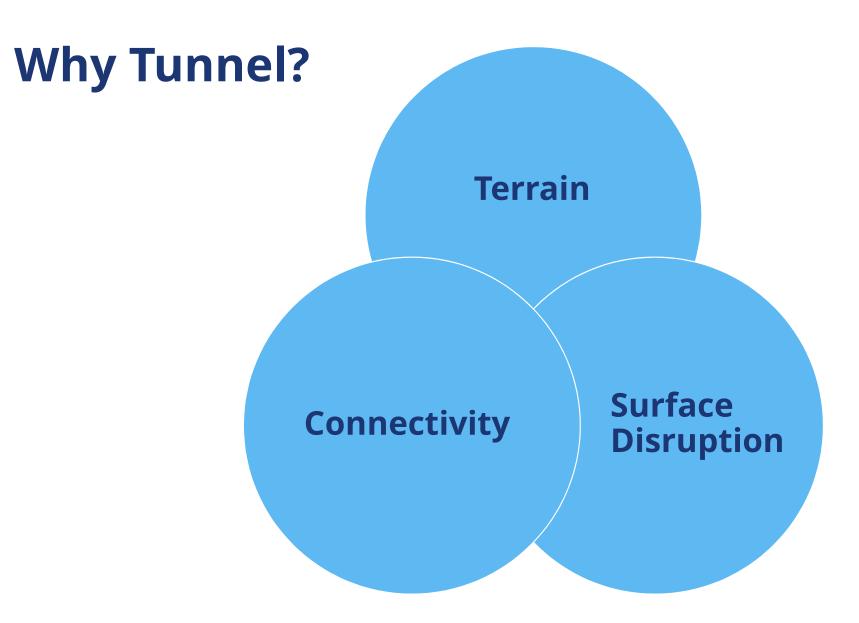
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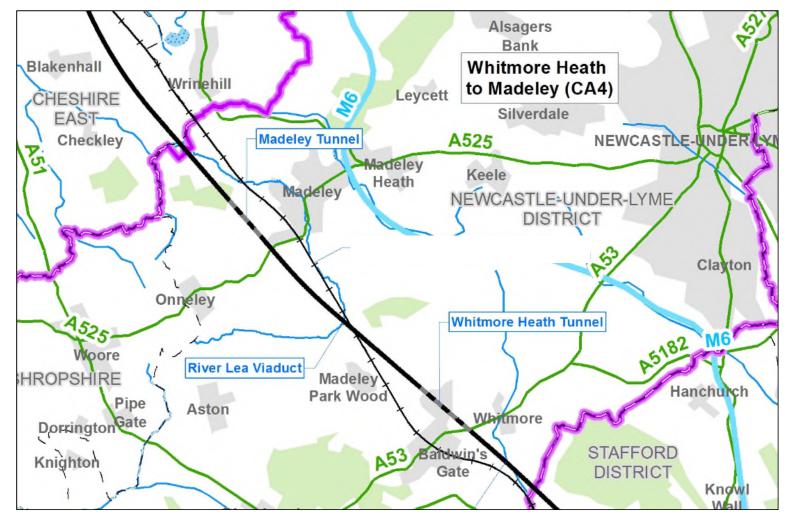
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# **Tunnel Locations**



# **Tunnel Briefing Agenda**

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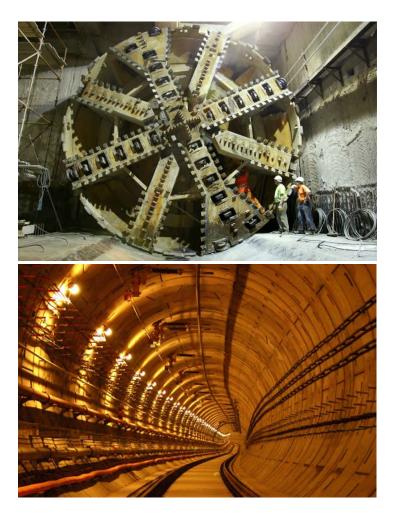
- (1) Tunnelling techniques
- (2) Settlement
- (3) Construction aspects

### **Operational Aspects of Tunnelling**

- (1) Safety arrangements
- (2) Vibration

### **Cost implications**

(1) Costs of tunnelling





# **Construction – Tunnelling Techniques**

#### **Bored Tunnels**

- Shield type machines with precast segmental tunnel lining
- Used when surface access is very limited at depths typically below one tunnel diameter
- Longer tunnel lengths where economical to use machine

#### **Cut and Cover Tunnels**

- Typically concrete box structures constructed in excavated ground
- Used at shallower depths where there is good surface access

#### **Mined/Sprayed Concrete Lining Tunnels**

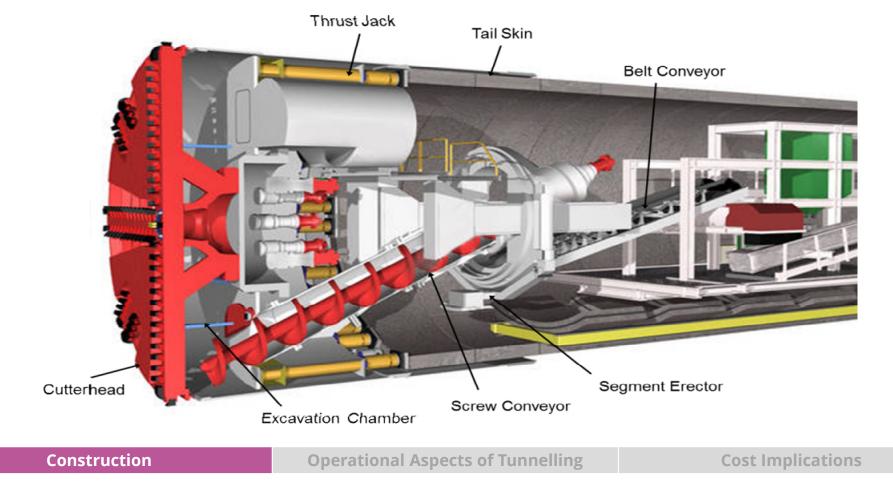
- Mechanically excavated with sprayed concrete lining in suitable ground conditions
- Used in shorter drives and cross passages

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# **Bored Tunnels**

#### **Earth Pressure Balance Tunnel Boring Machine (EPBM)**





# **Bored Tunnels**

HS1 EPBM in factory showing back up arrangements



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# **Precast Tunnel Segments**

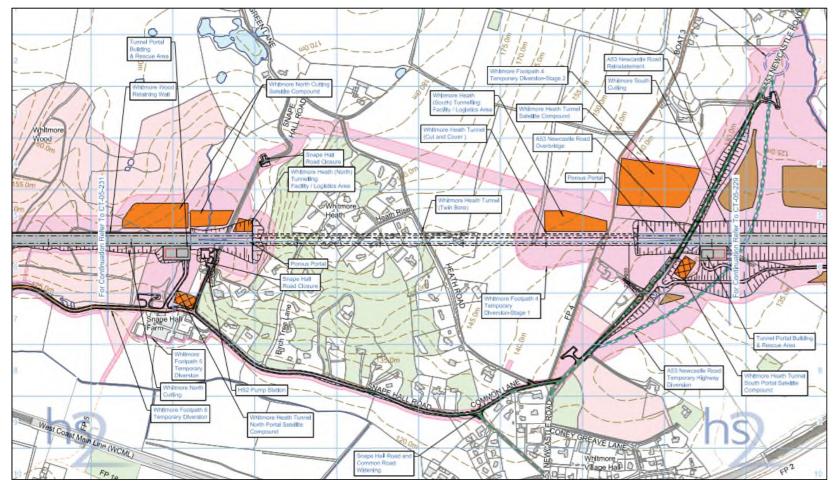


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# **Construction Plan – Whitmore Heath**

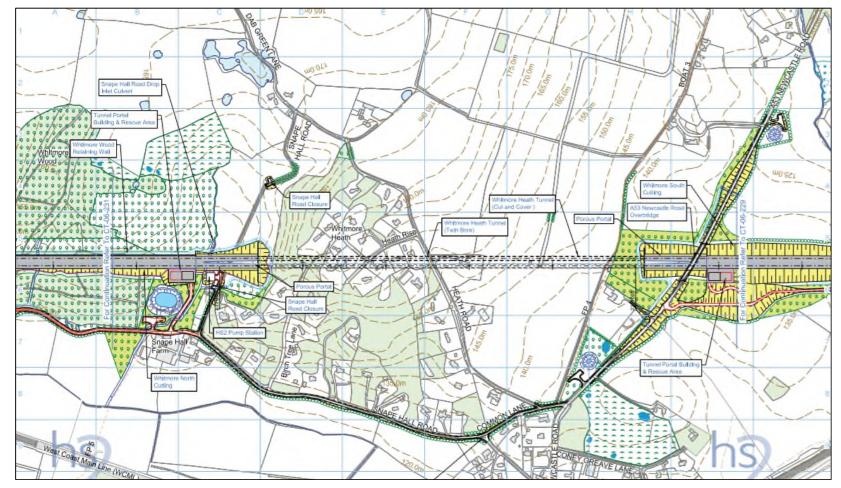


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# **Operation Plan – Whitmore Heath**



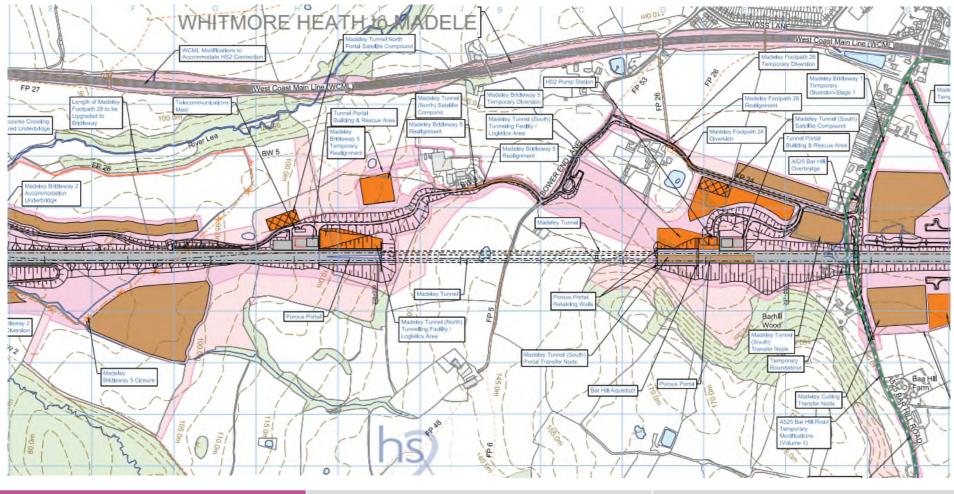
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**Cost Implications** 

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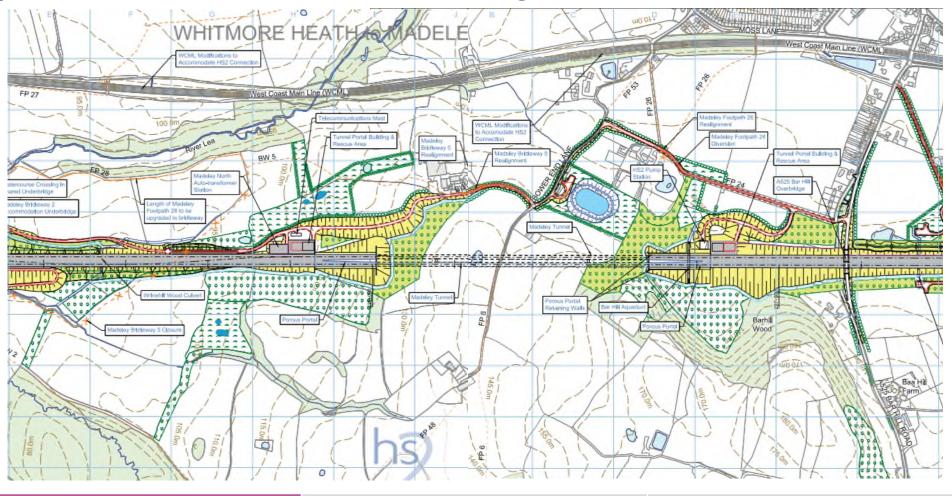


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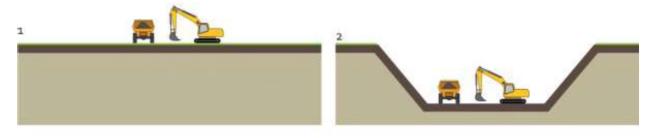


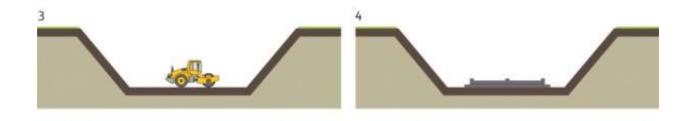
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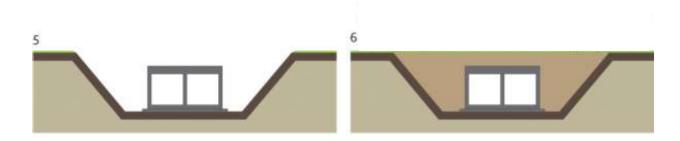
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### **Cut and Cover Construction Methodology 1**





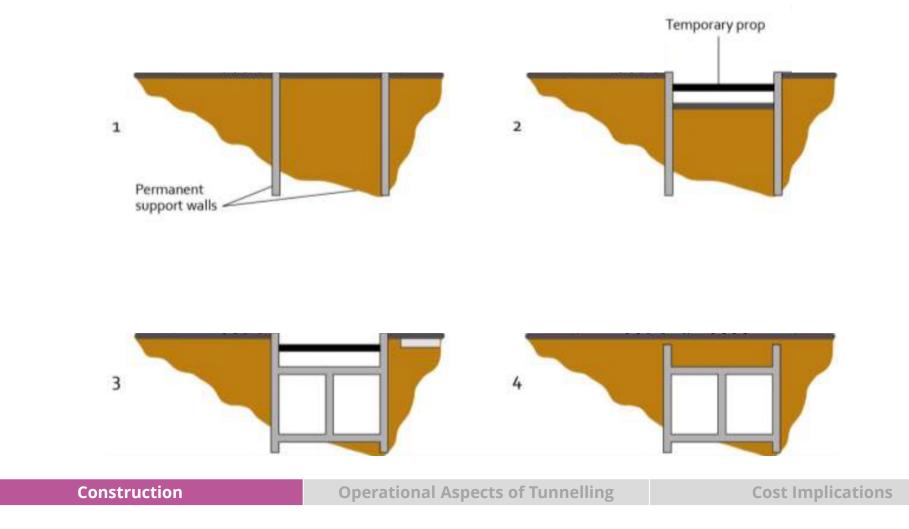


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### **Cut and Cover Construction Methodology 2**



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# **HS1 Cut and Cover Tunnel**





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# **Settlement & Rate of Tunnelling**

The rate of tunnelling is dependent on ground conditions. It is also important in minimising settlement, which is achieved by operating tunnel boring machines appropriately such as using Earth Pressure Balance machines in "closed" mode.

In order to keep settlement to acceptable limits HS2 has specified maximum of 1% volume loss for bored tunnels. The Promoter's policy on ground settlement is set out in Information Paper C14.

Continuous 24 hour tunnelling also minimises settlement as it doesn't allow time for the for the ground to fully relax.

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### **Construction Aspects – Noise from Tunnel Drive Site**

Bored tunnelling activities and the associated local site material handling will be operated 24 hours a day.

Noise mitigation is provided by the standard means such as hoarding, muffling, baffles and noise suppression on plant and equipment .

Tunnel sites will be subject to the same HS2 procedures set out under the Code of Construction practice and will be subject to Local Authority Approval under Section 61 of Control of Pollution Act.

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## **Construction Aspects – Noise from Tunnel Boring**

Sound and vibration from the tunnel boring machine will be perceptible inside properties for a few days as it passes beneath them.

The effects of ground-borne sound and vibration from the machine on building occupiers will be short-term and is not considered to be significant.

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# Minimum Safety Requirements

### For tunnels under 1km in length

#### Place of Relative Safety

• To adjacent independent tunnel tube every 500m

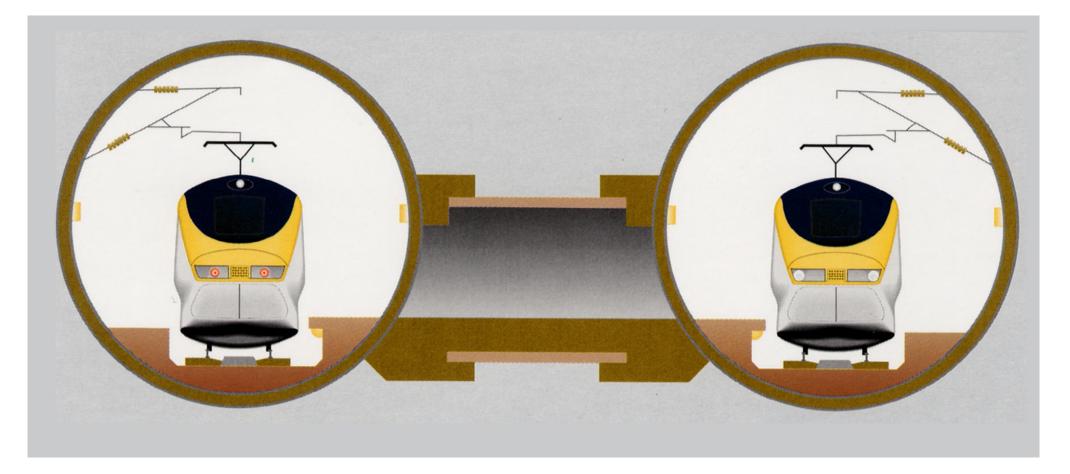
### Fire Fighting Point defined as

- Location inside or outside tunnel where fire fighting equipment can be used and passengers can evacuate
- Water supply capacity is a minimum of 800 1/min for 2 hours

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# **Tunnel Cross Passage**



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### **Evacuation** Walkway & Tunnel Cross Passage Opening HS1



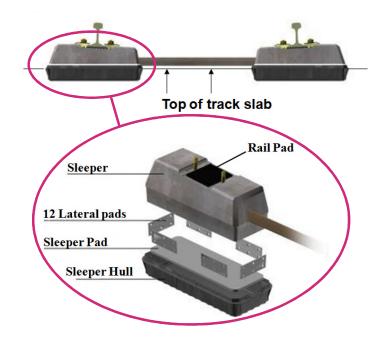
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### Vibration Mitigation via "booted sleeper" track





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# **Costs of Tunnelling**

#### **Fixed Costs**

Tunnel Boring Machine typically £15m to £25m

Back up material handling similar cost order

Power supply

Mechanical and Electrical systems

### Linear Costs Labour Lining materials Excavated material disposal Ground monitoring Ground treatment Tunnel logistics

# Incremental Cost increases Surface arrangements for drive sites, reception sites, tunnel logistics Introduction of shafts Increase in number of cross passages Introduction of shafts and increase in tunnel Mechanical and Electrical systems.

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# **Cost vs. Length (Indicative)**

