

# INDEPENDENT Phase 2b Planning FORUM FOR HS2

## Phase 2b Planning Forum Agenda

Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>Phase 2b Planning Forum Meeting</b>  <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>10:00 – 13:00 Planning Forum</b>  <b>Microsoft Teams (See calendar invite)</b>
<b>Independent Chair:</b>	██████████

Item		Lead	Time
	Welcome and introductions	Forum Chair	10:00
1	Review of actions log	HS2 Ltd	10:10
2	Review of minutes	HS2 Ltd	10:20
3	Bill update	HS2 Ltd	10:30
4	Planning Regime proposals in the Bill and Planning Memorandum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Response to LPA feedback</li></ul>	HS2 Ltd	10:45
5	Engagement on the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsibilities of Planning Forum and Sub-groups</li><li>• Relationship between Planning Forum and sub groups</li></ul>	HS2 Ltd	11:15
6	Update from subgroup meetings	HS2 Ltd	11:45
7	Community engagement update	HS2 Ltd	12:00
8	Planning authority feedback and matters Feedback from pre-meets with Chair	Local authorities (with Forum Chair)	12:15
9	Overview of content for future meetings	HS2 Ltd	12:35
10	Next meeting – 13th July 2022.	All	12:45
11	AOB	All	12:50
	End		13:00

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<b>Title:</b>	Planning Forum for HS2 Phase 2b	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 10:00 – 12:30 Microsoft Teams (Virtual meeting)	
<b>Chair</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>HS2 Ltd Attendees:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

<b>Local Authority</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Promotor</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Apologies:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action Owner</b>
	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	

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	<p>Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those who were attending the Forum for the first time.</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Review of actions log</b></p> <p>1.1 HS2 Ltd advised that all actions arising from the January Forum had been completed, with the exception of item 4 (SLA process) and AOB (Phase 1 site visit request – see item 11 AOB).</p> <p>1.2 HS2 Ltd suggested that item 4 on the SLA process should be discussed in a separate meeting with all local authorities outside of the Planning Forum. It was anticipated that a meeting on SLAs would take place in June and would cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Royal Assent local authority funding as set out in Information Paper C12</li> <li>• Lessons learnt from Phase 1 and 2a</li> <li>• The current situation regarding SLAs on Phase 2b (pre- Royal Assent).</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Review of Minutes from Previous meeting</b></p> <p>2.1 The March 2022 meeting minutes were agreed and will be published on GOV.UK.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to upload the March 2022 minutes to GOV.UK.</p>	<b>HS2 Ltd</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Bill deposit – details of documents deposited</b></p> <p>3.1 HS2 Ltd presented on the progress of the Bill in Parliament (please refer to the slide deck).</p> <p>3.2 CWC queried if a decision to not progress with the western leg of Phase 2b could be taken in Parliament on the Second Reading of the Bill.</p> <p>3.3 HS2 Ltd explained the Second Reading process and acknowledged that a vote to not give the Bill its Second Reading was possible. Were that to happen, the Bill would end its journey through Parliament.</p>	



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	<p>HS2 Ltd advised that the term 'relevant site' is defined in paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 17.</p> <p>4.9 There was a discussion around the consultation requirements relating to Historic England (HE) under Schedule 17 during which HS2 Ltd briefly outlined how Schedule 18 to the Bill and Heritage Agreements will work (which will be discussed at a future meeting of the Heritage Sub-group).</p> <p>4.10 MCC raised concerns over the change to the consultation arrangements in paragraph 18 of Schedule 17 but also into wider principles relating to listed buildings affected by works that will be authorised by the Bill. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Firstly, that planning authorities would not have control over the principle of works to listed buildings at the Schedule 17 consent stage.</li><li>• Secondly, If HS2 Ltd proposed works that 'substantially altered development' on Grade II Listed Buildings, particularly that the Bill text change removes the requirement for local authorities to consult Historic England.</li><li>• Finally, concern was also raised around consulting Historic England on Grade II Listed Buildings, and if local authorities could consult upon receipt of a Schedule 17 application and if HS2 Ltd take those comments into account.</li></ul> <p>4.11 HS2 Ltd responded to these points in turn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is correct that the principle of works to listed buildings is settled through the Bill process. That is necessary to ensure the project can be delivered. Therefore, the principle is established through Schedule 18 to the Bill with details of how the works being approved by the relevant planning authority under a Heritage Agreement (in consultation with HE as required). If an authority has concerns over the principle of the works to a listed building, then this needs to be addressed through the Bill process bilaterally with HS2 Ltd.</li><li>• It is correct that the wording of paragraph 18 would not require the planning authority to consult HE on a Schedule 17 request for approval affecting a grade II listed building; this is consistent with standard TCPA process that similarly have no such requirement.</li><li>• The consultation requirements in paragraph 18 are requirements not limits. If a planning authority wishes to consult HE on a request for approval affecting a grade II listed building it can do so.</li></ul>	
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	<p>4.12 To explain the process HS2 Ltd used the example of Piccadilly Station (Grade II Listed Building). It was noted that in Schedule 18 (9)(3) Table 1, it describes the works that HS2 Ltd propose to undertake that would be authorised through the Bill process.</p> <p>4.13 In order to undertake these works to the listed building two main planning/heritage approvals would be required. Firstly, the design and external appearance of the works would be approved by the City Council under paragraph 2 of Schedule 17. Secondly, whatever method statements requirements are set out in the Heritage Agreement will need to be submitted to, and approved by, the City Council. As the Station is grade II listed the Council would not be required to consult HE but could opt to do so.</p> <p>4.14 MCC acknowledged the process points on Schedule 18 but highlighted that under the current planning legislation if you are substantially altering a Grade II Listed Building, Historic England should be consulted.</p> <p>4.15 HS2 Ltd noted MCC’s comments and advised that the requirement to consult under the current planning legislation is for Listed Building consent rather than a standard planning application.</p> <p>4.16 HS2 Ltd recommended MCC to attend the next Heritage sub group, to obtain further information specifically on Schedule 18.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Members to provide any further comments on the Phase 2b Bill planning provisions to HS2 Ltd within 21 days of receiving the slide pack.</p> <p>4.17 The Forum then discussed the responses to comments on the Planning Memorandum.</p> <p>4.18 This discussion focussed primarily on the issue of pre-submission engagement. HS2 Ltd emphasised the importance of pre-submission engagement and the importance that needs to be placed on it by all parties. HS2 Ltd said that it did not consider the requirements to be more onerous on the planning authorities. It was noted that further details on the process have been set out in Planning Forum Notes for Phases 1 and 2a which can be shared with the Forum.</p> <p>4.19 The Chair welcomed HS2 Ltd offer to provide information from Phase 1 and 2a related to the requirements imposed on HS2 Ltd during the pre-application engagement.</p>	<p><b>HS2 Ltd</b></p>
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<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Sub group update</b></p> <p>6.1. HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the sub-groups, which included the content of previous sub group meetings to date and proposed future meeting dates (see slide pack for more information).</p> <p>6.2. MCC asked if HS2 Ltd could provide a live version of the sub group tracker on SharePoint.</p> <p>6.3. HS2 Ltd agreed to explore this and advised that links to relevant documents will be included in future slide packs.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> HS2 Ltd to explore the potential to set up a live version of the sub-group tracker on SharePoint.</p>	<p><b>HS2 Ltd</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Community Engagement – ES consultation</b></p> <p>7.1 HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the Environmental Statement (ES) and Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (see slide pack for further information).</p> <p>7.2 MCC asked when HS2 Ltd will contact them to discuss their ES response.</p> <p>7.3 HS2 Ltd confirmed that a joint meeting will be held with relevant organisations who have similar petition points, and an invite has been sent to MCC. It was explained that the purpose of the meeting will be to understand the reasoning behind each consultation response and discuss petitioning matters in further detail.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Planning authority feedback and matters</b></p> <p>8.1 The Chair confirmed that a pre meeting had taken place with local authorities on 20<sup>th</sup> April. He confirmed that all the matters that had been identified for discussion at the Forum had been discussed at the current meeting.</p> <p>8.2 The Chair also confirmed that at the next LA/Chair pre-meet would be held (via Teams) on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, starting at 14:00.</p> <p>8.3 The Chair invited members to raise any other comments – no comments were raised.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Overview of content for future meetings</b></p> <p>9.1 HS2 Ltd provided an indicative overview of content for future meeting until November 2022 (see slide pack for further details).</p>	



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	<p>It was noted that this programme would be kept under review to allow opportunities for further discussion of matters if required.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Arrangements for the next meeting on 13 July</b></p> <p>10.1 HS2 Ltd advised that a meeting room in Manchester has been booked for the next forum meeting but noted this will be a Hybrid meeting.</p> <p>10.2 Updated invites will be sent out with information about the meeting venue. HS2 noted it would be helpful if Forum Members confirmed if they proposed to attend in person to ensure the right scale of accommodation was provided.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The Chair advised that any members would be interested in a site visit to a Phase 1 live work site should email HS2 Ltd directly to arrange.</p>	
	<b>END</b>	11:40