

Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #14 – October 2020

Date, time & Venue:	Wednesday 7 th October (14:00-15:30) MS Teams	
Promoter Attendees:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT
Attendees:	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire County Council Cheshire East Highways Cheshire East Highways Highways England
Also invited/ apologies:	[REDACTED]	Shropshire Council Shropshire Council Cheshire East Highways Staffordshire County Council Stoke on Trent City Council DfT
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Item	Topic
1.	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>All attendees introduced themselves and which organisation/highway authority they represented. Apologies received were noted. Values moment by HS2 Ltd focused on the shift in weather and uncertainty around COVID, ensuring our safety and wellbeing is at the front of our minds.</p>
2.	<p><u>Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling and walking in England and LTN1/20</u></p> <p>A DfT Policy Adviser from the Cycling and Walking Division provided an update on the guidance for cycling and walking published in July 2020. This stems from the uptake in cycling and walking during the national lockdown.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTN 1/20 is a comprehensive update of LTN 2/08 • Reallocating road space: statutory guidance on giving more space for cycling and walking • Schemes must meet this guidance to secure government funding • Summary principle 22: know when it is appropriate to break these principles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclists must be treated as vehicles not pedestrians • Active Travel England is the new inspectorate body who has a role in scrutinising scheme design. Form, function and funding required will be confirmed following the spending review.
3.	<p><u>Review of Notes and Actions from Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of meeting #13 were agreed. Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.</p>
4.	<p><u>DfT Update</u></p> <p>HS2 Ltd advised on behalf of DfT that the petition hearings in the House of Lords had completed and the Select Committee report is to be expected by the end of October.</p>
5.	<p><u>Phase 2a Update & Programme headlines</u></p> <p>HS2 gave an overview of the current status within the Phase 2a delivery team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First draft of the RoMIS has been received from EDP this week and is being reviewed by HS2 staff • Schedule 17 application for lorry routes is underway with further meetings being held this week (WC 5/10/2020) • The first Phase 2a TLG will be held on Tuesday 13th October • GI WP4 works are due to start in the coming weeks • Utilities GI works are ongoing • EEW survey works have commenced • ECW1 designer appointment is imminent
6.	<p><u>LTMP Consultation</u></p> <p>The GI and Early works LTMPs have completed the final round of governance and have been shared with the contractors for review.</p> <p>The overarching LTMP is also complete and is awaiting the final governance acceptance. Once accepted, these will then be shared with the HA's for consultation.</p>
7.	<p><u>Highway Condition Surveys</u></p> <p>HS2 appointed TRL to advise on the scope and management of highway condition data. TRL issued a report to HS2, this cannot be shared due to the commercially sensitive data contained within the report. There are 6 survey types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Flow counters • Shape using scanner survey (surface condition) • Visual condition using video survey (surface condition) • Friction using SCRIM surveys (surface condition) • Deflectograph or falling weight (structural condition) • GPR surveys supplemented by Coring samples (structural condition) <p>Highway condition data is limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumed lorry routes in the ES or actual lorry routes • B class roads or below, on the presumption that the function of A class roads is to move large goods traffic. <p>Initial surveys are due to commence Q1 2021.</p> <p>A claims form is currently being discussed with the Phase One Highways Sub Group and comments still awaited from the lead highway authority.</p>
8.	<p><u>Lorry Routes</u></p> <p>HS2 provided an update on the current status of the Schedule 17 lorry route applications and advised all that the conversations with the HS2 Engineering Delivery partner are still ongoing to develop the submission. A meeting was held with Staffordshire County Council on 6th October to introduce the initial proposals and gauge feedback. A meeting with Cheshire East Highways is being rescheduled.</p>

	It is still the intention for HS2 to submit one single application for the Lorry Routes and it's hoped the submissions can be made circa March/April 2021 following positive pre-application conversations.
9.	<p><u>Periodic review of technical standards</u></p> <p>Work by HS2 Ltd to review new or revised DMRB documents nearly complete</p> <p>Confirming references to specific sections, schedules, parts and tables etc in anticipation of Royal Assent.</p> <p>LTN 1/20 replaces LTN 2/08.</p>
10.	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>PROW discussion before December – HS2 to coordinate with the HA's and their PROW departments.</p>