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Phase 2a Planning Forum

Wednesday 17th March 2021

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Review of previous minutes and outstanding actions

Phase 2a Planning Forum

HS2 Phase 2A Planning Forum: Outstanding Actions

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.	Completed sent on 01/03/2021. Agenda item 9
#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 2020, but later cancelled due to COVID19 we will look to rearrange.
#13	September	AOB	Members to respond via email regarding SLA template to the HS2 Commercial team	Completed.
#15	January	5	HS2 Ltd to update presentation slide to reflect 'Statutory Guidance' title rather than 'Schedule 17 planning appeal guidance'.	Completed.
#15	January	9	Commercial team to contact the relevant HS2 member to process purchase order raise by CEC.	Outstanding.

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Construction programme (EEW) update

Q4 2020 Q1 2021 Q2 2021 Q3 2021 Q4 2021 Q1 2022 Q2 2022 Q3 2022 Q4 2022 Q1 2023 Q2 2023 Q3 2023 Q4 2023

🔍 Ground investigations (Route-wide)

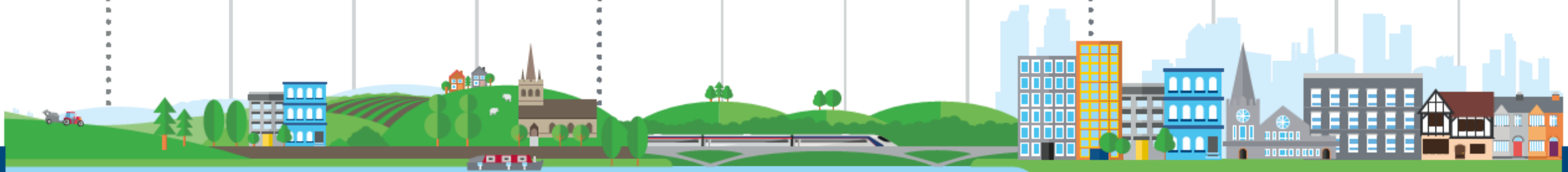
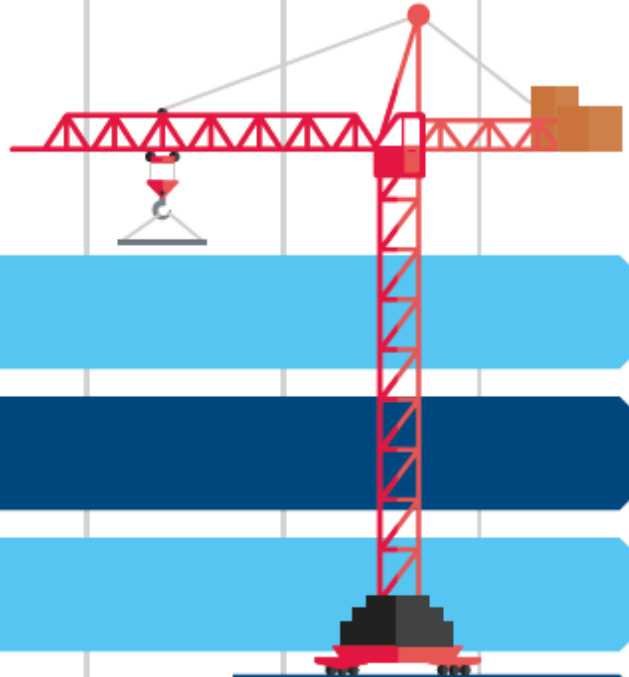
🏆 Royal Assent

🏗️ Utility diversions

🌱 Early environmental works

🏗️ Early civils works

🏗️ Main construction work



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Statutory Guidance and PFN 17 - update

Planning Forum Note 17

Information for Decision Making

- This is the PFN that contains the text on information for determining planning submissions that Forum members requested be included in a PFN rather than in the revised Statutory Guidance.
- The timetable for agreeing this PFN was set out in the slides shown at the January meeting.
- In line with this timetable a draft of the PFN was circulated to members on 22nd February for comment, together with the draft revised Statutory Guidance. The deadline for comments was 1st March.
- One set of minor comments on the PFN was received and has been adopted.
- On 8th March a final version of the PFN was circulated for agreement by email, noting that if no objections to this Note were received by 5pm on 15th March it will be assumed to be agreed.
- No objections were received, so Planning Forum Note 17 is therefore taken to be agreed.

Statutory Guidance – next steps

- Seek Ministerial clearance on the revised draft of the Statutory Guidance
 - Publish the revised Statutory Guidance as soon as Ministerial clearance is obtained (estimated to be mid/late April)
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Proposed timeline for publishing the Planning Forum Note

5th Feb: Deadline for Planning Forum members to submit comments on what to include in Planning Forum Note via track changes of draft Guidance document

5th Feb-22nd Feb: Preparation of new Planning Forum Note

22nd Feb-1st March: Draft PFN shared via email to PF members for final comments

1st March-11th March: Preparation of final draft of PFN

11th March-18th March: Final draft of PFN shared for agreement via correspondence (not for comment)

18th March: Final draft of new Planning Forum Note ready for publication as soon as possible

Proposed timeline for publishing the Schedule 17 planning appeal guidance

5th Feb: Deadline for Planning Forum members to submit comments on what to include in Planning Forum Note via track changes of draft Guidance document

5th Feb – 1st March: DfT amends Statutory Guidance

1st March – 18th March: Final draft of Statutory Guidance shared via email to PF members ahead of publication (not for comment)

18th March onwards: Final draft of new Statutory Guidance ready for publication as soon as possible

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2a Act and community engagement - update

2a Community Engagement snapshot

Strategic activity

Engagement continues to be in line with the latest guidance on COVID-19

Royal Assent received 11 February

Clause 60 consultation delivered

Round table events held

Continued political engagement

Wider community

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

Looking ahead

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

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Planning Forum Note 13

PFN 13: GUIDANCE ON PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT

- Planning Memorandum 7.5.1:

'To facilitate effective consultation and ensure that requests for approval are determined within the timetable referred to above, the nominated undertaker shall engage in proportionate forward discussions about prospective requests for approval with the qualifying authority and statutory consultees. Forward discussions will, as relevant, include design development, submission dates and planning committee cycles.'

- Purpose of PFN is to set the expectations as to what this means in practice
- Provide clarity and practical steps



PFN 13: GUIDANCE ON PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT

Examples of measures:

- Meeting agendas should be provided at least 2 weeks in advance, wherever possible and no later than 1 week in advance of the meeting date (unless the local authority has agreed to meet at shorter notice).
- Where HS2/ Contractors are expecting feedback on drawings or documents at a pre-application meeting, these should be provided no later than 1 week in advance. This will allow local authorities to consider the subject prior to the meeting and provide considered feedback.
- Where designs are at an early stage, this should be indicated prior to or at meetings so that comments can be considered accordingly.
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PFN 13: GUIDANCE ON PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT

Question: The draft PFN places obligations on HS2 but could it also usefully give some guidance to Qualifying Authorities?

For example:

- Always a single set of comments
- Ensuring all relevant officers are engaged in the preparation of the comments



PFN 13: GUIDANCE ON PRE-APPLICATION ENGAGEMENT

- Will circulate in the next week for comment
- Three weeks from date of circulation for comment
- Send comments to 2a Planning Forum email address
- Revised draft at May meeting



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Context Reports and Schedule 17 Forward Plan

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Feedback from LAs

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Sub groups update

Water

- 'Hot Spot' Session on 1st February 2021 GIS focussed session to discuss areas of elevated flood risk along the route
- Schedule 32 approvals for Early Environmental Works and Early Civils Works

Environment Health

- The results of the M6 baseline monitoring will be included in the HS2 Air Quality Report, and from Royal Assent onwards, will be published on GOV.UK
- Excavated Material Management - Environmental Policy, Waste Management Policy and Excavated Materials Policy in the CoCP.

Heritage

- Ongoing LPA historic environment engagement on areas of Early Environmental Works
- Ongoing non-intrusive heritage surveys



Subgroup Meetings

	Highways	Environmental Heath	Flood Water & Drainage	Heritage
Key HS2 Contacts				
Next Meeting Date	31 st March 2021	Late March 2021 (TBC)	April 2021 (TBC)	June 2021 (TBC)

Note: Highway subgroup meeting documents have been circulated and are also available on SharePoint



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Phase 2a Forward Plan & Documents Tracker

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Forward Plan

	May 21	July 21	September 21		
1.	S.17 Submission review	Planning Forum Notes update	S.17 Submissions review		
2.	Common Design Elements	Sub Groups update	Planning Forum Notes update		
3.	GSMR – Masts	S.17 Forward Plans			
4.	Planning Forum Notes 13 and 17	Planning Forum Notes update			
5.	Briefing on EMR Compliance				

Planning Forum Documents Status

Title	Status
Environmental Minimum Requirements	Finalised: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-minimum-requirements-for-hs2-phase-2a
Draft Class approval	Class Approval was made on 15 March https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-act-2021-class-approval
Appeals Regulations and Guidance	Fee and appeal regulations have been laid in Parliament Expected appeals guidance will be published around the time the appeal regulations come into effect Statutory Guidance expected to be issued by SoS shortly following engagement with the Phase 1 and 2a Forums
Fee Regulations	
Schedule 17 Statutory Guidance	

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