


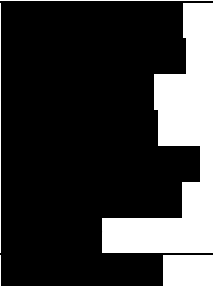

## INDEPENDENT Phase 2a Planning FORUM FOR HS2

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Phase 2a Planning Forum Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday 13 May 2020</b> <b>11:00 – 12:30 Planning Forum</b>  <b>Microsoft Teams</b> <b>(Note – a link will be added before it is circulated to the Planning Forum)</b>
<b>Independent Chair:</b>	<b>Ted Allett</b>

<b>Item</b>		<b>Lead</b>	<b>Time</b>
	Introductions	All	11:00
1	Review of previous meeting minutes and actions	All	11:15
2	2a Bill – update	HS2 Ltd	11:25
3	Community engagement - update	HS2 Ltd	11:30
4	Purpose of Indicative Mitigation PFN10	HS2 Ltd	11:35
5	Commercial SLA update	HS2 Ltd	11:55
6	Sub-group - update	HS2 Ltd	12:05
7	Forward Plan and Planning Forum Documents	HS2 Ltd	12:15
8	AOB	All	12:25
	End		12:30

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<b>Chair</b>	Ted Allett	Independent Chair
<b>HS2 Ltd Attendees:</b>		HS2 Ltd - Hybrid Bill Delivery Director (interim) HS2 Ltd - Head of Town Planning HS2 Ltd - Town Planning Lead, Phase 2 HS2 Ltd – Town Planning Manager HS2 Ltd – Town Planning Advisor HS2 Ltd – Senior Interface Manager (interim) HS2 Ltd – Senior Engagement Manager, Phase 2a HS2 Ltd –Senior Commercial Manager HS2 Ltd –Assistant Commercial Agreements Manager HS2 Ltd – Phase 2a Director

<b>Local Authority Attendees:</b>		Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (NUL) Cheshire East Council (CEC) Stafford Borough Council (SBC) Staffordshire County Council (SCC) Lichfield District Council (LDC) East Staffordshire District Council (ESC) Shropshire Council (SPC)
<b>Promoter Attendee:</b>		Department for Transport (DfT)
<b>Apologies:</b>		

Item		Action Owner
	<b>Introductions</b>  The Chair invited attendees to introduce themselves.	
<b>1</b>	<b>Review of notes &amp; actions from last meeting</b>  The previous minutes (for January, the March one having been cancelled) were agreed and will be uploaded to GOV.UK.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Phase 2a Bill – update</b>  HS2 Ltd provided an update on the Phase 2a hybrid Bill (see slide pack).  The Bill was revived in the new Parliament and a Select Committee appointed to hear the petitions submitted against the Bill. The Select Committee is chaired by Lord Hope of Craighead, a crossbench	

	<p>peer and past Deputy President of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>The Select Committee had a route tour on 11 March and started its hearings on 16 March, with three weeks of hearings planned. However, after the Promoter's opening and teach-ins on various issues, the Select Committee suspended their hearings.</p> <p>It is expected that there will be approximately two weeks of hearings when the Select Committee resumes.</p> <p>Nine petitions have already been withdrawn, leaving 26 to be heard by the Select Committee.</p> <p>Royal Assent is expected in late 2020 (Exact timings are subject to the Parliamentary timetable).</p> <p>The Chair noted that some Parliamentary Select Committees were still meeting and hearing witnesses remotely. HS2 Ltd explained that whilst the House of Lords was conducting some of its business remotely, it was so far conducting less business remotely than the House of Commons, which may be down to limited Parliamentary resources being available to support this type of working and priority being given to business in the House of Commons. Whether additional House of Lords business - including the Phase 2a Select Committee hearings - would be conducted remotely would be a matter for the House authorities in the first instance.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Community Engagement Update</b></p> <p>Outstanding actions were discussed and closed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members agreed that HS2 Ltd should use its discretion to inform members regarding engagement activities in their area (where it is relevant to that authority or geographical area).</li> <li>• SCC highlighted that the Commonplace website was out of date. HS2 Ltd agreed to continue discussions bilaterally with SCC.</li> </ul> <p>HS2 provided an update on its engagement work (see slide pack for more details). It was noted that engagement activities were limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p><b><u>Strategic Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice to Proceed on Phase One</li> <li>• Residents' Commissioner Report published in April</li> <li>• Construction Commissioner's remit extended to Phase 2a</li> <li>• Political engagement – briefings have taken place with new MPs on the line of route (Phase 2a).</li> </ul>	

	<p><b><u>Wider Community</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical Tunnelling presentations at Whitmore in February</li> <li>• Growing Spaces project in March</li> <li>• Home visits for residents (where appropriate)</li> <li>• Enquiry management and ongoing general engagement with stakeholders and petitioners</li> <li>• New and different engagement methods during COVID-19 restrictions</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Looking ahead</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update briefings by video conference</li> <li>• Archaeology presentations/webinars</li> <li>• Newsletter and updated information materials, including community websites</li> </ul> <p>HS2 Ltd reiterated that they are still open and actively engaging with all parties whilst exploring new ways to engage in the current circumstances.</p> <p>SCC raised concerns that the uptake of CEF &amp; BLEF grants from Parish Councils in Staffordshire is low. It was suggested that a presentation to Parish Councils would be more direct and might generate greater interest.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd reassured SCC that in their regular emails to Parish Councils, reference is made to CEF &amp; BLEF. However, HS2 Ltd welcomed the suggestion and agreed to consider alternatives to raise the awareness of CEF &amp; BLEF to Parish Councils.</p> <p>The Chair stressed that it was a matter of targeting the right audience which is likely to include Councils, Parish Councils, voluntary organisations and landowners.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Purpose of Indicative Mitigation Planning Forum Note (PFN) 10</b></p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided a recap on PFN 10 (see slide deck).</p> <p>HS2 Ltd informed the Forum that members, except for Shropshire Council and Staffordshire County Council, will have received a forward plan of the Early Environment Works (EEW) and the consents required under paragraph 2 and 3 of Schedule 17.</p> <p>HS2 explained that the consents would include indicative mitigation and emphasised that approval is not sought for associated mitigation works under paras 2 or 3 of Schedule 17 (e.g. the plans and specs approval being sought for ponds and wetlands). This would be covered under paragraph 9 of Schedule 17 (Bringing into Use).</p> <p>HS2 Ltd explained that PFN 10 describes the purpose and process by which</p>	

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	<p>local authority comments are to be sought. It also lists the information regarding indicative mitigation that is likely to be provided in relation to Ecology, Landscape, Community &amp; Operational Noise.</p> <p>Requests for feedback on the indicative mitigation are separate to the statutory process of determining Schedule 17 requests for approval, and feedback can be provided following determination.</p> <p>The Chair queried the status of PFN 10: HS2 Ltd confirmed that PFN 10 had been consulted on and agreed.</p>	
5	<p><b>Commercial SLA update</b></p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided an update on the current status of the Phase 2a SLA.</p> <p>The Chair sought clarification as to whether an SLA workshop between HS2 Ltd and members took place and reiterated the urgency that the local authorities revert to HS2 Ltd with their comments on the Phase One SLA.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that a workshop did not take place as members did not indicate that one was required. Subsequently, the local authorities were contacted individually for their confirmation on the Phase One SLA template which had previously been shared with them.</p> <p>SCC confirmed that their authority did not require a workshop and were in the process of finalising the SLA which will reflect an additional burden and is on the assumption that the Phase 2a SLA replicates the Phase 1 SLA.</p> <p>ESC queried the current status of the SLA and requested for it to be sent over to East Staffordshire Council. HS2 Ltd confirmed that it had already been sent and that HS2 Ltd would re-issue it.</p> <p>SCC offered assistance to members on how SCC have drafted their SLA.</p> <p><b>Action - HS2 Ltd took an action to re-circulate the SLA to ESC and to continue SLA discussions bilaterally with members.</b></p>	HS2 Ltd
6	<p><b>Subgroup Meetings</b></p> <p><u><b>Highway Subgroup</b></u></p> <p>The last meeting took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd reminded members that an email containing meeting minutes, outstanding actions and a presentation had been circulated prior to the meeting and information can also be access via GOV.UK.</p> <p><u><b>Environmental Health Subgroup</b></u></p>	

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	<p>Section 61 Guidance Note was issued to the EH Subgroup. No comments were received, and the document has now been finalised.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd have issued each Local Authority with a copy of the draft Local Environmental Management Plans (LEMPs) for their area for comment.</p> <p><b><u>Water Subgroup</u></b></p> <p>The last meeting was held on 23rd January 2020.</p> <p>The meeting proposed on 12<sup>th</sup> February was postponed, due to the occurrence of flooding that affected key attendees.</p> <p>The Environment Agency have been briefed on the scope of the Early Environmental Works and any consenting requirements. An update on consenting workload to assist member with resources and capacity is to be arranged</p> <p><b><u>Heritage Subgroup</u></b></p> <p>The last meeting took place on 4th February 2020.</p> <p>First version of the Phase 2a Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy (HERDS) was presented to members for feedback and comment.</p> <p>A briefing is proposed with LPA archaeological advisors on the process and heritage consenting requirements for the Early Environmental Works, and the wider proposals within the route wide heritage approach (RHA).</p> <p>SCC requested to be included in all emails related to Subgroup activities.</p> <p><b>Action - HS2 Ltd to inform HS2 Subgroup leads to include SCC in all Subgroup activities.</b></p>	HS2 Ltd
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Forward Plan and Planning Forum Documents</b></p> <p>HS2 provided an overview of the Forward Plan and Planning Forum Documents (see slide pack for detail).</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Action - HS2 Ltd offered a briefing to Shropshire Council on the Schedule 17 process associated with HS2.</b></p> <p><b>Action – HS2 to update calendar invites to reflect that the next meeting will be virtual.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting concluded at 12:00pm</b></p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>