

## Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #13 – July 2020

<b>Date, time &amp; Venue:</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July MS Teams	
<b>Promoter Attendees:</b>	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT
<b>Attendees:</b>	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire County Council Cheshire East Highways Highways England Shropshire Council
<b>Also invited/ apologies:</b>	[REDACTED]	Shropshire Council Cheshire East Highways Staffordshire County Council Stoke on Trent City Council
<b>Copies:</b>	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT

Item	Topic
1.	<p><b><u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p>All attendees introduced themselves and which organisation/highway authority they represented. Apologies received were noted.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Review of Notes and Actions from Last Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of meeting #12 were agreed. Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>DfT Update</u></b></p> <p>DfT advised that the House of Lords (HoL) Select Committee sat virtually on Monday 20th July and was given a teach-in on HS2 noise impacts and mitigation. The Committee will start to hear petitioners virtually from Wednesday 22nd July and aiming to complete hearings in September. The nature of sittings in September will depend on the extent of COVID-19 safety measures that are in place, and will be determined by the Committee in due course. DfT are continuing to work towards achieving Royal Assent by the end of the year.</p>

	DfT advised all that the work on the road safety fund is still ongoing and an update will be given before Royal Assent.
4.	<p><b><u>Phase 2a Update &amp; Programme headlines</u></b></p> <p>HS2 gave an overview of the current status within the Phase 2a delivery team and advised that petition hearings would be resuming the following week via video conference and that those petitions not being heard virtually would be held face to face in September depending on the status of Covid-19.</p> <p>A brief summary of the works happening on site was given, HS2 advised that surveys were due to commence imminently with the final access arrangements being arranged. The Early Environmental Works would be commencing in September under the Housing and Planning Act. The next package of Ground Investigation works would be commencing in Autumn 2020, also under the Housing and Planning Act.</p> <p>The Local Traffic Management Plans were in review with HS2 and would shortly be with the contractors ahead of the Highway Authority consultation.</p> <p>The Schedule 17 application for lorry routes task has commenced with meetings scheduled with the relevant authorities.</p> <p>The task brief for the Route Management, Improvement and Safety Plan (RoMIS) would be being shared with HS2s Engineering Delivery Partner (EDP) later that week.</p>
5	<p><b><u>Green Corridor</u></b></p> <p>Awaiting slides.</p>
6	<p><b><u>Traffic Liaison Group Meetings (TLGs)</u></b></p> <p>The key objective of the TLG meetings will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enable consultation on the temporary traffic management programme and submissions;</li> <li>• enable the highway authority to carry out its obligations to ensure there is a co-ordinated approach to traffic management in their area;</li> <li>• ensure that local authorities, emergency services and bus operators are aware of programmed construction activities that could have an impact on the local and SRN or other strategic routes;</li> <li>• deal with relevant construction traffic issues; and</li> <li>• oversee workforce travel management, unless a subgroup is established.</li> </ul> <p>Meetings in one highway authority area may include attendance from a representative of the adjoining highway authority areas.</p> <p>The group discussed beginning the Phase 2a TLG meetings and agreed that September would be a good time for these to commence. The first TLG would be held as a joint meeting with all authorities and appointed contractors to establish the meeting Terms of Reference (TORs). At this stage it is assumed that the majority of work will fall in Staffordshire, the group agreed that joint TLGs may be the most effective way to work initially and then separate the authority TLGs when the work volumes justify doing so.</p>
7	<p><b><u>Annual Meeting update</u></b></p> <p>Due to the status of Covid-19, the Annual Meeting for Parish and District Councils would not be able to go ahead in the Summer as a face to face meeting as initially intended. HS2 sought preference from the Parish and District councils to determine if a face to face or virtual meeting would be the preferred choice, with the responses received, the majority had said a face to face meeting would be the preferred option. HS2 would be sharing the meeting details in the coming weeks.</p>
8	<p><b><u>Lorry Routes</u></b></p> <p>HS2 advised that the Schedule 17 lorry route application is underway and conversations have begun with the relevant authorities. Staffordshire CC mentioned that the initial start up meeting has been held and that they have concerns with all lorry routes being applied for in one application and feel this could be a strain on the authority to have all routes reviewed and approved by the end of the year. HS2 reassured Staffordshire CC that through the pre-application conversations, any complex routes will be discussed and if necessary submitted for approval later on in the application process.</p> <p>Shropshire Council raised concerns from Woore Parish Council regarding one of the proposed routes, HS2 advised that this wasn't the correct forum to be discussing specific locations, HS2 advised that if a Highway Authority wished to propose a new route as part of a Schedule 17 application, the authority would need to</p>

	demonstrate an alternative route is viable for HS2 to then be able to assess the route against the Environmental Minimum requirements (EMRs) to determine compliance with the Environmental Statement (ES).
9	<b><u>Forward Programme &amp; Future Meeting dates</u></b> The agenda items and dates for future meetings were discussed and all were asked to share any requests for future meetings via email if they didn't have suggestions at the time of the meeting.
10	<b><u>Any other Business</u></b> Highways England suggested it would be good for a joint meeting again soon with Staffordshire County Council regarding the ground investigation work at Hanchurch.