



Euston Station concept, HS2 Ltd

## Station design teams appointed for Phase One

On 2 February 2018 HS2 Ltd announced the teams who have been appointed to develop detailed designs for the four Phase One stations due to open in 2026.

The teams are:

- Birmingham Curzon Street – WSP UK Limited (with Grimshaw Architects LLP)
- Interchange – Ove Arup & Partners International Limited (with Arup Associates and Wilkinson Eyre Architects Limited)

- Old Oak Common – WSP UK Limited (with Wilkinson Eyre Architects Limited)
- London Euston – Ove Arup & Partners International Ltd (with Grimshaw Architects LLP)

Sadie Morgan, Chair of the HS2 Independent Design Panel, welcomed the appointments and said the panel 'looks forward to working with them and HS2 Ltd to help deliver world class stations which set new standards in design and ease of use, and provide a legacy of great architecture of which Britain can be truly proud'.

The four station design teams will meet the panel in March and present their initial thoughts on the challenges and priorities for each station.

## Design Panel activities February 2018

# 1

- Meeting to discuss the recruitment of new panel members with expertise in landscape architecture, bridge design, station design and arts. This follows an advertisement for new panel members.

### Panel member recruitment meeting

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- Meeting to discuss Phase 2b's general approach to skewed crossings. Presentation included specific examples of three different crossings: Motorway; Railway; and Local Authority Highway

### Phase 2b meeting

# 4

- Acoustics and noise mitigation
- Area Central - Little Missenden vent shaft
- Area Central - Chesham Road vent shaft
- Area Central - Chiltern north portal

### Full reviews

# 2

- Design Panel team meeting attended by the chair, vice chair, secretariat and HS2 Ltd staff
- Chair's Review meeting to discuss HS2 Ltd responses to Design Panel recommendations, focusing on design panel meetings to discuss Phase Two.

### Governance meetings

# Green visioning workshop

On 14 February 2018 HS2 Ltd held a workshop about the 'green corridor' it has committed to create alongside the HS2 route. A series of presentations explained how HS2 has started to deliver a network of new wildlife habitats and green spaces, while emphasising even more could be achieved by working closely with local stakeholders. This includes environmental projects located outside 'the red line' of HS2.

Approximately 50 people from national environmental organisations, government departments, landowner representatives, local authorities, wildlife trusts and HS2 Ltd took part in the workshop discussions. Chaired by Tony Burton, the group focused on four key questions:

- Do you support the concept of developing a green corridor?
- How can we make sure it is truly more than the sum of its parts?
- What opportunities are there to make the green corridor a reality?
- How can you help?

While there were some reservations on how it will be delivered, impact on landowners and timing, overall there was general support for this positive and well intentioned concept. Critically, continued leadership from HS2 Ltd will be important, to carefully prioritise projects and identify opportunities to align them with appropriate sources of funding. Collaboration will be essential to help the green corridor concept to truly come to life.



Green bridge over HS2 railway, HS2 Ltd



Tony Burton  
Vice Chair of the HS2  
Independent Design Panel

## People's stories

Tony Burton is Vice Chair of the HS2 Independent Design Panel, having set it up back in 2015. Tony has a background in environmental and community non-governmental organisations, including executive board roles at the Campaign to Protect Rural England and National Trust.

In 2010 Tony set up Civic Voice as the umbrella charity for England's hundreds of local civic societies, and he is one of the country's leading neighbourhood planners. Tony is also Vice Chair of the Big Lottery Fund which distributes £800m each year to community groups and voluntary organisations. He was also a Director at the Design Council when it merged with Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE).

Tony is keen to see HS2 live up to the promise of its Design Vision and become a 'world class railway'. This includes the potential for establishing a new green corridor and realising the opportunities HS2 has as Europe's largest nature conservation project.

## Skewed crossings

In February 2018 HS2 Ltd briefed the panel on its approach to skewed crossings on the Phase 2b route. The panel urged HS2 Ltd to include a significantly wider area than the crossing location to ensure the implications for the surrounding context are fully addressed. It also highlighted the importance of giving communities real opportunities to shape choices, and of working with organisations such as Highways England to align approaches.



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