

Introduction by Professor Sadie Morgan

Since its inception, the HS2 Independent Design Panel has evolved in response to the requirements of the project, including taking on additional areas of focus, such as sustainability and customer experience.

With HS2 going through a number of changes, it was felt that a refresh of the HS2 Independent Design Panel would be beneficial. The aim is to ensure the knowledge the panel has developed to date is retained while also strengthening the mix of skills on the panel, introducing fresh perspectives, and improving the panel's diversity.

In May we invited applications and we were delighted to receive just over 100 applications, providing an excellent pool from which to select panel members. Overall, the calibre of applications was very high, making the shortlisting and selection decisions difficult. I am now delighted to share the outcome of this process below.

New panel members

Following a rigorous assessment of the candidates against the agreed selection criteria, a total of 16 professionals were selected to join the panel for seven of the areas of expertise sought.

While many of the new panel members have expertise which extends across a number of areas, we have grouped them into the following categories.

Architecture

Dav Bansal – Partner, Glenn Howells Architects

Dav is responsible for the development and review all projects and the strategic direction of the practice. He has significant experience of residential and commercial projects as well as leading on several urban regeneration and master planning projects throughout the UK.

Fiona Scott – Director, Gort Scott

Fiona is known for her pioneering research involving high streets and town centres. Her focus is in the integration of wider architectural, societal, cultural, environmental and policy influences in the focus and trajectory of the practice, as well as accountability.

Joris Smits – Managing Director, Ney & Partners

Joris is an architect and bridge designer and his understanding of structural design has profoundly defined him as an architect, and his focus is to give shape to the forces at play.

Nisha Kurian – Associate, We Made That

Nisha's approach to architecture has a social focus, centred on engaging with people and places and empowering communities to participate in shaping the built environment.



(Clockwise from top right) Sasha Krstanovic, Eric Hallquist, Sophie Chapman, Joris Smits, David Dropkin, Fiona Scott, Dav Bansal, Paul Priestman and Nisha Kurian.

Sustainability

Asif Din – Sustainability Director, Perkins&Will

Asif has been involved in environmental low energy buildings and supply chains for over 20 years, including PassivHaus and Zero Energy Developments.

Sasha Krstanovic – Founder, mstep

Sasha is a chartered mechanical engineer. Her focus is on low energy and zero carbon design and she has recently been named the Building Performance Engineer of the Year 2021 by the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers.

Deborah Nagan – Director of Global Sustainability, Handley House

Deborah focus is landscape and sustainability. She has substantial experience of working as part of multi-disciplinary teams to create, and advocate for high quality design.

Landscape architecture

Eric Hallquist – Head of Landscape Architecture, Allies and Morrison

Eric leads the landscape architecture studio at Allies and Morrison and has over 20 years of experience as a practicing landscape architect.

Masterplanning and urban design

David Ubaka – Director, D.U.P Limited

David is an architect, urban designer and developer running an independent consultancy. He has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in various sectors.

Kathryn Firth – Partner, FPdesign

Kathryn Firth is an architect and urban designer who has led regeneration projects across all scales.

Civil and structural engineering

Chris Hendy – Technical Director, Atkins

Chris is Head of Bridge Design and Technology at Atkins and has led some of the practices most complex design and asset management projects.

Phil Jones – Chairman, Phil Jones Associates Ltd

Phil is a chartered engineer with over 35 years' experience in traffic engineering, transport planning and urban design.

Railway operations

Sophie Chapman – Business Lead and Director, Heathrow Express

Sophie has 25 years' experience in rail, and has held leadership roles within a number of major projects. Her focus is on delivering and continuously improving industry-leading customer experience.

Paul Priestman – Chairman, Co-Founder and Designer, PriestmanGoode Ltd

Paul is a designer and has headed up projects for Heathrow T5, Airbus, Hyperloop Transportation Technologies and Virgin Trains. He has built a reputation for his commitment to inclusive and accessible design, and for his concept work addressing societal and environmental issues.

Jason Bruges – Founder, Jason Bruges Studio

Jason Bruges is internationally renowned as a pioneer of the hybrid space between art, architecture and technology.

Inclusive design

David Dropkin – Independent Consultant

David delivers strategic inclusive design consultancy to master-planning and architectural teams across business sectors for new and existing developments.

Looking ahead

We are currently in the process of finalising the appointments. Once complete we look forward to introducing the new panel members to the HS2 project and the wider membership of the HS2 Independent Design Panel, and hopefully involving them in panel meetings very soon.



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