

Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #9 – November 2019

Date, time & Venue:	Tuesday 5th November 13:00-14:30 Snowhill	
Promoter Attendees:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT DfT
Attendees:	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire Council Cheshire East Highways Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Also invited/ apologies:	[REDACTED]	Highways England Highways England Highways England Highways England Cheshire East Shropshire Council Stoke-on-Trent City Council Cheshire East Highways Staffordshire Council Shropshire Council HS2 Ltd
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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 #9 were agreed. Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.	
3.	<u>Parliament & Hybrid Bill Update</u> DfT provided an update and advised that select committee would now be Early 2020 and advised that the intention is that Royal Assent would be soon after.	

	Purdah guidance will be shared by the end of the week and this can be shared with highway authorities.	
4.	<p><u>Phase 2a delivery update</u></p> <p>HS2 provided a brief update of the packages of work due to commence in 2020 and advised that Balfour Beatty have been appointed to carry out the EEW (Early Environmental Works) package and the ECW (Early Civils Works) package.</p>	
5	<p><u>Temporary highways & traffic: HS2 legislative provisions related to lorries</u></p> <p>HS2 presented information about the legislative provisions related to lorries, this includes Schedule 17, Schedule 25 and Schedule 30.</p> <p>Some additional information can be found in the below link:</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628447/E1_Control_of_Environmental_Impacts_v1.0.pdf</p> <p><u>Schedule 17</u></p> <p>Schedule 17 covers the arrangements for the use of routes to be used by large goods vehicles. The planning forum would arrange planning permission with the relevant planning authority. Schedule 17 also covers the approval by the relevant authority for mud control measures.</p> <p><u>Schedule 25</u></p> <p>Schedule 25 sets out that, with the exception of width restrictions, any order made at any time under sections 1, 9 or 14 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 which imposes a restriction on the use of heavy commercial vehicles (over 7.5t), or requirements to use a specific through route, the following provisions are added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the provision of permits, the use of which does not breach the restriction (multi trips); • the provision of emergency permits, with details to be provided set out in the legislation (where the relevant journey will take place within 8 working days) and that authorities must make arrangements for applications to be made at any time (single trips); <p>Permits must be granted if reasonably required and no condition cannot be imposed with “is likely to obstruction the carrying out of the works”</p> <p><u>Schedule 30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway authorities are required to consult the Secretary of State where a TRO is proposed which may interfere with the use of a route by Large Goods Vehicles, or any road within Act limits. These routes are (a) routes assessed in the Environmental Statement (b) routes applied for as Lorry routes under Schedule 17 of the HS2 Phase 2a Bill (c) approved routes. • Where necessary, the Secretary of State may require a highway authority to make, alter or revoke a TRO, where necessary for the purposes of construction of HS2; • If the highway authority fails to make, alter or revoke an order, the Secretary of State may do so, following consultation with the relevant highway authority. <p><u>The Environmental Statement (ES)</u></p> <p>The ES sets out the forecast flow of construction traffic (Light goods vehicles, Heavy goods vehicles and worker car trips) based on best assumptions, along with assumed routes that construction traffic would take. The ES then examines against a range of criteria if the construction activities are expected to generate significant adverse effects.</p> <p><u>Information Papers & Undertakings and Assurances</u></p> <p>The series of draft information papers which accompanied the publication of the Phase 2a Bill sets out how the provisions of the Bill are expected to work and further details with regard environmental management of the project.</p>	

	<p>In certain cases, where the provisions in the papers control the environmental and other effects of construction these will be adopted as Undertakings and Assurances.</p> <p><u>The Code of Construction Practice - CoCP</u> The draft CoCP for HS2 Phase 2a sets out measures and standards to provide effective management of potential impacts on communities and the environment during construction. Chapter 14 of the CoCP sets out the provisions and measures which must be implemented for traffic and transport, in particular, lorries.</p> <p><u>The Route-wide Traffic Management Plan - RTMP</u> The legislative provisions, information papers, the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and the Undertakings and Assurances set out what is to be done by the Nominated Undertaker to manage transport and traffic during construction, whilst the RTMP sets out how it will be done.</p>	
6	<p><u>Permanent highway works: HS2 Consents & approvals strategy & procedure</u></p> <p>HS2 presented information about the consents and approvals strategy, the six objectives of this strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective 1 – appropriate design criteria • Objective 2 – consistent approach • Objective 3 – streamlined process • Objective 4 – timely delivery • Objective 5 – avoiding conflicting stakeholder demands • Objective 6 – avoiding the need to refer disputes for determination <p>To support this strategy, there is also a consents and approvals procedure.</p>	
7	<p><u>Highway authority readiness for Royal Assent</u></p> <p>HS2 asked the authorities in attendance what they would like to be covered for future meetings regarding Highway authority readiness. It was agreed that a highways workshop would be held to review within the highways teams who will manage the temporary and permanent consents, this will also be an opportunity to explore and understand the financial burdens the authority is likely to encounter. More information regarding financial burdens can be found on the below link.</p> <p>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/701207/C12_Local_Authority_Funding_and_New_Burdens_v2.0.pdf</p>	
8	<p><u>Lorry Routes Standing Item</u></p> <p>HS2 advised that EDP are now back on programme with the Lorry Route Accessibility Assessment (LRA) since receiving the information from Staffordshire County Council.</p>	
9	<p><u>Forward Programme</u></p> <p>HS2 asked all to share any items for the forward programme between now and the next meeting.</p>	All
10	<p><u>AOB & DONM</u></p> <p>Nobody had AOB to discuss. The DONM will be 7th January at Stoke-on-Trent City Council.</p>	