

## Meeting minutes

### Phase 2b Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup

### Minutes #1 – February 2022

**Meeting date** Tuesday, 22 February 2022

**Meeting location** Teams online

Presenters
<b>Chair:</b> Head of Highways & Drainage Engineering (HS2 Ltd)
<b>Highways:</b> Senior Traffic Manager (HS2 Ltd)
<b>Meeting facilitators:</b> Technical Engagement Manager (HS2 Ltd), Technical Engagement Advisor (HS2 Ltd)
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Manchester City Council
Manchester City Council
Manchester City Council
Trafford (Amey supporting Trafford Council)
Warrington Borough Council
Wigan Council
Wigan Council
Carlisle City Council
Cumbria County Council
HS2 Ltd
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Department for Transport
National Highways
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## 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 meeting overview.

## 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 Crewe – Manchester 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 in both houses of Parliament. Links to resources associated with the Bill and the current Parliamentary consultation were provided.

## 4 Agenda item – Overview of Highways Subgroup

- 4.1 HS2 Ltd explained the purpose of the Subgroup and took attendees through the scope, the draft Terms of Reference (ToR), the subgroup membership and chair, the meeting frequency, the format of the meeting and advised that HS2 can provide secretariat support.
- 4.2 HS2 Ltd recommended for LA and attendees to set up a pre-meeting prior to the next Subgroup meeting to discuss overview without HS2 being present. It was mentioned that the second Highways Subgroup meeting should be in late May 2022.

**Action 1: HS2 to organise a second Highways Subgroup meeting w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> May, post local elections.**

**Meeting break (5 mins)**

## 5 Agenda item – Temporary Highways Works, Traffic and Vehicle Management topic overview

- 5.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview on what will be covered in temporary traffic management, highways, and vehicle management. HS2 Ltd also went through the requirements for the Phase 1 and 2a Act and advised that this was done via a route-wide traffic management plan (RTMP).

5.2 HS2 Ltd took attendees through the draft Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and explained what is set out in the CoCP. HS2 Ltd also explained what is specified in the RTMP and went through the RTMP next steps. HS2 Ltd provided the link to the [RTMP](#) and the [GIS data](#) in the Teams meeting.

5.3 HS2 Ltd gave an overview of the forward programme and the working of the hybrid Bill.

#### Questions and Discussion

Q: what work needs to be produced for the RTMP and whether what will be produced is going to be a lot of what has been done previously.

HS2 Ltd answered: the RTMP is a strategic document applied route wide across all phases of HS2, and the intent would be to use the existing RTMP and the working assumption, with the potential for edits as the project and this subgroup progress.

Q: will Transport for Manchester be invited to the subgroup or otherwise engaged.

HS2 Ltd answered: Transport for Manchester will be engaged with through the development of Local Traffic Management Plans, but that as they did not fulfil a statutory highways role, they would not automatically get invited to the subgroup.

Q: if LA will be feeding into their own consenting and approvals process and whether the transport modelling is captured separately.

HS2 Ltd replied: HS2 have an overarching essentials approval strategy and more detail will be provided in due course. In terms of the transport modelling, a lot of input through the transport modelling feeds into the ES.

Q: how would exceptions to road safety audit recommendation be handled?

HS2 Ltd replied: slightly different following publication of GG 119 and are now brought into the body of the road safety audit report.

## 6 Agenda item – Technical Standards/Guidance topic overview

6.1 HS2 Ltd gave an overview of the technical standards and guidance specifically relating to highways, the technical standards which are highway related and general guidance notes.

#### Questions and Discussion

Q: where applicable, will the design reflect Local Transport Note 1/20 (LTN 1/20)

HS2 Ltd replied: LTN 1/20 has now been incorporated in the HS2 standards and guidance

Q: it might be useful to understand what standards local highway authorities apply to the design of their networks

HS2 Ltd replied: HS2 will be reaching out to local highway authorities in the coming months and years to understand what they use in terms of their own designs.

## **7 Agenda item – AOB**

- 7.1 HS2 Ltd advised the presentation will be circulated to attendees, and for LA to think ahead in terms of what topics LA would like to speak about in these Subgroup meetings.