

Meeting minutes

Phase 2b Planning Forum – Flooding and Drainage Subgroup Minutes #1 – February 2022

Meeting date Thursday, 17 February 2022

Meeting location Teams online

Presenters
Chair & Coordinator: Water Resources and Flood Risk Specialist (HS2), Technical Engagement Manager (HS2)
Water and Drainage: Groundwater Specialist (HS2), Water Resources and Flood Risk Specialist (HS2), Principal Hydrogeologist (Mott Macdonald), EOC Water Resources and Flood Risk Topic Lead (Arup)
Meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor (HS2)
Attendees
Attendee
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Manchester City Council
Salford City Council
Trafford Council
Warrington Borough Council
Wigan Council
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Greater Manchester Merseyside and Cheshire

1 Agenda item – Introduction

- 1.1 Local Authority (LA) attendees were asked to introduce themselves, which organisation they represent and their role. HS2 staff also introduced themselves. HS2 Ltd went through the agenda of the subgroup meeting.

2 Agenda item – Project Update

- 2.1 HS2 Ltd gave an update on the overall HS2 Phase 2b project and provided details on the HS2 Phase 2b webinar dates. HS2 Ltd explained the overall programme for Phase 2b and included the link to the [GIS data](#) which went live on 14th February.

3 Agenda item – Hybrid Bill Overview

- 3.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview of the contents of the hybrid Bill and the Environmental Statement (ES). HS2 Ltd went on to explain the hybrid Bill process and what happens at each stage of the passage of the Bill through the Select Committee process. Links to resources associated with the Bill and the current Parliamentary consultation were provided.

4 Agenda item – Overview of Water and Drainage Subgroup

- 4.1 HS2 Ltd showed a snapshot of the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and explained the purpose of the Subgroup. HS2 Ltd gave an overview of a typical agenda for these Subgroup meetings and showed an example of an agenda timeline.

4.1.1 Questions and Discussion

Manchester City Council raised: whether Manchester Ship Canal will be engaged separately to these Subgroup meetings

HS2 Ltd advised: Manchester Ship Canal is believed to have a separate remit; however, HS2 Ltd will take that question away and see how they may fit as part of the Subgroup Planning Forum

Warrington Borough Council raised: what the proposed frequency would be for the Flooding and Drainage Subgroup meetings

HS2 Ltd advised: in the ToR we suggest every six months, however it is up to the attendees to decide how frequently these meetings are held

Action 1: HS2 to confirm if Manchester Ship Canal should be invited to the Flooding and Drainage Subgroup meetings

Meeting break (5 mins)

5 Agenda item – Structure of the Environmental Statement – Water and Drainage

- 5.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what the ES comprises, and where and how LA can find what they need from a Flooding and Drainage perspective, links to different sections of the ES were also included in the presentation.
- 5.2 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what information can be found in the Volume 2, Volume 3, Volume 4, and Volume 5 reports. HS2 Ltd went on to explain how the spatial scope works and advised where LA can find the Flooding and Drainage Background Information Data (BID) and what information is included in the BID. HS2 Ltd took LA through the Water Resources Assessment and provided links to the Water Resources Assessment, BID and Groundwater Modelling Report for each community area.

- 5.3 HS2 Ltd showed examples of the Volume 5 Map Books explained how LA can access them and what each map book covers from a Flooding and Drainage perspective. HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what information LA can find using the ES navigator tool and took them through a live demonstration of the tool.

6 Agenda item – Other CoCP & Info Papers

- 6.1 HS2 Ltd provided links within the presentation of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP), the Borrow Pit Report, and the Information Papers and gave an overview on what information you can find in all documents.

7 Agenda item – Links and Next Steps

- 7.1 HS2 Ltd summarised the ES consultation and provided a review of the draft ToR. HS2 Ltd advised that the slides will be shared post-meeting and asked for suggestions on preferences for meeting frequency.

7.1.1 Questions and Discussion:

Manchester City Council raised: it would be useful to have another Flooding and Drainage Subgroup meeting before second reading

HS2 Ltd replied: HS2 will schedule another Subgroup meeting around second reading to iron out any potential matters

Trafford Council raised: regarding the surface water drainage aspects, the LA had looked through Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) documents and wanted to know, at what point will LA have more insight/have a say on surface water drainage works

HS2 Ltd replied: at the next Subgroup meeting, HS2 will provide LA with Phase 1 and 2a examples, as well as explain how design development works post Royal assent

Action 2: HS2 to circulate the presentation

Action 3: HS2 to add 'design development works post Royal assent' to the agenda for the next Subgroup meeting

Action 4: HS2 to schedule another Subgroup meeting