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Phase 2a Planning Forum

Wednesday 23rd September 2020

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Review of previous minutes and outstanding actions

Phase 2a Planning Forum

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.	Agenda item 4.
#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.
#12	July	3	HS2 Ltd agreed to provide follow up email to Shropshire Council with links to information contained within the slide deck	Completed by IA.
#12	July	5	HS2 agreed to take an action to consult internal specialists with regards to quality of agricultural land that will be restored	Complete. Email sent to CEC and SCC on 04/08/2020. The relevant information can be found in the Phase 2a Information Paper: E19: SOIL HANDLING FOR LAND RESTORATION https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/828984/E19_Soil_handling_for_land_restoration_v1.1.pdf
#12	July	5	HS2 Ltd to re-number <u>PFNs</u> to ensure consistency with Phase 1	Complete. Email sent out on 28/07/2020
#12	July	7	HS2 Ltd to circulate PFN11 and PFN15 by 31 July for comments	Agenda item 6 (PFN 11 & 15 delayed).
#12	July	7	HS2 Ltd to circulate PFN9 by the end of 31 July for comments.	Agenda item 6 (PFN 11 & 15 delayed).
#12	July	8	HS2 Ltd to email members with information on how to access shapefiles and the main changes that have taken place.	Complete. Email sent on 10/07/2020
#12	July	8	HS2 Ltd to seek further clarity from <u>DfT</u> as to whether local authorities can receive advanced notice of safeguarding updates and the amount of change.	Complete. Email sent on 28/07/2020. Feedback received.

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The High Speed (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill

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

- The Select Committee considering the 36 petitions against the Bill in the House of Lords held virtual hearings in July and virtual/hybrid hearings in September, and is expected to complete its public hearings on 23 September.
- Full details of the Select Committee can be found on their website [here](#).
- Of the 36 petitions submitted against the Bill, just 15 (42%) appeared before the Select Committee, the remainder having settled with the remainder or they having decided not to appear or to withdraw their petition.
- After its last public hearing the Select Committee will meet in private as necessary to deliberate and then publish a report with their recommendations. At that point, the Select Committee will formally have finished its work.
- The Bill will then continue through its remaining 'normal' public Bill stages in the House of Lords – Grand Committee, Report and Third Reading*.
- The Government will respond to the Select Committee report in due course, in advance of Third Reading.
- Royal Assent is expected in late 2020*

** Exact timings are subject to the Parliamentary timetable*

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Community Engagement - update

2a Community Engagement snapshot

Strategic activity

House of Lords Select Committee hearings concluding today

COVID-19 impact on face to face engagement

Formal start of construction on Phase One

Continued political engagement

Wider community

Archaeology online presentations

Ongoing engagement activity stakeholders and petitioners

Responding to safeguarding refresh queries

Community websites updated

Support for survey activity

Looking ahead

CEF/BLEF and Skills, Education and Employment, Business and ecology online presentations

Web based land and property surgeries

Supporting route-wide ground investigation surveys

Royal Assent communications

Managing community expectations

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Sub group - update

Subgroup Meetings

	Highways	Environmental Heath	Flood Water & Drainage	Heritage
Key HS2 Contacts				
Next Meeting Date	7 th October 2020	November 2020	(TBC)	November 2020

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

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Class approval - update

Class approval – next steps

- statutory consultation on the Class Approval will begin after the HoL SC reports
- this is expected to be in October but this is not confirmed yet as it depends on the SC
- the consultation will last four weeks
- the intention is that the class approval will be made as soon as practical after RA



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Context Reports

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This Planning Context Report provides an overview of HS2 works that will take place within each 2a Local Authority area and a programme for making requests for approval under Schedule 17.

The reports will contain:

- Overview of HS2 Planning Regime
- Overview of key works to be carried out in LPA area
- Operational Phase and Construction Phase plans for all works to be carried out in LPA area
- High level programme of works

Phase 1 Context Reports can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-context-reports-for-hs2-phase-one>



Context Reports

Timeline:

- October/November 2020 – Preparation of draft Context Reports
- Late 2020 – Royal Assent
- February 2021 – Context Reports issued to LPA's and County Councils
- January 2021 – First S.17 submitted for approval (at present, Forward Plans are based on Dec RA with first submissions by end of Jan 21)

- Note: No Schedule 17 submission can be submitted, until a programme of consents / information is provided to the local authority. This is a requirement to the Bill and in the Planning Memorandum, which states under paragraph 1.1.7 *“The nominated undertaker will work with qualifying authorities to support the determination of requests for approval, which will include early and constructive engagement, in accordance with obligations set out in this Memorandum”.*



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Phase 2a Forward Plan & Documents Tracker

Forward Plan

	Nov-20	Jan-21	March-21		
1.	Phase 2a Planning Forum 2021 Lookahead	Royal Assent Update	S.17 Submissions		
2.	S.17 Forward Plan review	LPA Context Reports	Sub Group update		
3.	Sub Groups update	S.17 Forward Plans			
4.	Planning Forum Notes update	Planning Forum Notes update			
5.	EEW review				

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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