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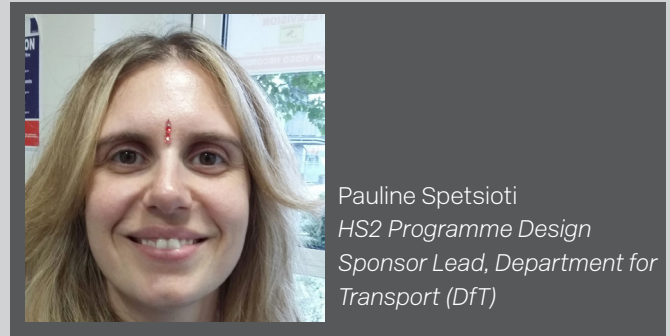
HS2 hoardings

Hoardings are temporary structures, but they will be constructed early, be highly visible, and may remain in place for many years. Because of this they will play an important role in defining public perceptions of HS2.

On Wednesday 25 January the HS2 Independent Design Panel met to discuss HS2 Ltd's approach to hoardings. The meeting opened with Christoph Brintrup, Landscape Technical Design Lead, setting the context before Diana Hare, Lead Architect, took the panel through HS2 Ltd's current approach and the emerging HS2 Hoarding Design Requirements.

With approximately 140 miles of track needing security protection along the Phase One route alone, innovative approaches to hoardings will be essential. From promoting and celebrating local contexts to engaging the creativity of artists, local communities and stakeholders, hoardings present a significant opportunity for HS2 Ltd to ensure it provides the best possible local environment during the construction phase.

The Design Panel found much to admire in the work presented by HS2 Ltd in setting Design Requirements. The panel recommended HS2 Ltd build on on the work already done and encouraged them to look beyond seeing hoardings as temporary structures and recognise their place making role.



Pauline Spetsioti
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People's stories

Pauline Spetsioti is the HS2 Programme Design Sponsor Lead for the DfT and joined the team about 18 months ago. Prior to that she worked on energy, climate change and environmental policy in various Government departments across Whitehall.

Pauline is very supportive of artistic and creative solutions to problems. As part of her role within the DfT High Speed Rail Strategy Directorate, she is responsible for working with the HS2 Ltd design team and the panel's secretariat to ensure that there is a framework in place for the panel to advise and hold to account HS2 Ltd's leadership to make the right design choices.

She has worked closely with the HS2 Independent Design Panel through attending review meetings, workshops and presentations on a variety of topics as well as briefings with ministers and other Government departments on HS2 design approach and challenges. Ministers have been impressed by the HS2 Independent Design Panel's functionality and operational framework.

HS2 Phase One Bill receives Royal Assent

On 23rd February the HS2 Phase One Bill received Royal Assent, marking the moment when HS2 moves from concept to reality. This presents HS2 Ltd with the opportunity to begin delivering on the promises made, whilst it seeks support and Royal Assent for future HS2 Phases.



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