

MEETING MINUTES

HS2 Colne Valley Regional Park Panel

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| Meeting Date / Time: | 15 March 2017 |
| Meeting Location: | HS2 Offices, 5 th Floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT |
| Meeting Type: | Panel Meeting #12 |
| Organisations in Attendance: | Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC), Canal River Trust (CRT), Chiltern District Council (CDC), Department for Transport (DfT), Environment Agency (EA), Fusion, Colne Valley Park Community Interest Company (CVP CIC), Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT), London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH), London Wildlife Trust (LWT), Natural England (NE), South Bucks District Council (SBDC), & HS2 Ltd |

| Attendees: | Title, Organisation |
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| Amanda John (AJ) | Policy Advisor, DfT |
| Andrew Wooddisse (AW) | Consents Manager, Fusion |
| Ben Robinson (BR) | Principal Planner, CDC |
| Caroline Hutson (CH) | Environment Consultant, Fusion |
| Claire Gregory (CG) | Environment Lead, DfT |
| Daniela Eigner (DE) | Programme Manager, Groundwork South |
| Ella Davies (ED) | Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd |
| Ian Thynne (IT) | Principal Environmental Officer, LBH |
| Jackie Copcutt (JC) | Senior Project Manager, BCC |
| James Gasson-Hargreaves (JGH) | Senior Interface Manager, HS2 Ltd |
| Jane Griffin (JG) | Principal Planner, SBDC and CDC |
| Jenny Foster (JF) | Senior Planning Officer, HCC |
| Jim Barclay (JB) | Independent Chair |
| Josie Allen (JA) | Land Management, NE |
| Kim Royer-Harris (KRH) | Panels Coordinator, HS2 Ltd |
| Mathew Frith (MF) | Director of Conservation, LWT |
| Noah Bold (NB) | Senior Environment Manager, HS2 Ltd |
| Richard Bennett (RB) | Environment Manager, Canal & River Trust |
| Sarah-Jane Scott (SS) | Environment Agency |
| Steve Fancourt (SF) | Rural Landscape Manager, HS2 Ltd |
| Stewart Pomeroy (SP) | Colne Valley Managing Agent, Groundwork / CVP CIC |
| Tom Day (TD) | Head of Living Landscapes, HMWT |
| In attendance: | Ewa Prokop |
| Apologies: | Ifath Nawaz, Peter Simons |

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| A. | Welcome and Introductions | |

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| B. | <p>Review minutes and actions of meeting #11 – Feb 2017</p> <p>1. No comments on the minutes of meeting #11.</p> <p><u>Action/s:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| C. | <p>Chair's Update</p> <p>2. The Chair noted his appreciation for the work done by DE on organizing the public engagement events, and to all those members of the Panel who had given up their time to attend the exhibitions. He also noted that one of the things that had struck him was the level and general tone of the engagement that had taken place with residents. He stated that maintaining a good level of engagement with local communities and residents was therefore an important element of the work of the Panel, especially once the AMP is finally produced.</p> <p>3. The Chair stated the two other issues he wished the Panel to consider, the budget and the future role of the Panel that were on the meeting agenda.</p> <p><u>Action/s:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| D. | <p>HS2 Ltd Updates</p> <p><i>Ground investigations</i></p> <p>4. ED noted that ground investigations following the route of the viaduct are being carried out in the Colne Valley. This package ground investigations will be finished at the end of June. Further ground investigations may take place in September to October 2017.</p> <p>5. TD stated that he is concerned about the effects of ground investigations on the bird populations in the area.</p> <p><i>Enabling works</i></p> <p>6. ED informed the Panel that the current designs for the enabling works are basic and detailed designs are yet to be created. The programme for these works is as previously discussed with the Panel.</p> | |
| E. | <p>Colne Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme</p> <p>7. In introducing Ewa Prokop, the Chair stated that Ewa would brief Panel Members on what she was doing as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme, take questions and then leave the meeting.</p> <p>8. Ewa gave a presentation on the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme. She outlined the Heritage Lottery Fund's programmes in the Colne Valley and the crossover between these and the AMP projects.</p> | |

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| | <p>9. Ewa also noted the potential for collaboration and match funding between the work of the Panel and the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p> <p>10. JF raised concerns about working in collaboration with the Heritage Lottery Fund and stated that she believes that the AMP should be developed separately.</p> <p>11. JG stated that this is a good opportunity to enable more the AMP to be achieved and should be welcomed.</p> <p>Action/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| F. | <p>Public engagement events</p> <p>12. DE gave a presentation on the AMP public exhibitions. She outlined the public feedback on the AMP and also the concerns that were raised.</p> <p>13. DE also noted the public's preferred AMP projects.</p> <p>14. The Panel agreed that the public exhibitions report should be published on the website but that the report should be anonymized before it is published.</p> <p>Action/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE to anonymize the public exhibition summary report | DE |
| G. | <p>Additional Mitigation Plan</p> <p>15. DE advised the Panel on the delivery schedule of the AMP and explained Stages 4 and 5 of LDA's tender document.</p> <p>16. She requested that the Panel approve the final AMP project list to enable LDA to prepare a final draft AMP.</p> <p>17. ED stated that the AMP should be shared with the contractors as soon as possible to avoid any overlap in works and to give an opportunity for the AMP recommendations to feed into the detailed design of HS2 mitigation.</p> <p>18. The Panel raised concerns about approving any Stage 5 AMP projects due to lack of details.</p> <p>19. JF raised concerns about the number of feedback forms submitted at the public exhibitions and how representative this would be of the wider public opinion.</p> <p>20. The Chair agreed that no project should be excluded as a range of different funding might become available in the future. The Panel agreed to include all 14 projects in the final AMP.</p> <p>21. The Chair stated that Denham Country Park should not be included as a new project at this stage in development of the AMP. Denham Country Park is incorporated in some of the existing AMP projects.</p> <p>22. SF proposed that LDA could look at the AMP in more detail in order to investigate areas such as costs, revenue, land ownership and match funding. He also suggested that a meeting should take place between HS2 Ltd, Fusion and LDA to exchange information.</p> <p>23. DE stated that a provisional programme and high level description of costing could be included in the final draft of the AMP.</p> <p>24. DE acknowledged that Stage 4 will include more detail than the current AMP longlist but it will not be a detailed analysis of each project.</p> | |

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| | <p>25. SS suggested that a robust way of scoring the AMP projects should be developed.</p> <p>26. The Panel proposed that an enhanced and more detailed Stage 4 should take place.</p> <p>27. DE agreed to amend and circulate the Stage 4 draft brief in order to receive comments from the Panel. LDA to produce the draft AMP by the next Panel meeting in May.</p> <p>Action/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE to send the Stage 4 draft brief to the Panel on 24th March [complete] • Panel members to comment on the amended Stage 4 brief [complete] | <p>DE Panel</p> |
| <p>H.</p> | <p>Colne Valley Regional Park Panel</p> <p>28. The Chair asked the Panel to consider the future of the Panel and stated that this would be on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>Action/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | |
| <p>I.</p> | <p>AOB</p> <p><i>Broadwater Lake</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD stated that he had been in discussion with the landowner about potential opportunities at Broadwater Lake. • SS confirmed that material deposited in the lake would need to be clean. HS2 Ltd to look into possible availability of spoil. • TD to share further detail of discussions and proposals for Broadwater with HS2 Ltd. <p>Action/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS2 Ltd to look into the possible availability of spoil for use in Broadwater Lake • TD to share further detail of discussions and proposals for Broadwater with HS2 Ltd | <p>HS2 Ltd TD</p> |

Next meeting: 10 May 2017, from 10.30am. Venue: South Bucks District Council Office, Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham