

INDEPENDENT Phase 2a Planning FORUM FOR HS2

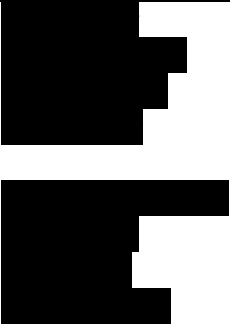

Phase 2a Planning Forum Agenda Meeting 17th March 2021

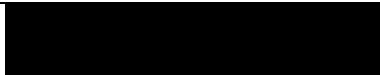
Date & Time:	Phase 2a Planning Forum Meeting Wednesday 17th March 2021 10:30 – 12:30 Planning Forum Microsoft Teams (See calendar invite)
Independent Chair:	

Item		Lead	Time
	Introductions	All	10:30
1	Review of previous meeting minutes and actions	All	10:35
2	2a Construction programme – update	HS2 Ltd	10:40
3	Statutory guidance and PFN 17- update	DfT	10:55
4	2a Act and consultation – update Other Community Engagement	HS2 Ltd	11:10
5	Class approval - update	HS2 Ltd	11:25
6	Planning Forum Note 13	HS2 Ltd	11:30
7	Context Reports, and Schedule 17 Forward Plan	HS2 Ltd	11:45
8	Feedback from LA s	LA s	11:55
9	Subgroups - update	HS2 Ltd	12:05
10	Pre-election period	All	12:15
11	Planning Forum Forward Plan and Documents	HS2 Ltd	12:20
12	AOB	All	12:25
	End		

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HS2 Ltd Attendees:		
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Local Authority Attendees:		
Promoter Attendee:		
Apologies:		

Item		Action Owner
	Introductions The Chair invited new attendees to introduce themselves.	
1	Review of notes & actions from last meeting The previous minutes were agreed (subject to a minor paragraph change for clarity) and will be uploaded to GOV.UK. All outstanding actions, except the SLA purchase order request and the deferred VR fly-through experience were completed.	
2	Construction programme (EEW) – update HS2 Ltd provided an update to the construction programme (see slide for timeframes). Ground investigation works are continuing, mainly in the Whitmore and Madeley area. This workstream may be extended due to the extremely wet weather experienced this year.	

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	<p>Utility diversion work is ongoing and HS2 Ltd are currently in the survey and design phase with the national utility companies.</p> <p>Early Environmental works (EEW) – land acquisition and construction of site compounds will commence from Summer 2021. The establishment phase of the EEW sites normally take around 12 months. Following this phase HS2 Ltd will then translocate species into those sites. In addition to this, Schedule 17 consultations will also begin in 2021.</p> <p>Early Civil Works – HS2 Ltd are currently in the design stage for M6 J15 area and Wood End Lane, Lichfield. It is anticipated that HS2 Ltd will be on site undertaking these activities mid-2022.</p>	
3	<p>Statutory Guidance and Planning Forum Note 17</p> <p>DfT provided an update on the Statutory Guidance timetable and next steps (see slide pack for further details).</p> <p>The Chair reminded members that the Statutory Guidance is running parallel with Phase 1 Planning Forum.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd noted that the two documents are very similar, however there are a couple of minor changes that have been made in the Phase 1 version.</p> <p>The PFN is now taken to be agreed and is ready for publication. The SG is due to go to before Ministers for approval before publication.</p>	
4	<p>2a Act and community engagement – update</p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided the key headlines from the clause 60 consultation.</p> <p>The consultation was launched on the 1st February 2021 and closed on the 26th February. In summary, there have been just under 500 responses. Ipsos MORI are analysing the responses. The next step is for Ipsos MORI to produce a summary report and for Ministers to make a statement to both Houses of Parliament, before 1 May.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided an update on three key areas: Strategic activity, Communities and Looking ahead.</p> <p>Strategic activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement continues to be in line with the latest guidance on COVID-19 • Royal Assent received 11 February • Round table events held • Continued political engagement 	

	<p>Wider community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground investigation work continuing • Royal Assent communications to all line of route stakeholders • Launch of Homeowner Payment scheme • Enquiry management and ongoing general engagement with stakeholders • Local campaigns launched <p>Looking ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting access arrangements for ground investigation work • Parish council updates • Clause 60 consultation report published • Online presentations – ecology, ground investigation and tunnelling • Hoardings design • Social Enterprise projects <p>NUL queried if members would be given prior notice on the tunneling presentation in the Whitmore – Madeley area.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd noted that the presentation has been delayed due to the pre-election constraints and agreed that the engagement team will contact members to advise the new dates of the presentations.</p> <p>The Chair commended HS2 Ltd continued engagement and acting upon lessons learnt from previous major infrastructure projects.</p>	
5	<p>Class approval - update</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that the Class approval has now been confirmed by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>DfT reminded members that confirmation emails had also been sent out to Forum members.</p>	
6	<p>Planning Forum Note 13</p> <p>HS2 Ltd provided an overview of Planning Forum Note (PFN) 13 on application engagement.</p> <p>PFNs are the documents that set out processes for Schedule 17 and provide advice/guidance to the nominated undertaker, contractors, and LA members as to how the planning regime should be implemented (see slide deck for more information)</p> <p>SPC welcomed the clarity around communication with local authorities and queried whether a framework such as a performance agreement would be</p>	

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	<p>suitable?</p> <p>HS2 Ltd explained that many of the general principles that would be found in a performance agreement, will be covered in PFNs.</p> <p>NUL explained that timeframes may be an issue, as greater coordination is required in two tier areas.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd recognised the challenges that may be faced by District Councils and agreed that the guidance would incorporate sufficient flexibility and not absolute deadlines.</p> <p>CEC raised concerns around the level of detail that HS2 Ltd have provided, as many of the plans are very broad and non-committal. If HS2 Ltd were to provide more detailed plans and information, then CEC would be able to provide more helpful comments.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd acknowledged and recognised if limited detail is provided to members, then HS2 Ltd would only expect limited comments.</p> <p>The Chair noted that HS2 Ltd will receive feedback from pre-applications but time should be given to members for formal written comments.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd agreed and noted that the provisions should reflect the constraints discussed today and set reasonable timeframes. A first draft would be circulated to the Forum for comments.</p> <p>A three-week period was given for comments on the draft document and then it would be brought back to the next Forum meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Context Reports and Schedule 17 Forward Plan</p> <p>HS2 Ltd reminded members that, as said at the last meeting, the Context Reports have been delayed and it is intended that they will be submitted to members by w/c 5th April 2021.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd advised that a new Forward Look will be provided in April 2021.</p> <p>CEC raised concerns over the Forward Plan, as Scottish Power had contacted the authority without prior knowledge. It was also explained that the proposed utility work was not shown on the Forward Plan.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd confirmed that the utility works are due to commence in 2022 and therefore utility companies should not be contacting local authorities. HS2 Ltd have resolved this issue internally and advised that this situation should not be repeated.</p> <p>The Chair requested HS2 Ltd for a slide of the statistics for Schedule 17 applications on the Forward Plan showing the projections and actuals.</p> <p>HS2 Ltd agreed and could provide this information from July 2021.</p>	
8	<p>Feedback from LAs</p>	

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	LDC advised members to ensure that their delegated authority included Schedule 16 (Site restoration) and Schedule 18 (Heritage) submissions.	
9	Subgroups - update HS2 Ltd provided an update on subgroups (further information can be found in the slide pack).	
10	Pre-election period HS2 Ltd advised that they are waiting for an internal HS2 decision on how to manage the pre-election period. It was noted that last pre-election period did have an impact upon Schedule 17 submissions.	
11	Forward Plan and Document Tracker HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the over the next three months at the Phase 2a Planning Forum. The Chair advised that the GSMT – Masts item should be moved to the July 2021 forum meeting. All members agreed. Action – HS2 Ltd to move GSMT – Masts to the July forum and amend the Forward Plan.	HS2 Ltd
12	AOB LAs to confirm whether they can access SharePoint	LAs
	Meeting concluded at 12:00pm	