

Minutes

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Meeting location	Mary Ward House, London, 5-7 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SN.
Meeting title	Environmental Health (EH) Sub Group Meeting #21
HS2 contact or group	planning.forum@hs2.org.uk
Stakeholder	Environmental Health Sub Group to Planning Forum
Topic keywords	N/A

Attendees

External Attendees

Peter Carey- Independent Chair of EH Sub Group

Gareth Epps - Interim Construction Commissioner (ICC)

Nominated Undertaker Attendees

Christian Bonard - HS2 Ltd

Matt Dormer- HS2 Ltd

Stephen Hyland - HS2 Ltd

Tim Robins - HS2 Ltd

Andrew Dunwoody- HS2 Ltd

Neil Wait - HS2 Ltd

Andrew Medley - HS2 Ltd

Michael Shanks- HS2 Ltd

EH Attendees

Olayinka Ekundayo - London Borough of Brent (LBB)

Steve Braund - Chiltern District Council (CDC)

Helen Masterson - London Borough of Camden (LBC)

Tom Parkes - London Borough of Camden (LBC)

Richard Hiscock - Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

Richard Peers - Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

Julian Smith - Wycombe District Council (WDC)

Dominic Towey - Solihull MBC (SMBC)

Greg Pilley - Three Rivers District Council (TRDC)

Stephen Whiles - North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC)

Mike Jenkins - Warwick District Council (WDC)

Ben Coakley – Chiltern District Council / South Bucks District Council (CDC/SBDC)

Karen Dixon – Stratford on Avon District Council (SADC)

Jack Twomey – Lichfield District Council (LDC)

Somayya Yaqub - London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBHF)

Elizabeth Fonsela - London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham / Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (LBHF + RBKC)

Nick Mottram – Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

Meeting notes (key topics)

Item 1

Welcome and introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

Item 2

Review of notes and actions from last meeting

Review of Action Log

Action 7b – item now closed as included on agenda at today's meeting.

Action 2a – log in details were sent to members prior to meeting. If any members cannot log on, please forward on queries to planning.forum@hs2.org.uk . **Item closed.**

Action 3a – This item is a commitment for a future meeting and will remain open on action log. HS2 Ltd gave an update that the MWCCs have collaborated with HS2 Ltd and Arup to develop a consistent operational noise model to obtain a better understanding of the operational noise challenge. HS2 Ltd should be in a position to provide an update at a future meeting (September).

CDC raised that schedule 17 applications will start to be submitted and supporting information on noise will be required. HS2 Ltd responded that the HS2 Ltd planning team will check all applications prior to submission to ensure that schedule 17 applications are compliant.

Action 5a – HS2 Ltd provided an update on this item at the meeting during the AQ update. **Item closed.**

Action 7a – HS2 Ltd have included update on agenda for this and future meetings. **Item closed.**

Action 11a – HS2 Ltd provided an update on this item at the meeting. **Item closed.**

Action 11b – Email was sent to members on Tuesday 08/05/2018 with link to High Speed Rail (London-West Midlands) Act 2017: Guidance on the determination of appeals in relation to noise from construction sites which was published on the Gov.uk website at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-speed-rail-london-to-west-midlands-act-2017-hs2-phase-one-noise-appeals>. **Item closed.**

Review of Minutes from last meeting

Correction - Check meeting number for last meeting. HS2 will update if necessary.

Page 1 – ICC updated that the appointment of permanent Construction Commissioner is now with the Secretary of State. Announcement will be made in due course.

Page 3 - S61 guidance has now been published.

Item 6 – HS2 Ltd gave a presentation at Planning Forum on Prolonged Disturbance Compensation Scheme.

HS2 Ltd updated that five events will be opened up to the public to get feedback from the community. HS2 Ltd is identifying the areas that will be best suited for these events. Events will likely begin taking place in mid-June. Confirmation of dates and invitations will go out to the community. All feedback received will be taken on board and policy may be potentially amended before parliamentary recess in July. The events will be facilitated by the HS2 Ltd community engagement teams so feedback by LAs as to who should attend is welcomed.

ACTION 2a: HS2 to check date when Prolonged Disturbance Compensation scheme will be finalised.

Item 3

Air Quality Update

The Chair introduced Neil Wait, who gave a presentation on Air Quality reporting for March and April.

HS2 Ltd provided summaries within the presentation for previous actions related to AQ. The NTS section will be changed and simplified as requested.

HS2 Ltd updated that all dashboard slides will be published on the EH Subgroup SharePoint site so members can access the information themselves. The mass data slides will also be uploaded onto the SharePoint now that everyone has access.

HS2 Ltd gave update on Construction Vehicle and NRMM Emission Standard compliance for Areas North, Central and South for March and April 2018.

LBC queried if the Commonplace websites will be provided with monthly updates. HS2 Ltd stated the updates will be on the local authority SharePoint site and not Commonplace. The monthly reporting will not be to the public, however there will be an annual report which will be published.

HS2 Ltd stated that Network Rail reporting is not included within the data as they have not provided HS2 Ltd with data yet.

LBC queried what the issue with NR is. HS2 Ltd stated that NR have to comply with the EMRs when undertaking works under the Act. HS2 Ltd updated that generally speaking the majority of NR plant used for NRMM will be exempt due to specialist nature for the machinery, however NR still need to go through the same processes as other HS2 Ltd contractors and comply with EMRs.

ACTION 3a: Update on progress with NR to be given at future meeting in relation to reporting.

LBHF queried about cars and vans not meeting Euro 6 standards. HS2 Ltd explained that 100% compliance standards begins on 1/1/2020 for cars and vans. HS2 are currently determining what 'as far as reasonable practicable' target rates are expected from our contractors during 2018 & 2019. HS2 Ltd also noted that the construction vehicle emission standards include targets for the introduction of ultra-low emission vehicles.

AVDC asked if HS2 Ltd is checking if 'defeat devices' are being used by contractors? HS2 stated that the Traffic and Transport team are checking vehicles are meeting standards.

HS2 Ltd stated the reason area north and south HGV emission standards are a 100% requirements from 1/1/2020 is to allow SMEs to work on the project, giving reasonable time for fleet renewal. HS2 Standards are more stringent than current best practice.

Item 4

Noise Update

The Chair introduced Andrew Medley, who gave a presentation on the Noise reporting template and answered queries received by Sub Group members relating to this.

HS2 Ltd received two comments back from members. HS2 Ltd presented the comments received and the HS2 Ltd response. AVDC asked to check the tenses 'have' instead of 'will'.

AVDC asked if a note could be added stating that 'noise monitoring will not be at all sites and only where necessary'.

LBC raised issue about NR and reporting for noise and the use of the most up to date data in prior consent applications. HS2 Ltd stated that due to the way NR contract out the various work packages this has caused a number of issues in agreeing and obtaining data from NR for the works being undertaken. HS2 Ltd is working with NR to iron out these issues and it is expected they will be resolved imminently. LBC asked for feedback at next meeting.

ACTION 4a: HS2 to include NR update for AQ and Noise at next meeting

LBC raised a query about the complaints log provided at a recent community meeting stating that it is too basic and does not add any value. They requested that more information is provided on complaints to make it more meaningful. HS2 Ltd responded that monthly reports have more information.

HS2 Ltd stated that a member of Public Enquiries team will be at the next meeting and can address this issue.

ACTION 4b: HS2 Ltd to update group on complaints reporting at next EH Sub Group.

The Chair asked if members were happy with reporting template. Chair requested that in 6 months' time HS2 Ltd reports back on this item when there is more data available.

Item 5

FOI / EIR requests to HS2 (section 61)

HS2 Ltd stated that they had received multiple FOI/EIR requests from the public which are too wide ranging to respond to individually in relation to section 61s. HS2 Ltd asked EH members for some comment on the potential procedures that could be put in place to process similar requests in the future. Members discussed some potential procedures that could be arranged in order to meet the public's needs for information. A concern was raised regarding the HS2 Ltd and LA resources that would be required for some of the different approaches discussed. One suggestion was for contractors to produce a public facing S61 that could be released if requested. This suggestion will be further investigated by HS2 Ltd. Chair stated that HS2 Ltd does already publish a large amount of data for the public. Item will be covered again in the future.

Item 6

BREEAM Strategic Assessment

HS2 Ltd gave a presentation on BREEAM strategic assessment. HS2 Ltd gave a commitment to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating for all its Phase One stations.

HS2 Ltd also committed that its Phase One infrastructure works would be designed and constructed to meet the pilot BREEAM Infrastructure scheme with the aspiration to achieve an 'Excellent' rating"

Under the pilot scheme, HS2 Ltd had received 32 out of 41 credits for the Strategic Assessment.

The Chair asked about how the credits are awarded. HS2 Ltd stated that strategic assessment section is about client strategy and how clients set a framework for how contractors apply it. The credits are evidence based.

The Strategic Assessment provided an excellent starting point for the EWCs, MWCCs and Railway System contractors, who would not be targeting other BREEAM Infrastructure credits, to improve the sustainability performance of the project.

Item 7

HS2 update

HS2 Ltd gave presentation providing an update on Phase One and Phase Two.

New HS2 (Beta) website has been launched. HS2 Ltd welcomes any feedback from LAs on the website. This new website replaces the **gov.uk** website (which will remain archived online). Links to Commonplace websites and the gov.uk website are provided on the new HS2 website.

HS2 Ltd provided an update on Phase 2B. HS2 Ltd is making progress towards draft Environmental Statement (ES) which is scheduled for publication in September 2018. The main ES which will support the Bill is due for release in 2019.

HS2 Ltd has just completed a round of EH technical engagement in Birmingham, Doncaster and Manchester. The events provided additional information on noise, air

quality, land quality, waste management and material resources. The EA presented on how they are working with HS2 for the Phase 2b scheme at these events.

AVDC queried whether Royal Assent for Phase 2a was planned for the end of 2019 as per the presentation slides.

ACTION 7a: HS2 to confirm planned Phase 2a Royal Assent date.

Post meeting note – Phase 2a Royal Assent date is planned for end of 2019.

Item 8

Planning forum Feedback

HS2 Ltd provided an update on from previous Planning Forum held on 17 May 2018.

A presentation was given at planning forum on common design elements (CDEs) including overbridge and viaduct parapets/ Viaduct piers; and noise barriers.

Contractors are currently assessing the noise mitigation measures (type, length, height).

Noise mitigation selection will be location specific considering the section of the route and its local context

Numerous noise barrier options have been assessed – there is extensive ongoing engagement with supply chain to review suitability including design life, performance, durability and maintainability. This will be narrowed down into a smaller group of appropriate options. Noise barrier report to be issued to HS2 beginning of June. This will be presented to the Planning Forum.

The Chair requested that report findings should be presented to EH Subgroup.

ACTION 8a: Item to be included on next agenda on noise report findings.

LPAs will be consulted on noise barriers in specific locations through Schedule 17 pre-application discussions.

LBHF asked about schedule 17 documentation to support noise mitigation measures. HS2 Ltd stated we need to submit the schedule 17 and supporting information to demonstrate compliance with the EMRs.

HS2 Ltd gave a presentation on green corridors and complaints to the planning forum.

Sadie Morgan (HS2 Design Panel Chair) gave a presentation on the Design Panel to the planning forum.

Item 9

Ongoing Construction and Section 61 Experience

LBHF raised an issue regarding Section 80 (S80) of the Building Act, 1984 which requires an application to Local Planning authority for demolition approval. A HS2 contractor submitted a section 80 application to LBHF, and then a counter Section 81 notice was served by LBHF on HS2 which granted the demolition and included a series of conditions. Reasoning for counter notice was read out. HS2 Ltd are currently appealing against the conditions imposed on the S81 notice. The matter remains ongoing.

The Chair stated that this S81 notice appeal issue has not been discussed before. The Chair noted it is a matter for LBHF and HS2 to resolve. However, once resolved feedback should be shared with the group so a consistent approach be agreed for the future.

LBC queried if a S80 was received for demolition in Camden. HS2 stated that contractor for DB Cargo shed issued one in LBC.

ACTION 9a: HS2 to provide feedback on the S81 appeal at future meeting once issue between HS2 and LBHF is resolved.

Solihull MBC raised Statement of Intent (Sol) are being asked to be approved in quick timescales. This is an issue for them. HS2 Ltd stated that Sol's are not a consent, they are low risk and an LA is not required to 'approve' the document they are provided for information only. Contractors should give LAs sufficient time to review the Sol and have already agreed with LAs that Sol is appropriate. If this is not happening then LAs should contact HS2 and let them know.

AVDC stated that generally the Sol's they receive are on time.

LBC carried out a site visit at St James Gardens to look at the archaeological work ongoing. They made mention of good innovation on the site. High proportion of female staff which was welcomed. LBC were pleased that innovation is being trialled on site.

The Chair asked if photos could be added to the SharePoint site of any innovations that show good practice.

ACTION 9b: Chair requested that a presentation be given to EH Sub Group in the future on archaeology.

Item 10

Forward Plan/Meeting Agenda Items

The next EH Sub Group was rescheduled to Friday July 20th 2018. Invites will be sent out to attendees.

Future EH Sub Group: Agreed Thursday 26th September 2018 as date for future meeting.

Items for next meeting (July 20th):

- Chair: Update on complaints handling and community relations at next meeting.
- Chair: Section 80 update
- AVDC asked about sharing GI information with local authorities. HS2 Ltd stated they would cover during AOB at next meeting.
- AVDC requested a presentation on Occupational Health by HS2's Fiona King at future meeting. Agreed maybe to cover in September meeting.

Item 11

AOB

ICC gave update that at May Planning Forum Sarah Goodman provided an update on complaints handling. ICC was in Euston and Buckinghamshire to meet residents.

Website complaints handling section has been updated.

The Chair asked if ICC is receiving complaints on monthly basis. ICC stated he receives on request. It is a work in progress. Complaints data is coming in a consistent way.

Actions

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