


Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #8 – September 2019

Date, time & Venue:	Friday 20 th September Time 13:00-15:00 Venue: Cheshire East Highways, Crewe	
Promoter Attendees:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT
Attendees:	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire Council Cheshire East Highways Highways England
Also invited/ apologies:	[REDACTED]	Highways England Highways England Highways England Cheshire East Shropshire Council Department for Transport Stoke-on-Trent City Council Stoke-on-Trent City Council Cheshire East Highways Staffordshire Council Shropshire Council
Copies:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd (Phase 2B) HS2 Ltd DfT

Item	Topic	Action owner
1.	<u>Introductions</u> All attendees introduced themselves and which organisation/highway authority they represented. Apologies received were noted.	
2.	<u>Review of Notes and Actions from Last Meeting</u> The minutes of meeting #7 were agreed Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.	
3.	<u>BAU Update</u> HS2 provided an update following on from the recent headlines in the news regarding the Oakervee review and the chairman's stock take report.	

	<p>HS2 advised that it is business as usual, the second reading of Phase 2a Bill in House of Lords passed unopposed on 9 September 2019</p> <p>And 'Carry-over motion' also passed by House of Lords before Parliament prorogued</p>	
4.	<p><u>Periodic review of Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>The Terms of Reference were reviewed, all felt that these are still relevant with no changes required at present.</p>	
5	<p><u>Areas for future Local Traffic Management Plans (LTMP)</u></p> <p>It was agreed that there would be two LTMPs for Phase 2a. One for Staffordshire and one for Cheshire East. Stoke-on-Trent and Shropshire will be combined within the appropriate LTMP.</p> <p>The purpose of the LTMP is to ensure contractors are being compliant with the requirements set out within the RTMP to ensure that no new significant adverse effect arise during construction related to temporary traffic management and construction traffic flows, above the significant effects reported in the ES.</p>	
6	<p><u>Areas for future Traffic Liaison Group meetings</u></p> <p>HS2 advised that TLG meetings will need to be established post Royal Assent. All agreed that we would continue with the Phase 2a update in the current Phase One meetings and look to have our own Phase 2a TLG from April 2020, assuming there is enough to discuss. Cheshire East would like to begin to attend some of the Staffordshire TLG meetings to understand the format and content. When work volumes are at a sufficient level we will then discuss the separate TLGs for Staffordshire and Cheshire East, with Shropshire and Stoke-on-Trent being able to attend either of these TLGs where the locality of work is relevant to that highway authority. Once TLG meetings are established, we have the option to add reasonable amendments to the terms of reference, attendance and frequency of the meetings with agreement of the participants.</p>	
7	<p><u>Highway Condition Surveys</u></p> <p>In accordance with the RTMP, prior to commencement of main civil works a highway condition survey will be carried out along the lorry routes assumed within the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Through consultation with the relevant highway authorities the highway condition survey will be carried out along the assumed lorry routes and along any parallel route to act as a reference. Surveys will be carried out along alternative lorry routes, should they be subject to an application under Schedule 17 of the HS2 Phase 2a Bill.</p> <p>Highway condition surveys will not apply to the strategic road network. Highway condition surveys will not apply to other A roads, unless subject to extraordinary traffic loadings. Local road highway condition surveys will likely apply only to approved lorry routes.</p> <p>Staffordshire county council queried if junctions of the strategic road network would be considered within the survey, HS2 advised that it is assumed that the SRN is at the required standard to cope with the vehicles on the network. HS2 to confirm the cut of off for highway condition surveys.</p>	<p>■ HS2</p>
8	<p><u>HS2 legislation related to vehicle removals</u></p> <p>Schedule 30 of the Phase 2a Bill provides powers for the nominated undertaker to remove vehicles on a highway and place them in the same street or another street, where necessary to comply with temporary stopping up submissions made under Schedule 4, either where the vehicle obstructs the works or which could be reasonably foreseen could be damaged. In cases where vehicles remain in the area temporarily stopped up, it would be necessary for a highway authority (or Police authority) to use their powers to remove the vehicle.</p>	

	<p>The highway authorities present in the meeting confirmed their processes for the removal of vehicles. Following on from queries raised on Phase One Area North, a Staffordshire police representative attended one of the Phase One AN TLG meetings to confirm the process within Staffordshire. HS2 are to inform the police by calling 101 if they have removed a vehicle and also advise the highway authority of the removal, should the owner of a removed vehicle query where their vehicle is, they are to be advised to call 101. Within Cheshire East council, they have the facility to remove vehicles via their waste department.</p> <p>Staffordshire Police did raise a concern of vehicles being placed as an obstruction by protestors, all present in the meeting agreed that this would need to be discussed on a case by case basis should the matter arise.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p><u>HS2 technical standards and guidance notes</u></p> <p>HS2 provided an update on the technical standards and guidance notes available. These included:</p> <p><u>Technical Standards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Public rights of way • Errant vehicle protection • Highway and access drainage • Bridge design basis • Viaducts and underbridges • Overbridges • Bridge design requirement • Culverts and underpasses • Fencing • Materials and durability • Civil Engineering Instrumentation and Monitoring • Temporary works • Retaining Structures • Earthworks <p><u>Guidance notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway Boundary Considerations • Highway-related Departures • Road Safety Audits • Technical Approval of Temporary Works with Highways Interface • Handover Packages for Highway Authorities • Stopping-up of Highways • Altering the Public Rights of Way Network • Application of NRSWA to HS2 • Car Parking • Secretary of State Determination of Highway Consents/Approvals • HS2 Approach to Cycling Provision • Bridge Maintenance Demarcation Lines • Technical Approval of Highway Structures • Highway Earthworks Approvals / Certification <p><u>Other HS2 highway documents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consents and Approvals Strategy – Permanent Highway Works • Consents and Approvals Procedure – Permanent Highway Works • High Speed 2 Phase One and 2a: Route-Wide Traffic Management Plan • TM and HW Forms <p>A query was raised to confirm how references to Euro codes within legislation will be affected by Brexit. HS2 advised that they foresee no immediate changes and that Euro codes will still be relevant.</p>	<p>HS2/ </p>

	Some of the above documents are classified as 'Official-Sensitive', HS2 to confirm that all highway authorities have signed the non-disclosure act before sharing documents of this classification.	
10	<p><u>Lorry Routes (Standing Item)</u></p> <p>HS2 advised that the Lorry Route accessibility assessment task was still running to programme. At the time of the meeting, both HS2 and Staffordshire county council were of the understanding that HS2s EDP had now received all outstanding data required to complete the task from Staffordshire CC.</p>	
11	<p><u>Forward Programme</u></p> <p>Items proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway authority readiness for Royal Assent • Bill update 	
12	<p><u>AOB & DONM</u></p> <p>HS2 to circulate the TRO Guidance - Paragraph 13 of Schedule 30 to all highway authorities for consultation ahead of sign off by DfT and SoS. All comments to be received by 3rd October 2019.</p> <p>Shropshire county council currently have nobody to oversee the highways elements of HS2, all communications are to continue to be sent to [REDACTED], who will circulate and share when a new person has been appointed.</p> <p>DONM - 5th November at Shropshire council offices. HS2 advised that Stoke-on-Trent had offered to host the next meeting, the location will be confirmed two weeks prior to the next meeting.</p>	