

Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #16 – February 2021

Date, time & Venue:	Thursday 4 th February 2021 (10:00 – 10:30) MS Teams	
Promoter Attendees:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd DfT DfT HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
Attendees:	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire County Council Staffordshire County Council Cheshire East Highways Cheshire East Highways Shropshire Council
Also invited/ apologies:	[REDACTED]	Shropshire Council Stoke on Trent City Council HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd Highways England
Copies:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd

Item	Topic
1 & 2	<u>Introductions & Values Moment</u> All attendees introduced themselves and which organisation/highway authority they represented. Apologies received were noted. Values moment by HS2 Ltd focused on the importance of taking time away from the desk.
3.	<u>Review of Actions from last meeting</u> The minutes of meeting #15 were agreed. Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.
4.	<u>Update by DfT</u> Royal Assent is expected imminently, an update on the latest parliamentary activity was given.

5.	<p><u>Phase 2a Update</u></p> <p>HS2 presented a high-level summary of the current headlines within the Phase 2a delivery programme. Ground Investigation work Package 4 (GI WP4) is ongoing and it is likely that there will be 15 locations that need traffic management/Schedule 4 consent post Royal Assent. Upcoming meetings have arranged between the relevant local authorities and the EEW project team. Meetings will be arranged in due course with the GI project team. Meetings have taken place between Staffordshire and Highways England to discuss the upcoming programme for the ECW1 works.</p> <p>HS2 consents and approval forms will be updated for Phase 2a as soon as HS2 reaches Royal Assent. HS2 will give the local authorities sight of the consents and approval forms as soon as possible for consultation and these would be issued in priority order.</p>
6.	<p><u>Road Safety Fund</u></p> <p>The Minister is likely to announce the allocation of funds post Royal Assent. Once the announcement has been made, each highway Authority will receive a letter from DfT outline the purpose and scope of funds.</p>
7.	<p><u>Lorry routes and Schedule 17</u></p> <p>HS2/EDP will be in touch shortly to arrange a meeting to update on Schedule 17.</p>
13	<p><u>Forward Programme and Future Meeting dates</u></p> <p>HS2 asked if anybody had any requests for future agenda items for the forward programme. There were no requests on the day, and all were asked to send requests via email. Upcoming meetings would be held on Wednesday 31st March and Thursday 20th May pending availability.</p>
14.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>HS2 will send around CEF and BLEF fund allocation after Royal Assent.</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council requested that when we are able to meet face to face, they would like to see a mixture of virtual and face to face meetings to continue to build relationships and for the importance towards individuals mental health.</p> <p>HS2 community Engagement team will be circulating a post Royal Assent newsletter.</p>