

MEETING MINUTES

HS2 Chiltern AONB Review Group

Meeting Date / Time:	28 th June 2018
Meeting Location:	Aylesbury Vale District Council Offices
Meeting Type:	Review Group Meeting #15
Organisations in Attendance:	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, ALIGN, EK, LUC

Attendees:	Title, Organisation
Nik Smith	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Richard Hannay	LUC Landscape for Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Catherine Murray	Historic adviser to 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)
James Boag	Senior Interface Manager, Central Area HS2 Ltd
Liz Bingham	Natural England (NE)
Imogen Parker	Natural England (NE)
Simon Matthews	Eiffage Kier (EK)
Alan Price	ALIGN
Diane Metcalf	ALIGN
Robert Kitchen	Arcadis
Ben Addy	Moxon (EK)

Item	Title	Action/ Owner
A.	Introductions	
B.	Review of Minutes and Actions 1. Minutes from meetings #14 approved	
C.	Additional Projects: Update provided by the RGPM on the status of the additional projects feasibility mapping work, raised that data requests had been made to HS2 to help support the mapping project. NE are providing details on local area projects to help inform the feasibility mapping project	
D	EiffageKier Update	

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	<p>The following notes are taken of general discussions so are not verbatim. SM provided an update on design progress indicating 60% was complete of the C2 elements. They would be looking for a notice to proceed in June 2019. They advised they are hosting public exhibitions in July and August. Working groups have been set up in Wendover on Hydrology. EK introduced updates on the viaduct designs and explained the commonality between them. CM asked if the concrete could be stained a colour? EK advised they weren't looking at staining due to controlling the colour cast, the cement would be pale similar to chalk. NE asked about if different supply options would be presented EK advised that there would be a tender for where to get aggregates from within the supply chain to deliver what is needed for HS2 RH advised that the structures should be crisp and matt in appearance AVDC raised the importance of consistency of finish if pre-cast structures EK advised that security fencing should flow down and not step down, so reflecting natural landscape form RH raised the possibility of a workshop to look at Small Dene viaduct and the treatment of the landscape underneath the viaduct. NE asked whether a 'mansafe' system could be used instead of fencing for maintaining a green roof on the portal; EK queried whether HS2's technical standards allowed this. It was agreed that a visualisation of how the portal will look from the overbridge would help to inform the need for such a roof</p> <p>The portal was looked at and also the viewing platform, there was concern amongst members that the fencing required for the viewing platform didn't distract from the design of the portal or be obstructive in the landscape.</p> <p>RGPM suggested looking at the Wendover tunnel and link as a possible viewing area combined with the DDP proposals on further recreation access along this link.</p> <p>EK- HS2 are still reviewing if green roof buildings are acceptable</p> <p>EK presented design ideas on overbridges Questions were asked about whether the kerb stones were necessary as they were against the recommendations in the DDP of being in-keeping with local roads. Concerns were raised by CDC about the character of the overbridges presented not in keeping with the local character.</p> <p>NE also encouraged further consideration of these structures, given that the sunken lanes which they affect are a special quality of the AONB</p>	EK/HS2
E	<p>ALIGN Update The following notes are taken of general discussions so are not verbatim. Align introduced the North Portal design, it was a box pile construction due to ground conditions and moved 50m closer to Wendover</p>	

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	This could create a new habitat and bunded area RH questioned if this was the end design solution, as the exposed portal tunnels were not appealing There were also some updates given on the Chalfont St Peter Headhouse	
F	AOB none	

Next meeting: 20th September 2018