

Phase 2a Planning Forum – Highways Sub Group Minutes #17 – March 2021

Date, time & Venue:	Wednesday 31st March (11:00 – 12:30) MS Teams	
Nominated Undertaker Attendees:	[REDACTED]	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
Promoter Attendees:	[REDACTED]	DfT DfT
Highway Authority Attendees:	[REDACTED]	Staffordshire County Council Staffordshire County Council Cheshire East Highways Cheshire East Highways Highways England
Also invited/ apologies:	[REDACTED]	Shropshire Council Shropshire Council Stoke on Trent City Council Cheshire East Highways HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
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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 focused on the new Highways England campaign of 'Go Left' on motorways if you think you are going to breakdown.
3.	<u>Review of Actions from last meeting</u> The minutes of meeting #16 were agreed. Actions arising from the previous meeting were reviewed, please refer to the Action Log.
4.	<u>Update by DfT</u> Royal Assent for the Phase 2a Act was achieved 11 th February.

	499 responses were received in response to the Clause 60 consultation and a written ministerial statement is anticipated by the end of April.
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 (GI) Work Package 4 is ongoing. Staffordshire County Council have had an introductory meeting. An introductory meeting with Cheshire East will be arranged soon.</p> <p>Phase 2a have recently started attending the bi-weekly Phase One Pre-App forum. As the Phase 2a programme starts to progress, it is worth considering whether a separate forum for Phase 2a would be needed, to avoid confusion between the phases.</p> <p>Early Civil Works 2 (ECW2) procurement ongoing, expected to be able to announce awarded contractor in June 2021. ECW2 contract includes all road improvements within the ES. HS2 have a list of the schemes included and will send to Staffordshire County Council.</p>
6.	<p><u>Review of Terms of Reference (ToR) for Annual Extraordinary Meeting</u></p> <p>Following recent correspondence received by HS2, HS2 Ltd committed to reviewing the ToR for the annual meeting at this Highway Sub Group ahead of the 2021 extraordinary annual meeting.</p> <p>The points that were reviewed and discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of communications received since the last Annual meeting • Requirement to make and consult on notes or minutes of meeting • Membership at Annual meetings • Number of representatives from each Parish/District <p>ACTION: HS2 Ltd to make amendments to the ToR and send to Highway Sub Group attendees to agree. The revised ToR will be shared with Annual extraordinary meeting members following the upcoming local election.</p>
7.	<p><u>Highway Authority Notification of TROs.</u></p> <p>Guidance has recently been issued for Schedule 30 of the Phase 2a Act. The main requirements for consultation on TROs were presented.</p> <p>Phase 2a guidance can be found https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-2a-traffic-regulation-orders-guidance-for-local-traffic-authorities</p> <p>The duty to consult HS2 on TROs ceases following construction of HS2 or, prior to end of construction if HS2 Ltd confirms that a relevant road is not used for construction traffic.</p> <p>Consultation via TROs@HS2.org.uk</p>
8.	<p><u>Lorry routes and Schedule 17</u></p> <p>Work is progressing with drafting Schedule 17 application for lorry routes.</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council queries are being looked at. HS2 Ltd will provide responses prior to pre-application discussions commencing.</p> <p>Current anticipated dates for applications:</p> <p>Cheshire East Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application discussions are due to commence April 2021 • Submission of lorry route requests due May 2021 <p>Staffordshire County Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-application discussions are due to commence May 2021 • Submission of lorry route requests due June 2021
9.	<u>Forward Programme and Future Meeting dates</u>

	<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th May. Attendees were asked to share any future agenda item requests ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>Current programme items include the date and chair for the 2021 Annual extraordinary meeting.</p>
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>No items for AOB were raised.</p>