

# Meeting minutes

## Phase 2b Planning Forum – Environmental Health Subgroup Minutes – May 2022

<b>Meeting date</b>	Tuesday, 24 May 2022
<b>Meeting location</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting time</b>	13:00 pm – 15:00 pm

Presenters	
<b>Chair:</b>	Head of Environmental Sciences HS2,
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Technical Engagement Manager HS2
<b>EMRs:</b>	Town Planning Lead, Phase 2 HS2
<b>CoCP:</b>	Head of Environmental Sciences HS2
<b>Air Quality:</b>	Air Quality Manager HS2
<b>Contaminated Land:</b>	Lead Contamination Engineer HS2
<b>Sound Noise and Vibration:</b>	Head of Noise Assessment HS2, Noise Assessment Specialist HS2, Noise and Vibration Manager
<b>Meeting minutes:</b>	Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Attendees	
Organisation	
Cheshire East Council	
Cheshire West and Chester	
Manchester City Council	
Trafford Council	
Warrington	
Wigan Council	

## **1 Agenda item – Welcome and Introduction**

- 1.1 Technical Engagement Manager, HS2 took attendees through the meeting agenda and informed them of the housekeeping rules.

## **2 Agenda item – Minutes of Last Meeting**

- 2.1 Technical Engagement Manager, HS2 advised that the previous meeting minutes have been circulated and no comments were returned. It was agreed that the minutes are signed off as complete.

## **3 Agenda item – ToR Approval**

- 3.1 Technical Engagement Manager, HS2 advised what date HS2 circulated the ToR and gave attendees a deadline of the next EHO meeting (September) for any comments.

**Action 1: recirculate the ToR to attendees via email**

## **4 Agenda item –EMR General Principles**

- 4.1 Town Planning Lead, Phase 2, HS2 gave an introduction on the EMRs and took attendees through the controls on HS2, explained the broad method for engagement on the EMRs engagement and discussed the Phase 2b EMRs table of responsibilities.

## **5 Agenda item – Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)**

- 5.1 Head of Environmental Sciences, HS2 provided a high-level overview of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) and explained the CoCP introduction, the purpose, policy, and environmental management principles and also the implementation of the measures set out in the document. HS2 also provided attendees with a brief summary of Section 5 of the General Requirements of the CoCP.

### **Questions and Discussion:**

#### **Manchester City**

**Council asked if HS2 have had any problems on Phase 1 in relation to site lighting.**

**Head of Environmental Sciences advised that HS2 are not aware of any significant problems relating to site lighting on Phase 1, although there had been some complaints to investigate, and lesson learnt were incorporated where relevant.**

**Manchester City Council queried if HS2 contractors could seek to engage with local authorities to demonstrate how the contractors have minimised the impacts of site lighting.**

Head of Environmental Sciences advised that HS2 manage and assure contractors, meaning site lighting is signed off as an internal process. However, LAs can discuss matters such as this with contractors through their bi-lateral meetings.

## 6 Agenda item – Air Quality

- 6.1 Air Quality Manager, HS2 gave an overview on Section 7 of the CoCP and provided examples of how HS2 demonstrate compliance on the ground and the measures HS2 take to reduce potential impacts on air quality.

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## 7 Agenda item – Land Quality

- 7.1 Lead Contamination Engineer, HS2 provided a high-level overview of Section 11 of the CoCP on land quality, and also provided some examples on where HS2 have managed to apply geological resources, minerals, and contaminated land on phase 1.

**Questions and Discussion:**

**Cheshire East Council advised that there is currently an issue with phase 2a in relation to a site that is on Cheshire East Councils part 2a prioritise list, and had asked how Cheshire East Council are able to gain information that is essential for the part 2a contaminated land strategy from HS2**

**Town Planning Lead confirmed that HS2 had sent an email to Cheshire East Council to organise a phone call and see if Cheshire East Council can resolve the issue**

**Action 2: Town Planning Lead to provide Lead Contamination Engineer with details of Cheshire East Councils issue**

## 8 Agenda item – Sound, Noise and Vibration

- 8.1 Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 gave a high-level overview of Section 13 of the CoCP and broadly covered Section 13.2 – measures to reduce noise and vibration impacts and monitoring.

**Questions and Discussion:**

**Cheshire West and Chester Council asked where the table of noise thresholds for noise insulation/temporary re-housing has come from, and if it is something bespoke to HS2.**

**Cheshire West and Chester Council found that the table had come from Section E4 pages 120 – 122 of BS 5228.**

**Manchester City Council (MCC) raised concern regarding HS2 offering noise insulation for those affected by the scheme, MCC questioned if HS2 will offer any further mitigation to those who may not respond to HS2's initial communication**

Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 advised that once HS2 make an offer of noise insulation, that offer remains live.

Manchester City Council had raised, where mitigation is made, will HS2 do any monitoring after to ensure that the mitigation is meeting the requirements, such as no post surveys once mitigation is implemented.

Noise and Vibration Manager advised that HS2 do not do post surveys once mitigation is installed

Cheshire West and Chester queried, what HS2's approach when it comes to monitoring locations next to sensitive receptors

Noise and Vibration Manager advised that HS2 preference is to always undertake the monitoring of noise and vibration at properties in the immediate vicinity of the works, however, with that comes a need to obtain permissions to install monitoring equipment which is not always possible, and where that's not possible HS2 may have to monitor from construction site boundaries. Noise Assessment Specialist also added, if an issue was raised by a resident and HS2 weren't monitoring to capture that particular complaint, contractors would be asked to investigate.

Wigan Council asked what the mechanisms for other sensitive uses are, such as schools

Noise and Vibration Manager advised that any noise and vibration sensitive receptors will be included within Section 61, that includes both residential and non-residential.

Noise and Vibration Manager also explained that the noise policy doesn't extend to non-residential receptors, and most non-residential will fall under the special cases process, in which HS2 will consider those receptors on a case-by-case basis.

## **9 Agenda item – Next Steps and AOB**

- 9.1 Technical Engagement Manager, HS2 went through the action log and discussed potential dates for the next subgroup meeting. A September meeting was suggested and broadly agreed.

**Action3: 2 weeks before the next meeting, HS2 issue the agenda items to subgroup attendees**

**Action 4: HS2 to see if they can organise an in-person/hybrid meeting following the Planning Forum hybrid meeting (taking place in July)**

**Action 5: Local Authorities/Attendees to agree the ToR at the next EHO subgroup meeting**