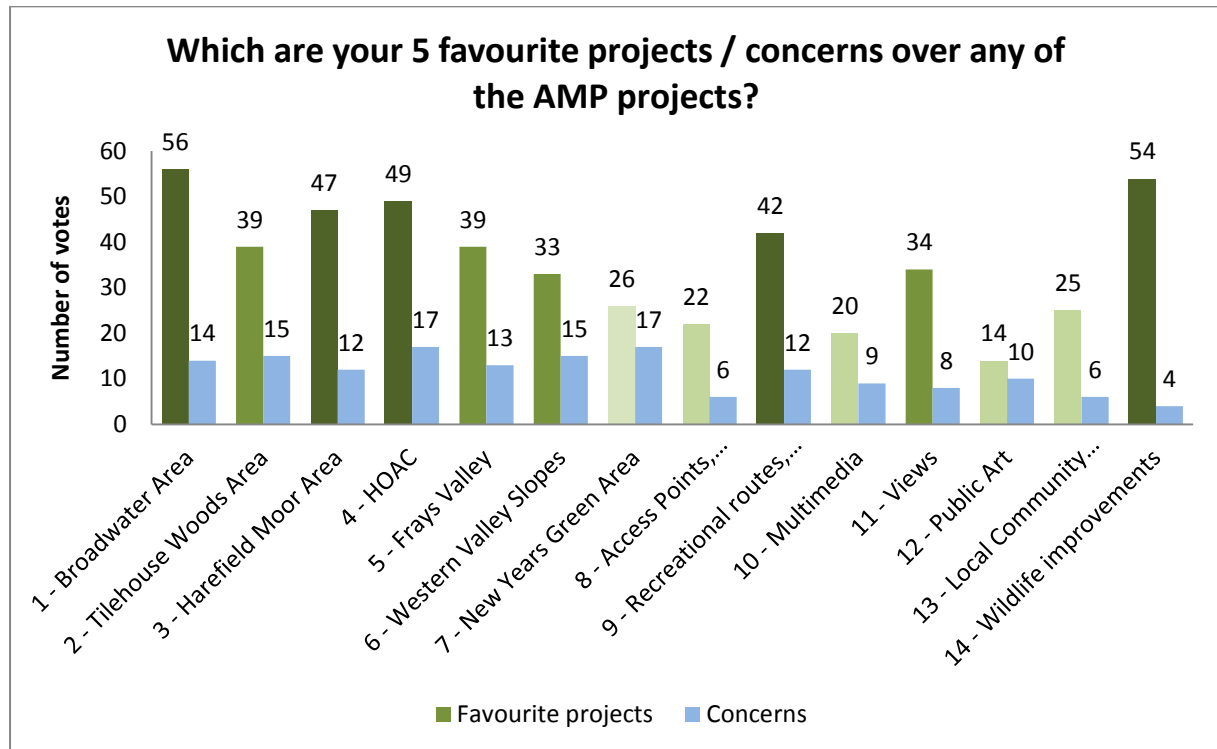
The numbers of attendees estimated at the exhibition events were 50-70 for Denham, Maple Cross and Harefield and 70-100 at South Harefield. Overall, the public was welcoming of the ideas of the Panel but concerns remained over the impacts of HS2 works and HS2's core mitigation. Although it was felt that the AMP proposals were all worthwhile, many individuals had concerns over the £3 million funding available and how many AMP proposals could be implemented.

Results and analysis

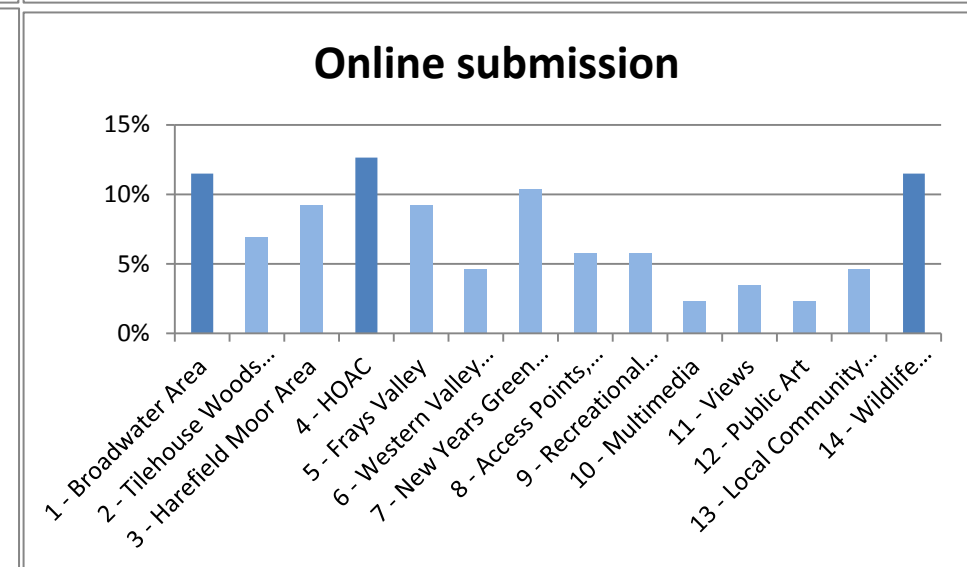
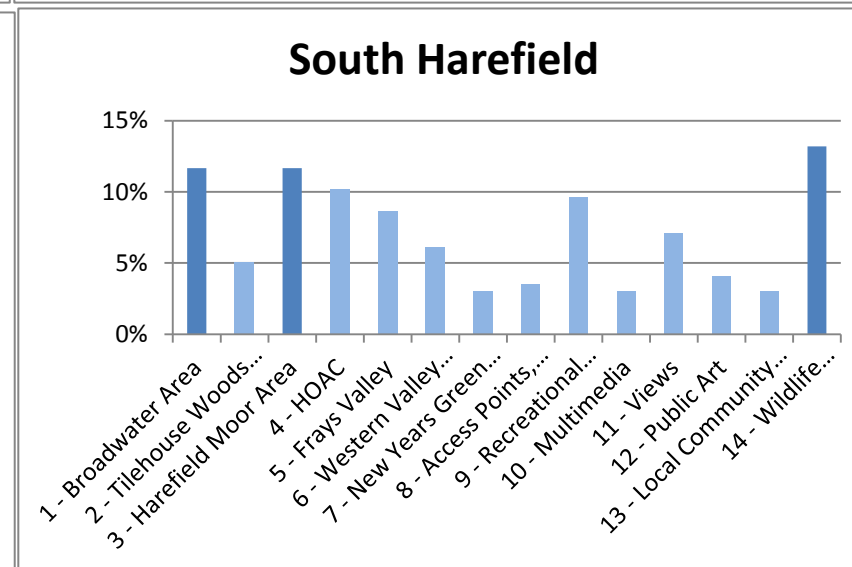
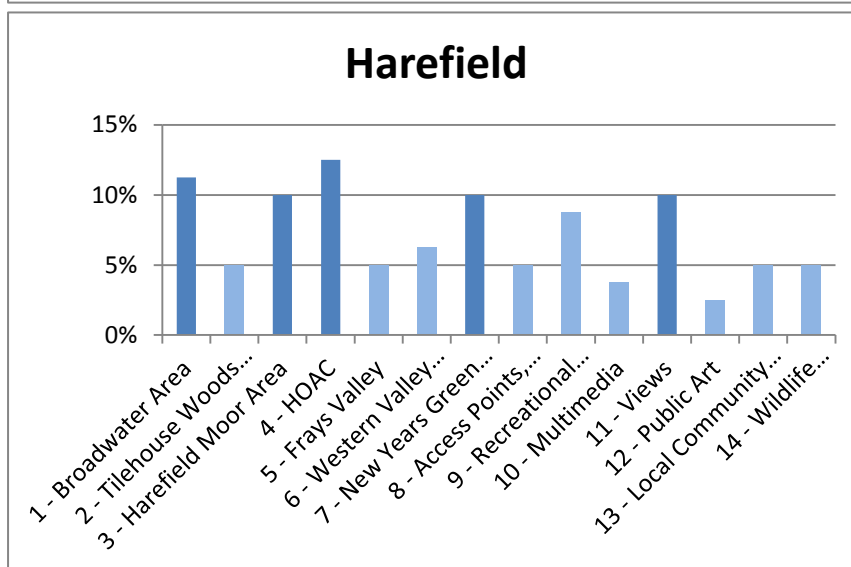
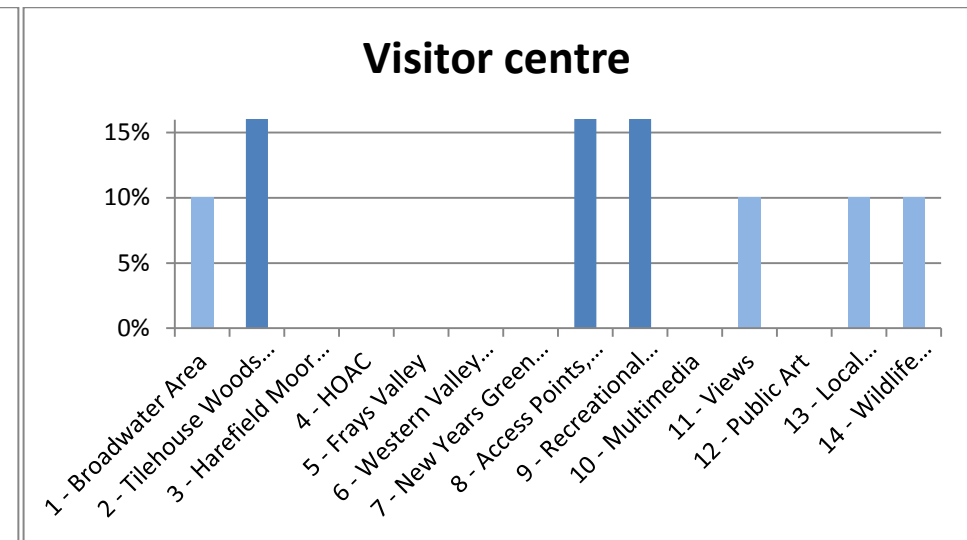
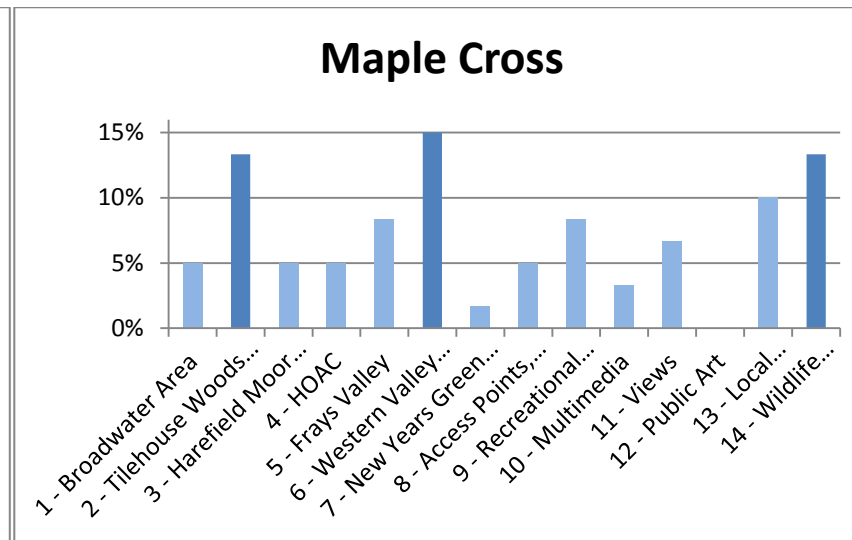
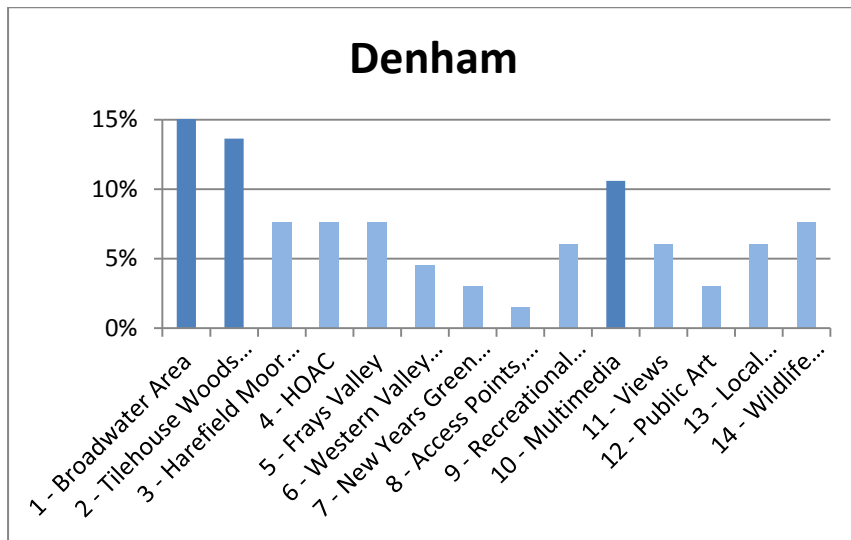
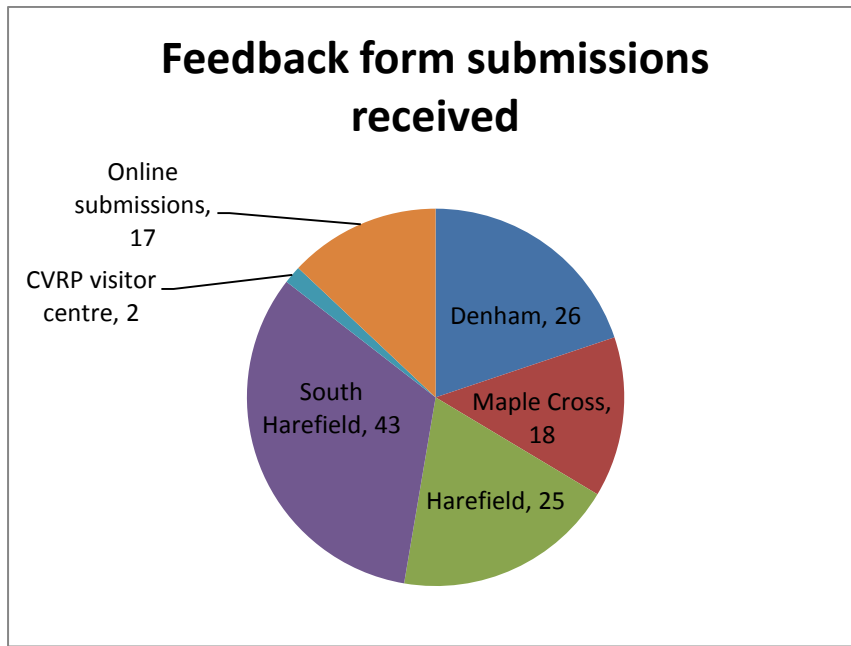


Summary of feedback responses

The graph below demonstrates how often projects were listed as ‘5 favourite AMP projects’ and how many projects were of ‘concern’ to individuals. The dark green shaded columns are the 5 projects that overall scored the highest numbers of supporting votes; other green shaded columns refer to the 4 mid-range projects and the 5 lowest scoring projects (light green). The blue columns refer to projects where there were areas of concern. Any AMP specific concerns are described in the sections below.



Favourite AMP projects per area



General feedback

“As the whole project, HS2 included, gets underway, every opportunity should be taken to highlight the CVP, how it will be affected and how the AMP expects to restore the Park.”

A large number of individuals pointed out that all projects had merit and should be implemented. It would be desirable to deliver all projects as more funding becomes available and as projects develop over time.

It was felt that the AMP should make sure that some of the proposals deliver tangible outcomes and provide a wider benefit than proposals that have perhaps less immediate importance such as public art. It was also pointed out that the natural feel and character should be preserved with particular focus on HS2’s soil placement areas.

“We would like to see that our wildlife and country walks would be [sic] enhanced and protected during works. We would like that the future of our countryside is protected.”

Proposals should be put in place before construction begins, to allow people to focus on something positive at an early stage during the construction process. A strategic approach to mitigation should be adopted.

General areas of concern that fall outside the AMP longlist:

- Available AMP funding. The AMP should be good value for money, truly additional and not a re-packaging of work that should be carried out regardless. The Panel should investigate new and additional sources of funding.
- Denham Country Park – a high number of individuals was concerned about the potential environmental impacts on Denham Country Park and would welcome a proposal specific to this area.
- Monitoring – there has been repeated interest by the public to know how environmental impacts will be monitored and whether there could be public involvement. It is recommended that the enabling and main works contractor consider the request for communicating environmental monitoring information.
- Impacts of construction traffic on roads. Mitigation along the A412 that could shield wildlife and any pedestrians within the park would be welcome. Many of the concerns related to traffic were passed on to the HS2 team.
- Impacts on fishing clubs – it is currently unclear how the AMP could mitigate for losses to fishing clubs.

Generally it was felt that the public appreciates involvement and wants to participate in the development of the proposals. A question was raised on how residents will be able to engage in the future development of the AMP.

AMP Project specific comments

Below is a summary of public feedback that relates to AMP specific projects:

Project	Issues and Concerns
1 – Broadwater Area	<p>Concerns about ongoing cost to maintain the new areas.</p> <p>If possible, the footpath should extend around the lake and to the Canal.</p>
2 – Tilehouse Woods Area	<p>Investigate both pedestrian and cycle links; support to improve circular route network. Need to consider maintenance.</p> <p>Request to not have a direct footpath leading to Denham Garden Village.</p>
3 – Harefield Moor Area	<p>Improvements on Denham Quarry are welcome. Protect Harefield Moor, create a wildlife area and provide opportunities for cyclists and dog walkers.</p> <p>Enhancement of the area for wildlife, maybe create sustainable moorland?</p>
4 – HOAC	<p>HOAC as a facility should be preserved, whether it is re-located or not.</p>
5 – Frays Valley	<p>Interest to carry out improvement measures with/without the haul road. Potential for monitoring should be investigated.</p>
6 – Western Valley Slopes	<p>Enhance grassland area for arable birds.</p> <p>Concerns about uncertainty of what the area will look like post construction. Protect ancient hedgerows.</p> <p>Potential for a line of trees along Chalfont Lane to the North of the tunnel exit to reduce noise, dust pollution</p>

	If there are cyclist routes, they should be separate from footpaths.
7 – New Years Green area	Place stockpiles in a sympathetic way; preserve the natural feel of the area.
8 – Access Points, Wayfinding & Signage	Should form part of a route plan.
9 – Recreational routes, reassessment of Public Right of Way diversions and alignments	<p>Linking footpaths and cycle ways to create longer off road routes. Provide wider linkages.</p> <p>Ensure local walkers are able to walk as freely as possible around the Colne Valley Regional Park during the construction process.</p> <p>Cycle path / footpath along A412 should be investigated.</p> <p>Include bridleways in PRoW improvement works; make cycle routes applicable to bridleways</p> <p>Codes of Practice for cyclists. Better bus services and pedestrian routes.</p>
10 – Multimedia	Felt this proposal was not directly aimed at regeneration of habitats.
11 – Views	Make sure to not destroy any trees / hedges.
12 – Public Art	Too expensive for the limited budget.
13 – Local Community Engagement	Should happen regardless of HS2, easy to incorporate.
14 – Wildlife improvements	<p>Highly supported, potential for real gains.</p> <p>Clear safeguards for wildlife including micro fauna.</p>

Delivery schedule of AMP projects

At the public exhibition, a high number of individuals responded that it would be worthwhile for all the projects to be implemented. It is therefore suggested that the entire AMP longlist should be taken forward into the final AMP document.

In LDA design's tender, there are two stages following the public exhibitions, Stage 4 and Stage 5:

- Stage 1 – Information gathering
 - Stage 2 – Proposals longlist
 - Stage 3 – Consultation
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- Stage 4 – Final proposals list and draft AMP
 - Stage 5 – Developed design proposals and final AMP

Stage 4 focuses on the creation of the final AMP document; this includes the refinement of the longlist and the preparation of the final AMP document to be handed over to HS2 and the contractors.

Stage 5 is a separate stage and budget allocation to Stage 4 and will focus on the development of detailed proposals for up to 5 AMP projects. This stage will happen separately to Stage 4 and will not form part of the AMP document. Cost consultants will be appointed in parallel to this exercise being carried out.

Timeline for AMP implementation

In line with LDA's tender stages, the timeline for the next AMP stages could look as follows:

Date	Output
March 2017	Panel meeting – approve the final AMP project list and authorise preparation of final draft AMP. Authorise LDA to start drawing up a maximum of 5 early stage AMP delivery projects.
May 2017	Panel meeting – Panel members to review and sign off draft AMP. LDA to provide an update on their progress on the up to 5 AMP projects - Panel to review detailed designs thus far.
June 2017	Signed off AMP to be ready for handover to HS2 and main works contractor.
June – August 2017	Development of LDA's detailed designs and landowner negotiations.
July 2017 – June 2018	Delivery of early stage (up to 5) AMP projects.