Phase 2a Planning Forum

Wednesday 13th May 2020

Review of previous minutes and outstanding actions

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HS2 Phase 2A Planning Forum: Outstanding Actions – January 2020 meeting

Meeting	Date	ltem	Action	Status
#6	March	6	Reoccurring Action (DO NOT REMOVE) - HS2 Ltd to provide sub-group update and circulate Highway Subgroup meeting agenda and minutes.	Agenda Item 6. Email sent to members on 09/04/2020
#9	September	14	HS2 to update the status of the documents	Completed.
#10	January	3	HS2 Ltd to circulate all dates and invites with members in relation to local events and Parish Council briefings.	Ongoing. Agenda item 3
#10	January	3	HS2 Ltd to investigate why SCC are not receiving notifications or updates via the Commonplace email.	Ongoing. Agenda item 3
#10	January	5	HS2 Ltd to continue its efforts to arrange for the Forum to experience the VR Phase 2a fly through and send invites to members	Ongoing. Arranged for March, but later cancelled due to COVID19 we will look to rearrange.
#10	January	5	HS2 Ltd to check that forward programmes are being sent to SCC for Phase 1	Complete. Phase 1 have advised that the last communication with SCC was at the end of February and there were no items to report on the forward plan.
#10	January	5	HS2 Ltd will circulate the guidance on the removal of Qualifying Authorities for comments.	Completed. No comments received.
#10	January	11	HS2 Commercial took an action to circulate the Schedule 1 scheduled services and new burdens that were approved under Phase 1.	Completed. Email sent out to members on 23 rd September 2019.
#10	January	11	HS2 Commercial will arrange an SLA workshop with members to discuss in detail the Phase 1 SLA and amended July formula.	Agenda Item 5. Ongoing. Commercial team have chased members regarding the workshop, 2 responses have been received.
#10	January	AOB	HS2 to email calendar invites to members	Completed.

The High Speed (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill

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The High Speed (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill - House of Lords

- 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 peer and past Deputy President of the Supreme Court
- Full details of the Select Committee can be found on their website at https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/404/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-bill-select-committee-lords
- 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:

"In the light of the developing COVID-19 pandemic, the House of Lords High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill Select Committee decided not to proceed with its planned programme following its hearings on Tuesday 17 March. The progress of COVID-19 and subsequent restrictions have made the situation even more difficult than it was then. The Committee will resume hearings as soon as it reasonably can but is not yet in a position to give further details."

- We expect that there will be approximately two weeks of hearings when the Select Committee resumes
- Nine petitions have already been withdrawn, leaving 26 to be heard by the Select Committee
- Royal Assent is expected in late 2020*

^{*} Exact timings are subject to the Parliamentary timetable

Community Engagement - update

2a Community Engagement snapshot - May 2020

Strategic activity

COVID-19 impact on works, engagement and the Bill process

Notice to Proceed on Phase One

Residents' Commissioner Report published in April

Construction Commissioner's remit extended to Phase 2a

Political engagement

Wider community

Tunnelling presentations at Whitmore in February

Growing Spaces project in March

Home visits for residents where appropriate

Enquiry management and ongoing general engagement with stakeholders and petitioners

New and different engagement methods during COVID-19 restrictions

Looking ahead

Update briefings by video conference

Archaeology presentations/webinars

Newsletter and updated information materials, including community websites

Purpose of Indicative Mitigation - PFN10

Purpose of Indicative Mitigation

- Requests for approval aren't 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).
- Approval for mitigation works are made under para 9 of Schedule 17 (Bringing into Use).
- Para. 7.5.2 of the Planning Memorandum requires, where reasonably necessary, for the NU to provide an indication of any mitigation measures it proposes to seek subsequent approval for (i.e. BIU requests for approval)
- PFN 10 describes the purpose and process by which 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 & Operational Noise
- PFN10 requests for feedback are separate to the statutory process of determining Schedule 17 requests for approval, and feedback can be provided following determination
- Local Authority comments received should help to ensure that proposed mitigation is appropriate by informing the deign process and thereby reducing the risk of costly late design changes

Phase 2a Subgroup - update

Subgroup Meetings

	Highways	Environmental Heath	Flood Water & Drainage	Heritage
Key HS2 Contacts				
Next Meeting Date	7 th May 2020	June/July 2020	(TBC)	September 2020

Note: Highway subgroup meeting documents will be circulated to all members once finalised.

Phase 2a Forward Plan & Documents Tracker

Forward Plan

	13 th May-20	15 th Jul-20	16 th Sep-20	18 th Nov-20
1.	Planning Forum Notes 11 to 12 – final update	Planning Forum Note 10 - update	Planning Forum Notes 13 and 14 update	Phase 2a Planning Forum 2021 Lookahead
2.	Consenting Numbers and EEW Pre-app	S.17 Forward Plans Review	S.17 Forward Plans Review	S.17 Review & feedback
3.	Phase 2a Subgroups	Community & Environment Fund (CEF) and Business & Local Economy and (BLEF) update	Phase 2a Subgroups	LPA Context Reports
4.	Planning Forum Note 10	Planning Forum Notes 13 & 14	Planning Forum Notes 15 and 17 (TBC)	
5.		Approach to Borrow Pits		

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.
Draft Class approval	With DfT – it is expected the statutory consultation will take place after the House of Lords reports.
Appeals Regulations and Guidance	With DfT to take forward with appropriate Ministers as part of Royal Assent of the Bill
Fee Regulations	
Schedule 17 Statutory Guidance	

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