

Phase 2b Planning Forum Agenda

Meeting Wednesday 13th July 2022

Date & Time:	<p>Phase 2b Planning Forum Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 13th July 2022</p> <p>11:00 – 13:00 Planning Forum</p> <p>Microsoft Teams / Arup Manchester (See calendar invite)</p>
Independent Chair:	

Item		Lead	Time
	Welcome and introductions	Forum Chair	11:00
1	Review of actions log	HS2 Ltd	11:05
2	Review of minutes	HS2 Ltd	11:10
3	Bill update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golborne Link • ES & EQIA next steps • AP1 deposit 	HS2 Ltd	11:15
4	Planning Regime proposals in the Bill and Planning Memorandum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to LPA feedback 	HS2 Ltd	11:25
5	General Principles of the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs)	HS2 Ltd	11:35
6	Key Design Elements	HS2 Ltd	11:45
7	Community Engagement update	HS2 Ltd	12:05
8	Update from subgroup meetings	HS2 Ltd	12:15
9	Planning authority feedback and matters Feedback from pre-meets with Chair	Local authorities (with Forum Chair)	12:30
10	Overview of content for future meetings	HS2 Ltd	12:45
11	Next meeting – 14th September 2022	All	12:50
12	AOB	All	12:55

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Title:	Planning Forum for HS2 Phase 2b	
Date & Time	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 11:00 – 13:00 [REDACTED]	
Attendees	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Apologies:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Item	Action Owner
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those who were attending the Forum for the first time. It was also noted that this was the first hybrid meeting, where members of the Forum could meet in person. Those attending the meeting in person included the Chair, a number of HS2 staff and officers from MCC and TC.</p>	

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<p>1</p>	<p>Review of actions log</p> <p>1.1 HS2 Ltd advised that all outstanding actions had been completed.</p> <p>1.2 HS2 Ltd advised members to check if they can access the live sub group programme through SharePoint and inform HS2 Ltd if they unable access the document.</p> <p>Action: Members to advise HS2 if they have any difficulty gaining access to SharePoint</p>	<p>LPAs</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Review of Minutes from Previous meeting</p> <p>2.1 The May 2022 meeting minutes were agreed and will be published on GOV.UK.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to upload the May 2022 minutes to GOV.UK.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Bill deposit – details of documents deposited</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 The Chair queried if the removal of the Golborne Link was the main component of the Additional Provision (AP) to the Bill deposited in July (AP1).</p> <p>3.3 HS2 Ltd explained that the consequences of the removal of the Golborne Link was the main component of AP1 but it also included approx. 35 smaller changes. HS2 noted that AP1 was atypical and that most APs comprise of many smaller changes.</p> <p>3.4 MCC highlighted that the removal of the Golborne Link could have effects on Greater Manchester. But in the Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) it stated that any such effects would not be reported in their Community Area until the deposit of Additional Provision 2 (AP2).</p> <p>3.5 HS2 Ltd confirmed that this was normal practice given the geographic split of the APs, and that the Select Committee would consider the various APs/SEs to the Bill, and the interrelationship between them ‘in the round’ before reporting the amended Bill to the House of Commons.</p> <p>3.6 HS2 Ltd advised that if members had concerns with the removal of the Golborne Link then they could be discussed with HS2 Ltd and any effects would be reported in AP2/SES2.</p>	

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	<p>3.7 The Chair asked for clarification on when and how the responses to the consultation to Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) would be reported).</p> <p>3.8 HS2 Ltd informed members that the Standing Order requirements only relate to the Environmental Statement (ES), they do not extend to the EqIA. Therefore, there are no Parliamentary rules that govern how HS2 Ltd deal with the consultation responses and when a response is published.</p> <p>3.9 HS2 Ltd did, however, confirm that they were considering the responses to the EqIA consultation and aimed to produce a summary response report of the consultation responses received as well as how HS2 Ltd's formal response to those consultation responses in early 2023.</p> <p>3.10 HS2 Ltd noted that more stakeholders with 'protected characteristics' have come forward since the deposit of the Bill. However, there were still stakeholders that HS2 Ltd have been unable to contact. Any additional assistance was welcomed from local authorities to contact hard to reach stakeholders, including those with protected characteristics.</p> <p>3.11MCC offered to assist HS2 Ltd to identify affected parties who in law may have 'protected characteristics'.</p> <p>3.12 HS2 Ltd welcomed this offer and acknowledged that the HS2 community engagement team would be relying on local authorities' local intelligence as to how HS2 Ltd could most effectively communicate with affected parties.</p>	
4	<p>Planning Regime proposals in the Bill and Planning Memorandum</p> <p>4.1 HS2 Ltd noted that no further comments had been received on the Bill planning provisions and draft Planning Memorandum, since the discussion at the last Planning Forum on 11 May. HS2 Ltd recognised that members have been preoccupied with other aspects of the Parliamentary process, so it would not seek to close out the documents until early in 2023, which should ensure local authorities had sufficient time to review them again once the petitioning stage of the bill had closed (further information can be found in the slide pack).</p>	
5	<p>General Principles of the Environmental Minimum Requirements</p> <p>5.1. HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the General Principles of the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs) (further information can be found in the slide pack).</p>	

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	<p>5.2.HS2 Ltd recommended members to read Information Paper E1 alongside the General Principles document for context (see HS2 Phase 2b information papers: Environment (E Series) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))</p> <p>Action: Members were requested to identify any concerns regarding item 5 to the Chair prior to the local authority pre-meet on 17th August 2022.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Key Design Elements</p> <p>6.1 HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the Key Design Elements (KDEs), which included the process, engagement, case studies and the proposed locations for Phase 2b (see slide pack for further information).</p> <p>6.2 HS2 Ltd explained that they will engage the public on the design development of key elements of infrastructure – these include main viaducts, depot buildings and key ventilation shafts in sensitive areas.</p> <p>6.3 TC asked if this engagement extended to stations.</p> <p>6.4 HS2 Ltd confirmed that they would engage on stations and KDEs.</p> <p>6.5 HS2 Ltd recommended members to review the KDE list and advise if specific sensitive areas should be included to the list.</p> <p>6.6 TC queried if the car parks associated with the airport station form part of the KDE.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm if the car parks associated with the airport station form part of the Key Design Elements.</p> <p>6.7 MCC requested for the North Tunnel Portal to be formally included in the KDE list.</p> <p>6.8 HS2 noted MCC’s request that North Portal be a KDE and confirmed that consideration will be given to this and a response provided at a future meeting”.</p> <p>Action: Members to propose any other locations prior to the local authority pre-meet on 17th August.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p> <p>HS2 Ltd</p>

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	<p>6.9 The Chair asked how the KDE consultation process worked [and whether the response to the consultation were reported to the LPA as part of the request for approval documents].</p> <p>6.10 HS2 said that a summary of, and response to, such engagement would be included in requests for approval. The overall approach to the KDE consultation process will be discussed with the Forum as the relevant Planning Forum Note is prepared.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Community Engagement – Hybrid Bill deposit and engagement</p> <p>7.1 HS2 Ltd provided an overview of engagement undertaken in relation to the Hybrid Bill and AP1 deposit, together with an outline of the proposed route wide ground investigation timeline (see slide pack for further information).</p> <p>7.2 MCC explained that businesses do not appear to be as engaged or aware of HS2 events as local residents. It was requested that more engagement with businesses should be undertaken to ensure that they are informed of the events and the importance of them attending.</p> <p>7.3 HS2 Ltd agreed that businesses were often hard to reach, in part because of the split between ownership and occupation found in many commercial properties. HS2 had [increasingly] resorted to leafletting the properties affected just ahead of consultation events because owners had often neglected to pass on information to the tenants. HS2 confirmed their desire to improve engagement with affected businesses and work with local authorities to ensure those parties affected were engaged with as effectively as possible.</p> <p>7.4 The Chair asked if engagement contact details could be shared with members.</p> <p>7.5 HS2 Ltd offered to circulate a list with relevant contacts in the Engagement Team and highlight which community areas they cover.</p> <p>Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate a list with relevant contacts and highlight which community areas they cover.</p> <p>7.6 CWC queried if HS2 Ltd would be sharing initial ground investigation data and also queried whether, if the results from that data indicated that design change would be required, the relevant parties, including the local authority, would be informed.</p> <p>7.7 HS2 Ltd advised that they have assumed a reasonable worst case scenario for ground conditions in assessing the environmental</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p>

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	<p>impacts of the scheme for the purposes of the ES. This approach meant that it was unlikely that substantive changes in design would be required that would not be within the scope of the ES, but in the unlikely event that a design change was required that was 'out of scope', HS2 would engage with the local authority concerned as appropriate.</p> <p>Action – HS2 Ltd to include an item on HS2’s ground investigation strategy.</p>	<p>HS2 Ltd</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Sub group update</p> <p>8.1 HS2 Ltd provided an overview of the themes covered at each sub group meeting since May 2022 (see slide pack for further details).</p> <p>8.2 HS2 Ltd presented a live programme of upcoming sub group meetings and advised members that they could access this via SharePoint (see item 1).</p> <p>8.3 TC queried the frequency of the Water & Drainage sub group.</p> <p>8.4 HS2 Ltd advised that topic leads from HS2 Ltd and local authorities have discussed the items for future meetings under the Terms of Reference associated with the sub group. As a result of this, members agreed that twice a year would be sufficient to cover the relevant water and drainage matters.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Planning authority feedback and matters Feedback from pre-meets with Chair</p> <p>9.1 The Chair confirmed that a pre meeting had taken place with local authorities on 22nd June. He confirmed that all the matters that had been identified for discussion at the Forum had been discussed at the current meeting.</p> <p>9.2 The Chair also confirmed that the next LA/Chair pre-meet would be held (via Teams) on 17th August. As this date was during the main summer holiday break, the Chair noted that he would be more than happy to receive any comments or potential agenda suggestions via email.</p>	

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10	Overview of content for future meetings Planning authority feedback and matters 10.1 HS2 Ltd provided an indicative overview of content for future meetings until November 2022 (see slide pack for further details). It was noted that this programme would be kept under review to allow opportunities for further discussion of matters if required. 10.2 CEC quired the deadline for the Qualifying Authority status. 10.3 HS2 Ltd confirmed that this would not be until the end of the Select Committee in the House of Lords.	
11	Arrangements for the next meeting on 14 September It was advised that the next meeting will be online only, but it was hoped that the Forum would be conducted in a hybrid format twice a year from 2023, which would provide further opportunities for Forum members to meet in person. TC and MCC offered to explore meeting room availability at their offices for future meetings.	
12	AOB	
	END	12:35