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Phase 2a Planning Forum

Wednesday 8th July 2020

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Review of previous minutes and outstanding actions

Phase 2a Planning Forum

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

Meeting	Date	Item	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.	Update will be provided at September's meeting (no subgroup meetings have taken place).
#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. This matter has been taken up bilaterally and SCC should now be receiving forward plans.
#11	May	5	HS2 Ltd (Commercial) took an action to re-circulate the SLA to ESC and to continue SLA discussions bilaterally with members.	Complete. Email sent out to members on 13/05/2020.
#11	May	6	HS2 Ltd to inform HS2 sub group leads to include SCC in all sub group activity.	Complete. Email sent out to members on 13/05/2020.
#11	May	AOB	HS2 Ltd offered a briefing to Shropshire Council on the Schedule 17 process associated with HS2.	Complete. A meeting took place on 21/05/2020
#11	May	AOB	HS2 Ltd agreed to update all calendar invites, so that members could attend virtually.	Complete. Updated on 05/06/2020

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Community Engagement - update

2a Community Engagement snapshot – July 2020

Strategic activity

Fourth progress report on delivering our strategic goal of being a good neighbour published. The report covers July to December 2019

Political engagement with MPs and local authorities

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

Communities

Line of route newsletter sent out in early June

'Meet the Expert' Archaeology presentations held for line of route parish councils

In Your Area booklets updated in digital format

Enquiry management and ongoing general engagement with stakeholders and petitioners

Safeguarding update

Looking ahead

Meet the Expert presentations on Business engagement; Skills and Education; and Ecology

Supporting utilities works on the route

Update briefings by video conference

Update information materials, including community websites

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CEF & BLEF update July 2020

CEF & BLEF latest facts & figures (Phase One)

Projects on the interactive map (as of 26th June 2020);

- 118 projects worth over £7.14m.
- 4 CEF Strategic projects, 6 BLEF projects & 108 CEF Local projects.

Projects not on the interactive map

- There are also a further 31 projects totalling £1.94m that have been approved internally 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 £19m.

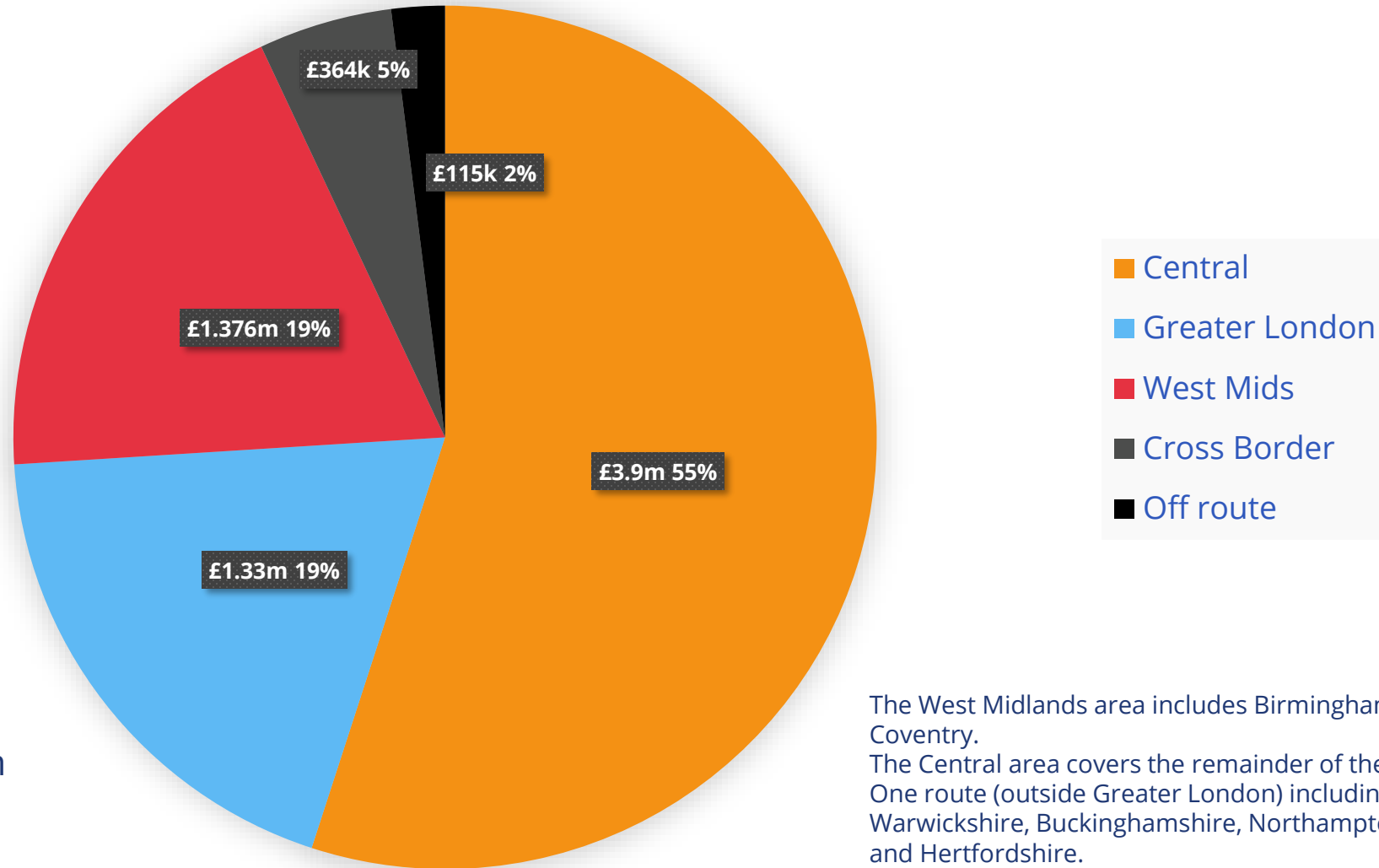


Map key;

- Blue - Existing projects
- Yellow - New projects added this month
- Green - Completed projects
- Square - Strategic projects

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

Breakdown of £7.14m of funding by geographical area



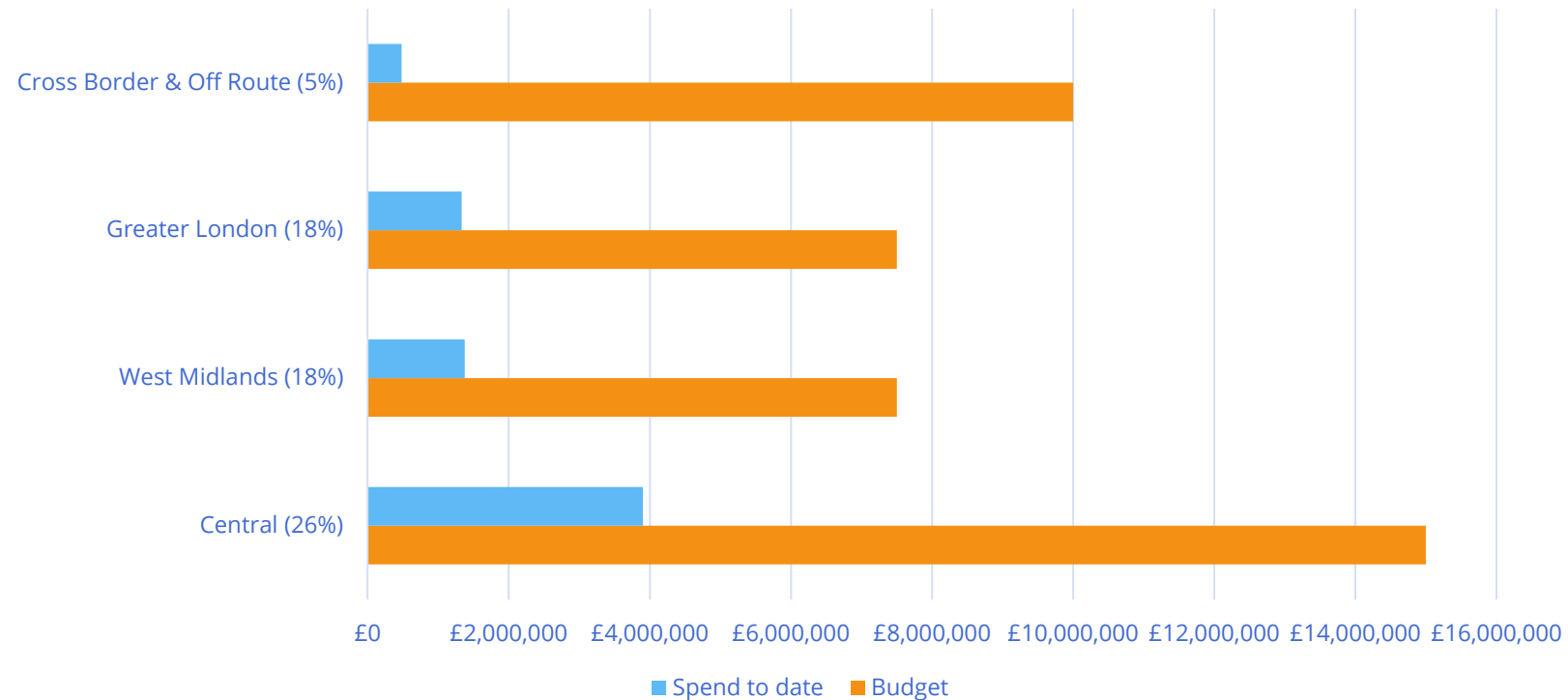
Area Allocations over 11 years:

- 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.



Breakdown of spend to date against geographical allocations



Priority areas

- On a monthly basis we look at the spread of awards and review which areas should be considered 'priority areas' for engagement and communications to ensure an even spread of funding along the line of route.
- We consider priorities by geography as well as award type. Currently our priorities for Phase One are;

London Borough of
Ealing

London Borough of
Hillingdon

London Borough of
Hammersmith & Fulham

Staffordshire (Lichfield &
Tamworth)

Northamptonshire (Banbury)

BLEF Projects

Environmental Projects

Recent project news

Renowned Camden culinary street latest to benefit from HS2's Business Fund with £650,000 award

<https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/news/renowned-camden-culinary-street-latest-to-benefit-from-hs2s-business-fund-with-gbp-650-000-award>



Buckinghamshire Scout campsite secures over £217,000 from HS2's Community Fund

<https://mediacentre.hs2.org.uk/news/embargoed-buckinghamshire-scout-campsite-secures-over-gbp-217-000-from-hs2s-community-fund>

Other project examples;

Quainton Windmill

Quainton Parish Council were awarded **£10,000** to restore Quainton Windmill to its former glory. The Parish Council are working with Quainton Windmill Society, which was formed in 1974, by a group of volunteers who work to maintain and restore the windmill to full working order.



Road Farm Countryways

Road Farm Countryways CIC were awarded **£74,950** to refurbish an existing run down barn in the farmyard to provide a large accessible changing room facility with new toilet facilities and to help to restore a traditional old building on the farm which can then be used as a training and workshop facility.

Other project examples;

Connect Digbeth

The Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs (iSE) project, awarded **£73,887** aims to target 50 social enterprises, small businesses and third sector organisations in the Digbeth Social Enterprise Quarter and support them to respond positively to the challenges and expected disruption of HS2 construction in the communities surrounding the Curzon Street station development.



Birmingham Civic Society

Birmingham Civic Society have received **£44,500** CEF funding will provide tree planting opportunities in locations within Birmingham over 2 and a half years. The locations are within communities who will experience disruption during the construction of HS2. They will work in partnership with Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Tree People.

Recent programme changes (12th June 2020)

These programme changes will also apply to the Phase 2a £5m allocation, once launched, at Royal Assent.

1) Cap to the CEF Strategic and large BLEF project award level - £250k

2) New £2.9m notional annual funding budget cap for all awards, including those under £75,000

3) Development of CEF Strategic Application Process- 'EOIs' become 'Stage Ones'

4) Partnership Funding- stipulation of 40% funding only for project partner

5) Level of supplementary information from applicants- further guidance on what is acceptable

Any questions?

Contact details

The Funds website; https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/grants_hs2-funds/

Contact details for enquires; HS2funds@groundwork.org.uk Tel; 0121 237 5880

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Borrow Pits

Agenda

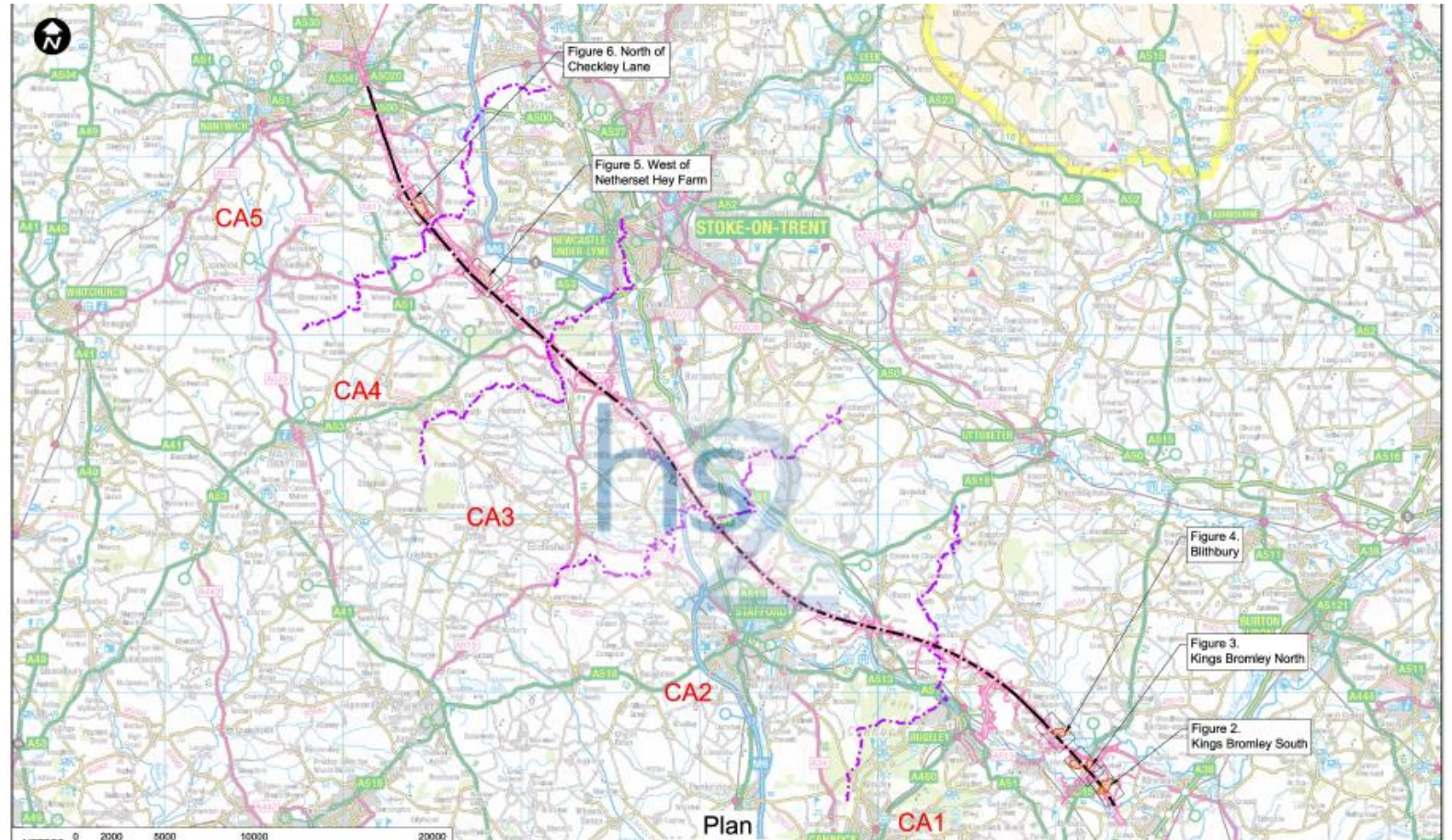
- What is a Borrow Pit
- Locations
- Control and Governance
- Operation
- Restoration



Locations

The Phase 2a Bill proposes 6 Borrow Pits:

- Kings Bromley (South)
 - Kings Bromley (North 1)
 - Kings Bromley (North 2)
 - Blithbury
 - West of Netherset Hey Farm
 - North of Checkley Lane
- Assurances have been given over use / sizes of borrow pits as part of Parliamentary process.



Control and Governance

Schedule 17 Consent Process

Local Environmental Management Plan Produced in line with CoCP and EMR's

HS2 & Contractor prepares and operates Environment Management System

Dust Control regime in place

Full Surveys carried out ahead of commencement:

- Environmental, Topo, hydrological and hydrogeological, archaeological etc

Boundary Features Protected

Temporary Diversions of PRow

Top soil and sub-soil stripped and stored

Operation

Sands and Gravels excavated sequentially in Layers in Zones

Zones may be excavated in sequence

Excavated materials may be processed (crushing / blending) on site

Excavated materials transported to place of deposit via haul routes

Void created will be backfilled with material excavated elsewhere

Backfill materials may be stored in a temporary stockpile before being placed

Monitoring will take place during operations

Restoration

Provide a landscape able to serve the same function as before construction

Borrow pit areas made available to be returned to original land use, predominantly agricultural

Limited number of other engineering features are located within the extent of a limited number of borrow pits

No additional formal public access other than existing PRow

Details of backfill confirmed at detailed design

Assumed that use of approx. 500m sub soil and 300mm top soil, subject to detailed design

Landscape restored in a sympathetic and appropriate manner

Planting and Habitat establishment, including hedgerows, field trees etc

Committed aftercare period and aftercare plans

Period of monitoring



Further Information

Phase 2a Environmental Statement

Volume 1: Introduction and methodology – Section 6.10.8

Volume 3: SES2 & AP2 ES: Route Wide Effects – Section 12.2.25

Volume 5: Technical appendices: Borrow pits restoration strategy (CT-009-000)



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Waste & Spoil Disposal and Excavation from Borrow Pits - PFN15

Schedule 17 - Waste and Spoil Disposal and Borrow Pits

- Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 17 sets out the legal framework for the approval of waste and spoil disposal and excavation from borrow pits.
- These are matters for County and Unitary authorities who are qualifying authorities under the planning regime.
- Paragraph 7 covers plans and specification approval, whilst paragraph 8 is for site restoration. Approval under both paragraphs is required before works can start on site.



Schedule 17 - Waste and Spoil Disposal and Borrow Pits

Paragraph 7 – Plans and Specification

Grounds for determination

- Design or external appearance
- Methods by which sites or pits are worked
- Noise, dust, vibration or screening arrangements

- Where outside LoD or land not in Schedule 6, the development ought to and could reasonably be carried out elsewhere to:
 - Preserve local environment / local amenity
 - Prevent / reduce prejudicial effects on road safety / on the free flow of traffic in the local area
 - Preserve a site of archaeology / historic interest / nature conservation value

Paragraph 8 – Site Restoration

Grounds for determination

- That the scheme ought to be modified, and is reasonably capable of being modified

Note that:

- Paragraph 12 approval not required
- Can include aftercare provision

Draft PFN 11 – Waste and Spoil Disposal and Borrow Pits

- Proposed PFN to provide guidance on the following:
 - Overview
 - Clarifications
 - Content of Submissions:
 - Guidance on drawings
 - Written Statement and Works Method Statement
 - Site Restoration and Aftercare Plan
 - Decision Making
- Aim to circulate draft PFN 15 by end of July with three weeks for comments, with discussion at the next Planning Forum meeting on the response and any proposed changes



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Site Restoration Schemes- PFN11

PFN11 – Site Restoration

Paragraph 12 – Site Restoration

- Schedule 17 paragraph 12: after discontinuation of use of any site, restore the site in accordance with a scheme agreed with the local planning authority.
- Submit scheme for agreement within 4 months of the discontinuation of the use the site (12(3))
- Obligation to discontinue use of site as soon as reasonably practicable (para 11)
- Planning memo obligation to use reasonable endeavours to submit scheme for agreement prior to discontinuation of site (para 7.5.4).
- Presumption that land will be restored to its former condition, unless part of permanent footprint, or required for mitigation.
- Site may be handed back to owner/ other to develop in accordance with an existing consent, or handed on to a follow-on HS2 contractor.



PFN11 – Site Restoration

- Matters may be reserved for subsequent agreement (12(6)).
- Determination by SoS in the event of non-agreement.
- Restoration of waste and soil disposal sites and borrow pits: Sch 17, para 8.
- Restoration of ancillary works in a highway subject to completion to reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority (Sch 32, paragraph 14).



PFN11 – Site Restoration

Proposed PFN

- General provisions relating site restoration submissions under para 12
- The content and format of site restoration schemes
- Works where site restoration under para 12 are not required
 - Proposed that very minor works such as restoration of boreholes would not be subject to an agreement unless it is proposed not to restore the borehole surface to its former condition.
- Submitted restoration scheme may form part of overall mitigation scheme for scheduled works requiring approval prior to bringing into use.
- Level of detail in submitted scheme will vary depending on proposed end-use.
- Does not deal with site restoration schemes in relation to waste and soil disposal sites and excavation of bulk materials from borrow pits (PFN 11)

Draft PFN will be circulated, comments welcome

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Phase 2a Forward Plan & Documents Tracker

Forward Plan

	8 Jul-20	Sep-20	Nov-20		
1.	Planning Forum Note 10 - update	Planning Forum Notes 9, 12 and 15 update	Phase 2a Planning Forum 2021 Lookahead		
2.	S.17 Forward Plans Review	S.17 Forward Plans Review	S.17 Review & feedback		
3.	Community & Environment Fund (CEF) and Business & Local Economy and (BLEF) update	Phase 2a Subgroups	LPA Context Reports		
4.	Planning Forum Notes 11 & 15	Planning Forum Notes 13 and 14 (TBC)	Planning Forum Notes 13 and 14 update (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	

Planning Forum Note Overview

Planning Forum Note	Date presented	Date approved	Published	Comments
PFN1: Contents of submissions & standard templates	26/11/2018	13/03/2019	Y	
PFN2: Drawings for plans & specifications approvals	26/11/2018	13/03/2019	Y	
PFN3: Written statements & DAS'	26/11/2018	13/03/2019	Y	
PFN4: Consultation	26/11/2018	08/05/2019	Y	
PFN5: Model conditions	16/01/2019	10/05/2019	Y	
PFN6: Lorry route approvals	16/01/2019	TBC		
PFN7: Bringing into use approvals	16/01/2019	10/05/2019	Y	
PFN8: Use of the planning portal	16/01/2019	TBC		
PFN9: Decision notice guidance	08/05/2019	TBC	N	
PFN10: Indicative mitigation	08/05/2019	01/08/2019	Y	
PFN11: Site restoration schemes	18/09/2019	08/07/2020	N	No comments received by 18th Oct 2019 deadline (see email dated 20.09.2019)
PFN12: Engagement with statutory consultees	18/09/2019	TBC	N	No comments received by 18th Oct 2019 deadline (see email dated 20.09.2019)
PFN13: Guidance on pre-application engagement	18/09/2019	TBC	N	
PFN14: Operational Noise	TBC	TBC	N	
PFN15: Waste and soil disposal and excavation from borrow pits	08/07/2020	TBC	N	Sent out for comments on XX/07/2020???
	To be confirmed			
	Awaiting Phase 1 outcome			

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