

# MEETING MINUTES

## HS2 Chiltern AONB Review Group

<b>Meeting Date / Time:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Chiltern District Council Offices
<b>Meeting Type:</b>	Review Group Meeting #19
<b>Organisations in Attendance:</b>	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC), Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB), Chiltern District Council (CDC), Department for Transport (DfT), Natural England (NE), HS2 Ltd, EK, Moxon

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Title, Organisation</b>
Ifath Nawaz	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Catherine Murray	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Helen Hall	Programme Manager, Review Group (RGPM)
Jonathon Bellars	Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
Lucy Murfett	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Neil Jackson	Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Tom Hinds	Chair, Department for Transport (DfT)
Liz Bingham	Natural England (NE)
Peter	Natural England (NE)
Jackie Copcutt	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
Nikita Harrison	HS2
Simon Matthews	EK
Rob Kitchen	EK
Ben Addy	Moxon

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Action/ Owner</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>B.</b>	<p><b>Review of Minutes and Actions</b></p> <p>1. Minutes from meeting #18 approved</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>Moxon provided an update on the OLE design: They are being created in test yards in Wales and Manchester for testing to be done next 4 years. Network rail are in discussions for the Contractors system which will require a tender for special OLE masts in particular locations. They will be cost neutral.</p> <p>AVDC reminded that landscape issues apply along the line and there should be consistency.</p>	

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	<p>CCB reminded everyone of the AONB as a designated landscape has 'special treatment' for design. AVDC advised they felt it should be across the line and not just in the AONB</p> <p>Get copies of DDP printed locally</p>	<p><b>RGPM</b></p>
<p><b>C.</b></p>	<p>Update from EK on Designs</p> <p>Advised that notice to proceed is December 2019</p> <p>Detailed designs for the Calvert area is starting earlier</p> <p>Meetings are being held with Parishes in July to provide updates</p> <p>They are looking at common design elements for noise barriers</p> <p>Programme of land possession active from July</p> <p>Construction of points off the highways and logistics routes will start end of the year, with more information events in the Great Missenden Area.</p> <p><i>Wendover Dene</i></p> <p>Materials are confirmed as weathered steel with a dark matt appearance</p> <p>They advised that they are developing landscaping, reviewing filtration ponds and land drainage to minimise the impact of the ponds, by breaking them up and keeping to contours to minimise land take.</p> <p>They advised they were working on hedgerow patterns where land use changes occurred and slope changes to allow for a landscape led approach.</p> <p>Contour plans and cross sections would be provided as part of schedule 17</p> <p>DDP Adherence: longer span lengths, minimal clutter at base of piers</p> <p>Pier protection through circular area of rock to prevent damage by farming activities</p> <p><i>Small Dene</i></p> <p>Terracing landscape features and vehicle restraint barriers</p> <p>There will be a planning application and underpass needed</p> <p>Different vegetation needed on terraces, with harder treatments under the structure, possibly artificial</p> <p>CCB commented that there was some potential with different treatments and could be an interesting concept</p> <p>EK advised the success will be in its simplicity</p> <p>Indicated end of Q4 2019 for planning application</p> <p><i>Green Tunnel</i></p> <p>Masked by landscape features, with the portal building looking at weathering steel materials</p>	

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	<p><i>South Heath Cutting</i></p> <p>Noise barrier at Wendover, concerns over views from Coombe Hill</p> <p>Road surface on A413 looking to reduce construction noise and possibly reduce need for noise barrier</p> <p>The cement mix was confirmed as being Portland</p> <p>Wendover Link – the AP was looking unlikely as the land was being restored back to original use and cricket ground retained.</p> <p>Maintenance Access Strips were described as 2m strip of grassed maintained access, EK to confirm more detailed designs and if access for PROW could be investigated.</p> <p>Mass-haul was described as being reduced by 10%, advising that intrusive works on Grimms Ditch hadn't started yet, but they were possibly looking to put in a retaining wall.</p>	EK
D.	<p>Ridgeway Connections Additional Project</p> <p>Sarah Wright from the Ridgeway Partnership talked through the proposal for the AP funding.</p> <p>The HS2 money would be used to realise the first phase of the Ridgeway Riding route.</p> <p>Support from RG members to proceed with the project was granted.</p> <p>Also a request from RG members to look if more could be achieved, which SW said she would go and take a look at with the RGPM.</p> <p><i>Decluttering the Misbourne Additional Project Discussion</i></p> <p>CCB explained about the National Grid match funding for applications for decluttering projects.</p> <p>It was felt from RG members that there was overlap with existing AP funding for the Landscape Connectivity project.</p> <p>The application for the feasibility project funding was rejected and advised further details be developed along with Councils reviewing their own signage clutter within the AONB</p>	RGPM
H.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>none</p>	

**Next meeting:** November 2019