

# HS2

## Phase 2a Planning Forum

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Meeting	Date	Item	Action	Status
#6	November	6	Action - HS2 Ltd to provide members with the Schedule 17 presentations that were given to Phase 1 Parish Councils on Act Powers and Consenting.	Ongoing – HS2 Ltd to provide a simplified presentation and will be picked up bilaterally with Phase 2a members.
#6	March	2	Action - HS2 Ltd to review section 5 of January meeting minutes to clarify wording	Complete - unable to complete as minuted action did specifically refer to wording in section 5.
#6	March	6	Reoccurring Action (DO NOT REMOVE) - HS2 Ltd to circulate Highway Subgroup meeting agenda and minutes.	Agenda item 14 Complete. Meeting minutes were emailed on 11/07/19
#6	March	7	Action – HS2 Ltd to provide outline programme for utility diversions	Agenda item 4
#7	May	2	Action - Outstanding actions from previous meetings will be reviewed and updated on return from colleague illness, including confirmation of attendees from last meeting.	Complete.
#7	May	2	Action - Amendment to wording in section 5 - to be confirmed when colleague returns from absence and updated accordingly.	Complete.
#7	May	4	Action - HS2 Ltd to provide more information on public engagement on Phase 2a at the next Forum meeting.	Agenda item 6
#7	May	5	Action - Members should send any comments on PFNs 5 and 7 to HS2 Ltd by the end of 10 <sup>th</sup> May.	No comments received so HS2 wish to seek the Forum's agreement that these documents be considered final to be published on gov.uk
#7	May	5	Action – Members should send any comments on PFNs 9 and 10 to HS2 Ltd by the end of 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Agenda item 12
#7	May	5	Action - SCC to share information with the Forum on the process they undertaken to become a Qualifying Authority on Phase 1.	Complete. Information sent via 2a planning forum mailbox on 13/05/19
#7	May	11	Action - NuLBC queried the process for Design Panel responses being made available. HS2 said that a response had been made and HS2 Ltd would update on the process at the next meeting.	Agenda item 2 – HS2 Town Planning to provide update at next meeting.

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## Phase 2a Programme - update

Dominic Moore, Town Planning Lead, Phase Two, HS2 Ltd

# Phase 2a Programme

Phase 2a Design	Works	Start	Finish	Comments
ERD (Employers Required Design)	Initial Design and Scope	Q4 2018	Q4 2019	
EEW (Early Environmental Works)	Scheme Design	Q3 2019	Q1 2020	EEW Contractor to be appointed Autumn 2019 Bi-lateral / Pre-Applications meeting – Autumn 2019 LPA Forward plans to be issued – Autumn 2019
EEW	S17 Submissions	Q2 2020	Q4 2020	
EEW	Works	Q3 2020	Q1 2023	
ECW P1 (Early Civil Works)	Scheme Design	Q1 2020	Q3 2021	
ECW P1	S17 Submissions	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	
ECW P1	Works	Q1 2021	Q2 2022	
ECW P2	Scheme Design	Q2 2021	Q2 2022	
ECW P2	S.17 Submissions	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	
EWC P2	Works	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	
ESD (Employers Scheme Design / Main Works)	Mobilise and design	Q1 2020	Q3 2021	
ESD	S.17 Submissions	Q3 2021	Q3 2022	
ESD	Works	Q2 2022	TBC	



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## The High Speed (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill - update

Martin Wells, Senior Petition Manager, Major & Complex Agreements, HS2 Ltd

# House of Commons

- Final House of Commons Select Committee public hearing was on 15 May 2019
- 302 petitions received, 145 heard by Committee, 119 withdrew/did not appear
- The Committee's final Special Report published on 7 June and the Bill was formally reported, allowing it to continue on its passage through the House of Commons
- Government response to the Select Committee's final Special Report and a Command Paper setting out the Government's overview of the case for HS2 Phase 2A and its environmental impacts were published on 24 June in advance of Third Reading
- Public Bill Committee (the clause by clause scrutiny of the remainder of the Bill) commenced 25 June and reported the Bill without amendment
- Report and Third Reading were passed on 15 July



# House of Lords

- First Reading in the House of Lords took place on 16 July
  - First Reading is a formality (there was no debate), and **the petitioning period in the House of Lords starts from First Reading**, not Second Reading as in the House of Commons
  - The petitioning period has to be a minimum of 25 calendar days. In this case it will run from 17 July to Friday, 16 August
  - The Private Bill Office in the House of Lords has set up a dedicated Select Committee website as in the House of Commons, and has published petitioning guidance and materials
  - Second Reading and formation of the Select Committee expected early September
  - Currently expecting the Select Committee to begin substantive petition hearings early October
  - Royal Assent expected around the end of the year
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## Community Engagement - update

Terry Stafford, Senior Community Engagement Manager, Phase 2a, HS2 Ltd



## 2a community engagement snapshot – July 2019



- Ground Investigations site visits in May/ June for parish councils: Kings Bromley, Colton, Stone Town, Weston and Basford, Hough and Chorlton, Crewe Town
- Summer events concluded on 13 July  
Four events - total visitors to stands 1380  
Similar, wider public engagement to continue
- Information points to be set up at 14 sites along the line of route - 18 July

# HS2

## **Community & Environment Fund (CEF) and Business & Local Economy Fund (BLEF)**

Louise Portelly, Environment & Town Planning Manager, HS2 Ltd

# Background



## Objectives

**CEF** will help enhance community facilities, improve access to the countryside and conserve the natural environment along the line of route.

**BLEF** will support local economies in areas where businesses collectively may experience disruption from the construction of HS2.

## Applicants

**CEF** grants are invited from community-based voluntary organisations, charitable and not-for-profit bodies, social enterprises, schools and Local Authorities.

**BLEF** grants are primarily targeted at organisations which have formal objectives that support the development of local business and tourism.

## Administration

For Phase One, the Funds are managed by an independent, existing Grant Management Body; **Groundwork UK**. Procured through the Crown Commercial Services Grants and Programme Services Framework.

# About Groundwork UK



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Groundwork are a national community focused charity who work across the UK in partnership with the public and private sector.

- to create better and greener places
- to improve people's prospects
- to promote greener living

Groundwork was appointed to be the independent Grant Management Body to undertake the administration. <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds>



# Regional allocations

£40 million  
(Phase One)

£7.5m  
(Greater  
London)

£15m  
(Central)

£7.5m  
(West  
Midlands)

£10 million  
(Unallocated to allow flexibility to  
fund bids for cross-border)



# Community and Environment Fund (CEF)

*'To add benefit over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of Phase One of HS2 from London to Birmingham.'*

Two types of CEF grant:

**CEF Local** will fund smaller projects (up to a maximum of £75,000 per project) which will benefit quality of life for individual communities.

There is a shorter application form for requests of £10,000 or less.

**CEF Strategic** will fund larger projects (from £75,000 up to a maximum of £1 million per project). Strategic fund will provide a legacy by supporting projects which benefit multiple communities along the Phase One route.



# CEF- Who can apply

## **Organisations established for public benefit and not for profit;**

- Public sector bodies- Local authorities, Parish Councils
- Voluntary/community organisations
- Resident's associations
- Constituted community groups
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Social enterprises
- Community businesses
- Registered charities
- Local Education authorities and Schools

## **We will not directly fund;**

- Individuals
  - Limited liability partnerships
  - Private sector company/business
  - Organisations that cannot demonstrate appropriate governance
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# CEF- Who can Apply? continued

## Capital Projects

Only landowners or leaseholders can apply for capital projects.

### Project Examples

- projects adjacent to highways such as cycle routes and pathways- County Highways department should be applicant
- Projects on school grounds – Education authority should be applicant if landowner





# CEF- Match contributions

## Match Funding

contributions can be cash or in kind

### CEF (Local) projects up to £75,000;

- no requirement for match contributions for projects led by community or voluntary sector organisations
- local authority led bids, minimum 25% requirement for match contributions

### CEF (Strategic) projects from £75,000 to £1 million;

- 10% minimum match contribution for all applications

For the purposes of this funding programme, Town Councils and Parish Councils are classed as other public sector bodies and not as Local Authorities.

No other HS2 funding can be used as match funding e.g. woodland fund, road safety fund



# CEF- Application process

## CEF Local

- two stage process
- online eligibility checker
- application through the online portal

## CEF Strategic

- three stage process
- online eligibility checker
- Expression of Interest
- Successful EOI applicants invited to apply through the online portal

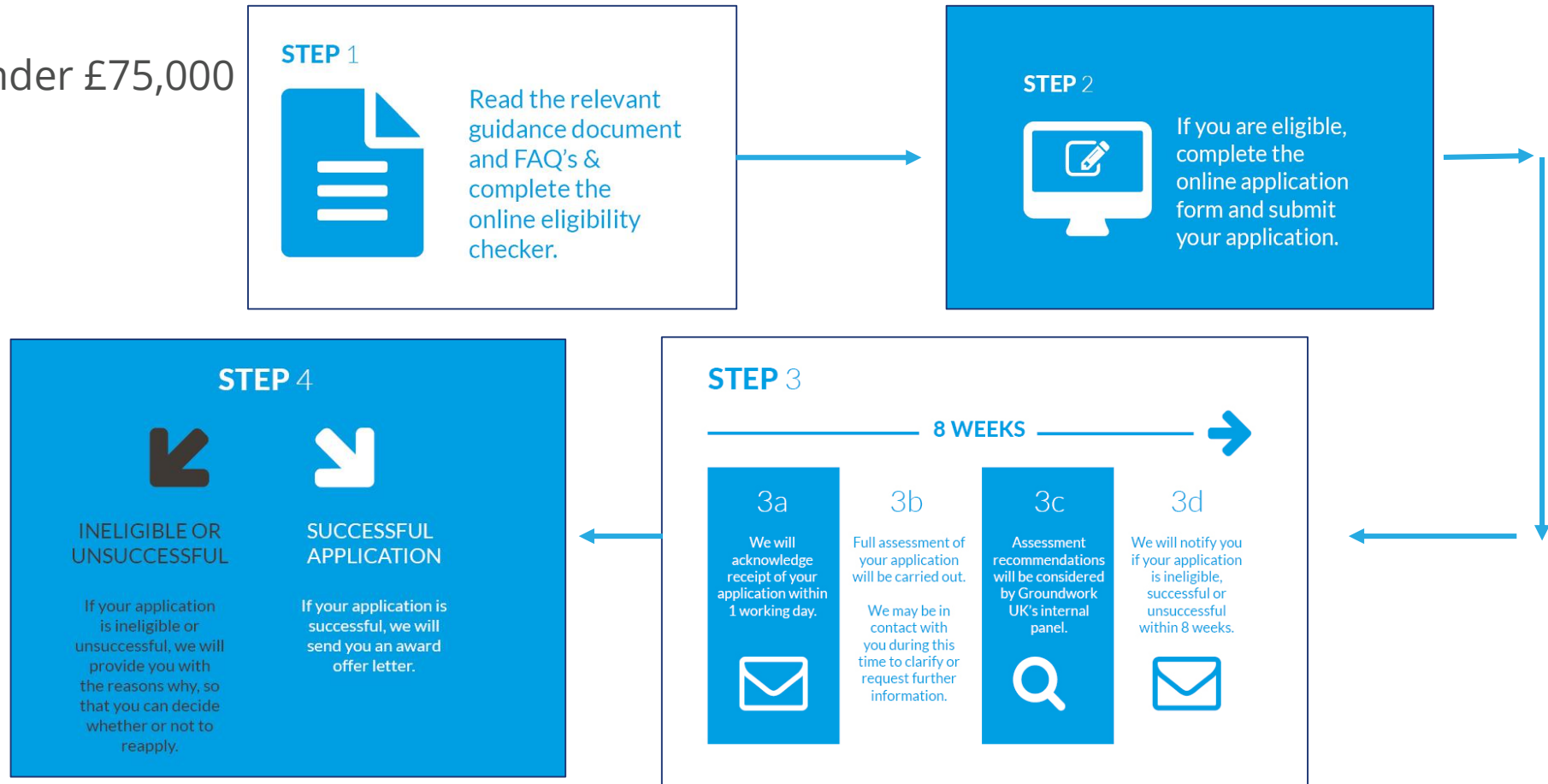
Applications made through the Groundwork website;

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>



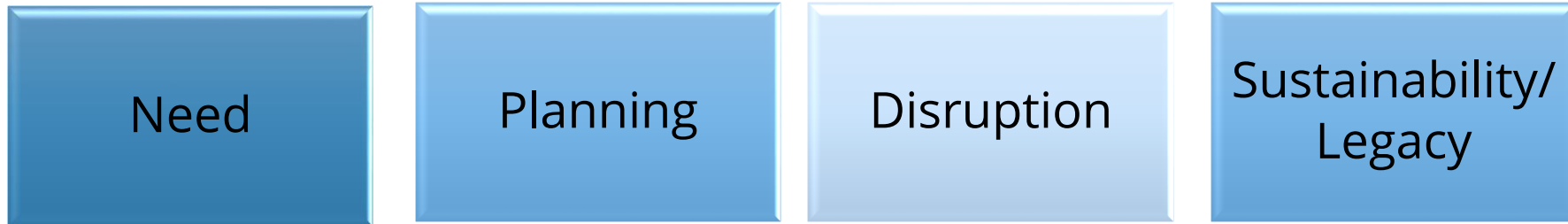
# Application process flowchart

Applications under £75,000



# Assessment

Applications are scored on the information provided on the following criteria;



Applicants will also have to demonstrate;

- how the project will be monitored
- value for money
- evidence of a need through community consultation

Priority will be given to projects within 1km of the route.

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# Assessment

## Demonstrating Disruption

The Phase One environmental statement reports;

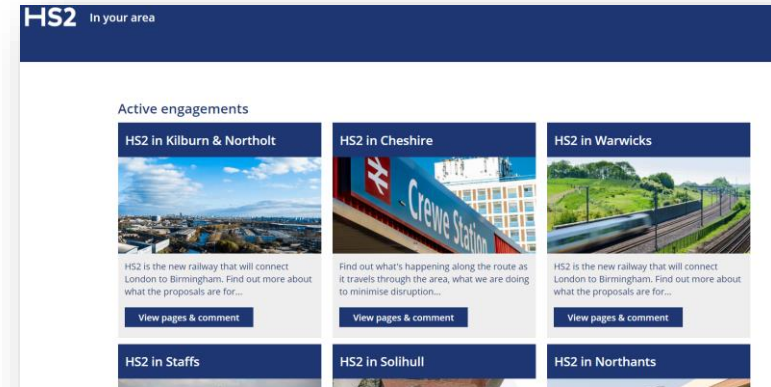
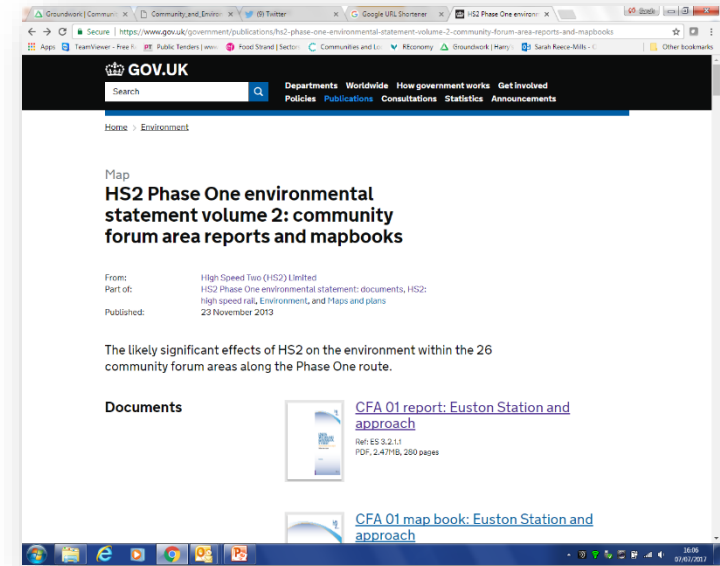
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-phase-one-environmental-statement-documents#volume-2:-area-reports>

HS2 Commonplace sites;

<https://hs2.commonplace.is/>

The HS2 interactive map;

<https://www.hs2.org.uk/where/route-map/>



# Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF)

*To add benefit over and above committed mitigation and statutory compensation to support local economies that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of HS2.*

Capital or revenue funds from £10,000 up to a maximum of £1 million

£10,000 - £75,000 will fund short term kick-starter projects

£75,000 - £1 million to fund longer-term development interventions that will have a long term impact on local economies



# Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF)

Application process for BLEF is the same as for CEF

Organisations that support the development of local business/tourism

Organisations formally established for public benefit and not for profit

Match contributions are not a requirement for applications to BLEF

## Example projects

- Improvements the local public realm,- retail and tourist areas
- local cycling and pedestrian access to local economic centres
- Promotional activity for local economic benefit
- Events that increase footfall / promote seasonal business periods
- Town/village discount cards to retain spend in local areas
- Projects that aim to increase tourist visits to an area



# The following costs/projects are not eligible for funding through either fund;

Worth noting costs/projects are not eligible for funding through CEF and BLEF;

- Purchasing vehicles, Personal equipment and clothing
  - **Buying land or facilities for future use**
  - Projects intended primarily for private gain
  - Projects that contribute directly to a company's distributable profits
  - To help with budget shortfalls, debt repayments or endowments (including funds to build up a reserve or surplus and loan repayments)
  - **Retrospective funding-** we will not reimburse costs already incurred
  - Projects or activities that are primarily for the promotion of religion or religious belief. Whilst religious organisations may be able to apply for funding, the project must deliver wider community or public benefits to be eligible
  - **Promotion of politics or political beliefs**
  - Projects that do not meet the 'Additionality' principle
  - Projects used solely for delivering curriculum activity
  - Fundraising
  - **Any project where funding will given out as grants to other organisations**
  - Organisational overheads or running costs
  - **Campaigning or lobbying projects**
  - **Feasibility studies**
  - Overseas trips
  - Any activity that would be in breach of State Aid rules
  - **Broadband projects**
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# Governance

## Groundwork UK

- Undertake the assessment of bids against the published criteria and are responsible for making awards of £75,000 or less.

## Independent Panel

- Makes recommendations on projects over £75,000. Panel members were procured through an open recruitment process, there are 4 independent members, 1 HS2 member and the Chair.

## Senior civil servant at DfT

- final decisions on large awards will be made by a senior civil servant with delegated authority from the Secretary of State. If the value of the grant request exceeds £250,000 or the senior civil servant disagrees with the Panel's recommendation, then the application will be decided by a Minister.



# CEF & BLEF update

## Projects on the interactive map (as of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019);

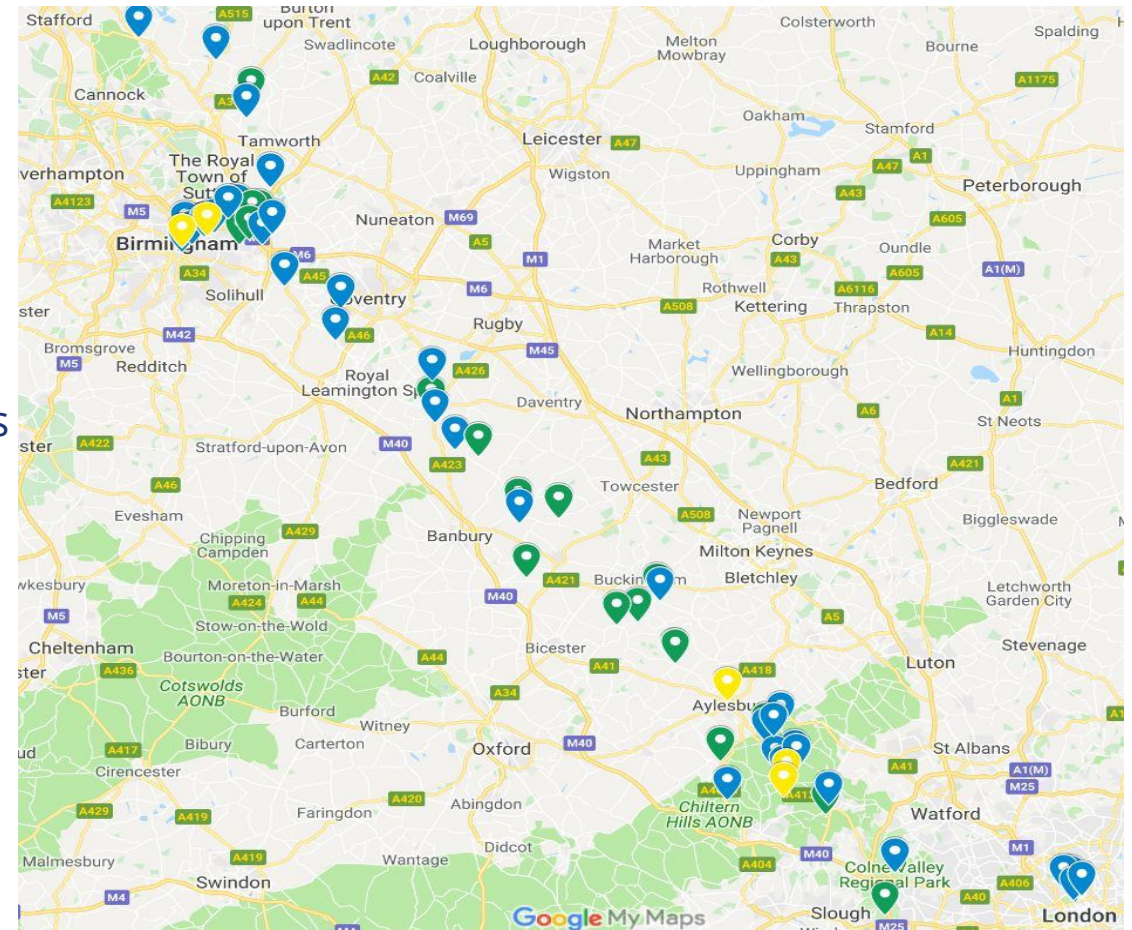
- 67 projects worth £3.71m
- 2 CEF Strategic projects, 5 BLEF projects & 60 CEF Local projects

## Projects not on the interactive map

- There are a further 14 projects totalling over £800k that have been approved but are not yet currently on the map as they are in the process of agreeing their terms and conditions with us.

## Partnership Funding;

- Leverage against the projects that have been funded to date currently stands at just over £4.4m.



### Map key;

Blue - Existing projects

Yellow - New projects added this month

Green - Completed projects

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/hs2-community-and-business-funds-project-map>

# Examples of recently approved projects;

## Little Missenden Parish Council (Central)

- CEF Local £28,000 to purchase and install a large, multi-functional, multi-user piece of toddler equipment at the recreation ground at Little Kingshill. The equipment will have multiple access points e.g. steps, ramps, nets and slides etc and will provide stimulation, variety and challenge to the users. The equipment will include sensory elements and enable activities that encourage curiosity, adventure and challenge, and will provide a lasting legacy for the village.

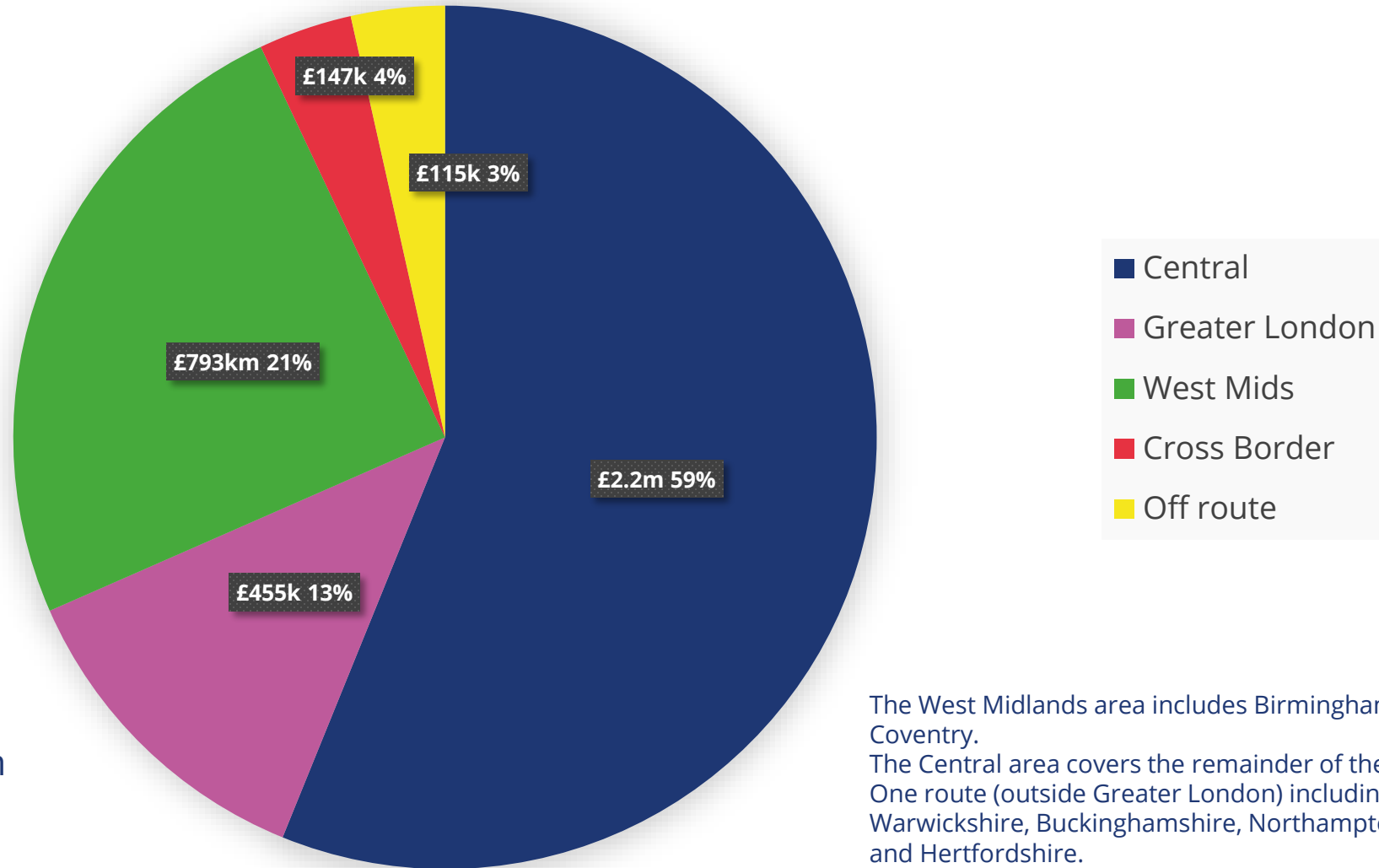
## Ghost Streets CIC (West Mids)

- CEF Local £8,000 for a unique community engagement and art project called 'Junction' based on the Digbeth Branch Canal. The project aims to help people reconnect with this area and develop a conversation about improving the area as public space that matters to people. It also aims to embrace and enhance local artist/creative talents by providing opportunity to create new works. The project will culminate in a series of events offered to the public and end with a catalyst event called the Junction Weekender in summer 2019. It will be themed around ephemeral art on the waterways, with a particular focus on street art and graffiti framed against its industrial environment and the juxtaposition with new developments.

## Chilterns Conservation Board (Central)

- BLEF £120,303 towards a three-year tourism project which aims to show that the central Chilterns area is still open for business throughout HS2 Phase One construction and is an outstanding area to visit. It aims to maintain a strong visitor economy, attracting visitors to the area and increasing footfall and visitor spend.
- Activities will include 6 walking festivals, 3 food and drink festivals (including brewery and farm tours, local producer markets and food or drink themed walks or rides) a marketing and communication programme, business engagement (12 networking events) and developing the Chilterns Pass (a promotional loyalty card)

# Breakdown of £3.71m of funding by geographical area



## Area Allocations over 11 years:

- West Midlands - £7.5m
- Central - £15m
- Greater London - £7.5m
- Cross Border & Off Route - £10m

The West Midlands area includes Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry.  
The Central area covers the remainder of the planned HS2 Phase One route (outside Greater London) including, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire.

# Promotional activity

Working with HS2 Corporate Affairs and Community Engagement teams, project site visits associated with quarterly announcements take place where possible. We are working to produce a portfolio of photographs and video content to support the promotion of the Funds.

£75,000 of CEF funding was awarded to **Road Farm Countryways CIC**, a Care Farming Community Interest Company that provides opportunities for young adults with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

£16,080 of CEF funding for **Amersham's Mobile Museum**, a travelling exhibition that aims to share the story of life in Amersham and the surrounding area in the 20th Century.



# Phase 2a

£5 million  
(Phase 2a)

- £5 allocated and announced in January 2018
- Funding will not be made available for application or administered until after Royal Assent of the Phase 2a Bill. (Expected towards the end of this year)
- We recommend that Phase 2a stakeholders look at the Phase One funding programme and Groundwork UK website to see current operation and progress ready for Royal Assent of the Phase 2a Bill.

# Groundwork UK introductory video



[Introduction to the HS2 Community & Environment Fund and HS2 Business & Local Economy Fund - YouTube](#)

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# Details

## Independent Grant Management Body- Groundwork UK

Telephone hotline 0121 237 5880

[HS2funds@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:HS2funds@groundwork.org.uk)

All the key documents

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hs2funds>

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# Planning Appeals Procedures Guidance

Paul Gilfedder, Head of Town Planning, HS2 Ltd

- As the title suggests, the document we are introducing to you today is guidance which explains the High Speed Rail (Phase 2a) Appeal Regulations
  - It clarifies where the nominated undertaker may lodge an appeal against a local authority's decision on a Schedule 17 approval, where:
    - (1) they have refused an approval;
    - (2) they have applied unreasonable conditions, or
    - (3) they have not determined the approval within the 8 week timeframe
  - The guidance will be made publically available when the Appeal Regulations are statutorily implemented by government
  - The draft guidance will be shared with the Forum after today for review. Any comments should be sent to the 2a Planning Forum mailbox within 4 weeks.
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## Fee Regulations - update

Paul Gilfedder, Head of Town Planning, HS2 Ltd

- Schedule 17 disapplies the existing planning fee regime and allows the SoS to make a provision about fees for requests for approval
  - The High Speed Rail (Phase 2a) Fee Regulations will make this provision
  - They will reflect the fee regime in –
    - The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012 [\(link\)](#), **as amended by**
    - The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 [\(link\)](#)
  - The Phase 2a Fee Regulations will be statutorily implemented by government
  - They are based on the High Speed Rail (Phase One) Fee Regulations (2017) [\(link\)](#)
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## Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs)

Paul Gilfedder, Head of Town Planning, HS2 Ltd

# EMRs Final Update

- The Forum has been engaged on the EMRs
- During the House of Commons **one** change was made to them
  - This change was to the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) relating to **demolition works**
- Updated version of the CoCP published [here](#)
- EMRs change log published [here](#)
- Subject to any changes in the House of Lords, HS2 is proposing no further engagement on the EMRs
- Final version will be published on Royal Assent of Phase 2a hybrid Bill

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## Draft Planning Forum Notes

Paul Gilfedder, Head of Town Planning, HS2 Ltd

# Planning Forum Notes Update

- Planning Forum Note 9: **Decision Notice Guidance** and Planning Forum Note 10: **Indicative Mitigation** were introduced to the Forum at the previous meeting, May 8 2019
- Drafts of these documents were shared with the Forum for review
- No comments received so HS2 seek the Forum's agreement today to consider them 'final'





Title	Status
PFN1: Content of submissions & standard templates	
PFN2: Drawings for plans & specifications approvals	Final versions agreed at <b>13 March 2019</b> meeting following two rounds of consultation. Published <a href="#">here</a>
PFN3: Written statements and DAS'	
PFN4: Consultation	Revised version shared with LAs on <b>10 April 2019</b> . No LA comments received. Final version agreed <b>8 May 2019</b> . Published <a href="#">here</a>
PFN5: Model Conditions	No LA comments received to date. Published <a href="#">here</a>
PFN6: Lorry route approvals	Wording currently being revised in the Phase 1 Note, once clarified, Phase 2a Note will be updated and shared with LAs.
PFN7: Bringing into use approvals	No LA comments received to date. Published <a href="#">here</a>
PFN8: Use of the Planning Portal	Wording currently being revised in the Phase 1 Note, once clarified, Phase 2 Note will be updated and shared with LAs.
PFN9: Decision Notice Guidance	No LA comments received to date.
PFN10: Indicative Mitigation	No LA comments received to date.

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## Phase 2a Forward Plan & Documents Tracker

Paul Gilfedder, Head of Town Planning, HS2 Ltd

# Subgroup Meetings

	Highways	Environmental Heath	Flood Water & Drainage	Heritage
Key HS2 Contacts	Peter Tomlin	Caroline Richards/Laura Setright	Jason Small	Helen Wass/Chris Jordan
Next Meeting Date	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	September 2019 (Date TBC)	Late summer	TBC



# Forward Plan

	Jan-19	Mar-19	May-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Nov-19
1.	Planning Forum Notes 5 to 8 (draft 1)	Schedule 17 Statutory Guidance - final update	Planning Forum Notes 5 to 8 - final update	Fees Regulations - update	Planning Forum Notes 11, 12 & 13	Phase 2a Planning Forum 2020 Lookahead
2.	Fee and appeal regulations - update	Consenting Numbers	Becoming a qualifying authority - update	Appeals Guidance (draft 1)	Appeals Guidance - update (response to comments)	Planning Forum Notes 11, 12 & 13 - update
3.	EMRs - any changes coming from Commons process	Planning Forum Notes 1 to 3 - final update	Class Approval - update	EMRs - final update	Becoming a qualifying authority - update	
4.		Planning Forum Note 4 - HE amendments	Planning Forum Notes 9 & 10	Planning Forum Notes 9 & 10 - update	Class Approval Statutory Consultation - update	
5.		Phase 2a Subgroups		Community & Environment Fund (CEF) and Business & Local Economy and (BLEF)		
6.				Indicative Utility Works Programme		

# Planning Forum Documents Status

Title	Status
Environmental Minimum Requirements	Confirmed at May 2018 meeting that the Forum have no comments. Assuming no changes other than Building Act CoCP change and anything coming from House of Lords process.
Appeals Regulations	Principles for the regulations presented at July 2018 meeting. No comments received from the Forum. Lawyers have been instructed to commence drafting.
Appeals guidance	Agenda item 8. Draft to be shared with the Forum for review.
Fee Regulations	Principles for the regulations presented at July 2018 meeting. No comments received from the Forum. Lawyers have been instructed to commence drafting.
Schedule 17 Statutory guidance	No comments from Forum following consultations after Sept 2019. Confirmed at March 2019 meeting that the Forum have no further comments.
Class approval	No comments from Forum following consultations in Sept 2018 and Jan 2019. Statutory consultation will take place after the House of Lords report from Committee

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# End