

# HS2

## Phase 2b (Western Leg) Planning Forum

13 July 2022

# Welcome and Introductions



# Agenda

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"><li>Golborne Link</li><li>ES &amp; EQIA next steps</li><li>AP1 deposit</li></ul>	HS2 Ltd	11:15
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	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
	End		13:00

Published meeting minutes can be found here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/meeting-minutes-for-the-hs2-phase-2b-planning-forum](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meeting-minutes-for-the-hs2-phase-2b-planning-forum)

# Review of actions log



Action	Action Owner	Status
<b>ITEM 2:</b> HS2 Ltd to upload the March 2022 minutes to GOV.UK.	HS2 Ltd	<b>Complete.</b>
<b>ITEM 4:</b> HS2 Ltd to provide members with information on the policy for highways degradation and repairs.	HS2 Ltd	<b>Complete.</b> Agreed as a future item for Highways Sub-Group
<b>ITEM 4:</b> HS2 Ltd provide their interpretation of the terms 'materially altered' and "relevant site".	HS2 Ltd	<b>Complete.</b> Relevant site is defined in Schedule 17 para 12 (2). Materially altered is a generally accepted planning term and HS2 Ltd have no additional specific definition beyond the accepted term.
<b>ITEM 4:</b> Members to provide any further comments on the Phase 2b Bill text changes to HS2 Ltd within 21 days of receiving the slide pack, with responses presented at the next forum meeting.	LPAs	<b>Complete.</b> Slide pack sent to members on 13/05/2022.
<b>ITEM 4:</b> HS2 Ltd to provide members with Planning Forum Notes (PFNs) from Phase 1 and 2a for context.	HS2 Ltd	<b>Complete.</b> Email sent on 13/05/2022
<b>ITEM 4:</b> LPAs to advise if a future agenda item on Schedule 18 should be included at a future meeting.	LPAs	<b>Ongoing.</b>
<b>ITEM 6:</b> HS2 Ltd to investigate providing a live version of the sub group tracker on SharePoint.	HS2 Ltd	<b>Complete.</b> <u><a href="#">Live sub group tracker.</a></u>

# Review of previous meeting minutes



# HS2 Crewe to Manchester Bill



# Progress in Parliament

Parliament's Independent Assessor published their summary report on the responses received to the Environmental Statement (ES) consultation on 6 June ([here](#)). The responses themselves were also published ([here](#)).

The Government announced on 6 June that they would be asking Parliament to remove the Golborne link from the Bill ([here](#)).

The Bill received its Second Reading in the House of Commons on 20 June, by a vote of 205 to 6 (transcript of the debate [here](#)).

A number of motions were passed immediately after Second Reading ([here](#)), including one establishing the Select Committee and setting the petitioning period for the Bill. **Petitions against the Bill must be deposited by 5pm on 4 August.**

The motions also instruct the Select Committee to amend the Bill to remove the Golborne link, and to not hear any petition to the extent that it relates to whether or not there should be such a link.

An Additional Provision (AP) to the Bill and an AP ES were deposited on 6 July ([here](#)). A Supplementary ES (SES) has also been published. **Petitions against the AP must be deposited by 5pm on 9 August.**

The consultation on the AP1 ES and SES1 ([here](#)) – similar to the one on the ES deposited with the Bill - runs until 1 September. A summary report on the responses received to this consultation will be published before the Bill receives its Third Reading in the House of Commons.

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# Planning Regime proposals in the Bill and Planning Memorandum

- Response to LPA feedback



## Current Status and Next Steps

- A briefing on the Planning Regime in the Bill and the Planning Memorandum was given to Forum Members at the 9th March meeting.
- Response to comments received were presented at the previous Forum meeting on 11th May
- An email requesting any further comments on the Planning Regime and Planning Memorandum was sent on 25th May.
- No comments or feedback have been received to date.
- Further comments are invited from Forum Members which will be subsequently discussed at a future Planning Forum.



# General Principles of the Environmental Minimum Requirements



The **General Principles** document is one of a suite of documents that form the Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs). Its purpose is to define and explain the relevant minimum requirements.

The controls contained in the EMRs, along with powers contained in the Bill and the Undertakings given by the Secretary of State, **will ensure that impacts which have been assessed in the ES will not be exceeded**, unless any new impact or impacts in excess of those assessed in the ES:

- results from a change in circumstances which was not likely at the time of the ES; or
- would not be likely to be environmentally significant: or
- results from a change or extension to the project, where that change or extension would not itself fall within the description of EIA development under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1, or paragraph 13 of the table in Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 or the equivalent Regulations applicable in Scotland; or
- would be considered as part of a separate consent process (and therefore further EIA if required).



The General Principles explain that:

- HS2 will be **contractually bound** to comply with the controls set out in the EMRs and as may be developed during the passage of the Bill through Parliament.
- HS2 will use reasonable endeavours to adopt mitigation measures that will further reduce any adverse environmental impacts caused insofar as these mitigation measures **do not add unreasonable costs** to the project or **unreasonable delays** to the construction programme.
- Where a statutory undertaker is carrying out development in connection with Phase 2b (Crewe – Manchester) for which it has planning permission because that development has been **assessed in the ES**, it will be required to comply with the controls set out in the Undertakings and Assurances.
- HS2 shall adopt and implement the Environmental Memorandum which requires the nominated undertaker to develop and implement an **Environmental Management System** before construction begins.

Information Paper E1 outlines how environmental commitments will be met through controls both within and outside the Bill, and provides further context for how the General Principles are formulated.

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# Key Design Elements (KDEs)



# Background

- The planning regime set out in the Phase 2b Bill is a well established process for major infrastructure projects;
- The planning regime requires involvement of local planning authorities working on behalf of local stakeholders;
- On Phase 1 and 2a some sensitive locations warranted additional engagement with communities, resulting in the creation of KDEs, while retaining the Acts' planning regime; and
- The principle of KDEs has been carried forward into Phase 2b.



Key Design Elements (KDEs) are listed in Information Paper D1 as part of the overall HS2 Phase 2b Design Vision and were not specifically listed in the Phase 2a Act or 2b Bill.

The Promoter 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.

## **Key Design Elements (KDEs) section 6**

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# KDEs

## Consenting:

- Same consenting process as other permanent physical elements – Schedule 17
- The 2b Planning Memorandum, provides the commitment that the nominated undertaker will engage in proportionate forward discussions about prospective requests for approval with the qualifying authority and statutory consultees. Forward discussions will, as relevant, include design development, submission dates and planning committee cycles.
- The scope and nature of public engagement will depend on the KDE, its environment and the nature of the local community.



# Phase 1 KDE examples



**Colne Valley Viaduct**



**Wendover Dean Viaduct**



# Phase 1 KDE examples



**Calvert Infrastructure Maintenance Depot**



**Chalfont St Peter Shaft**



# Calvert IMD - engagement

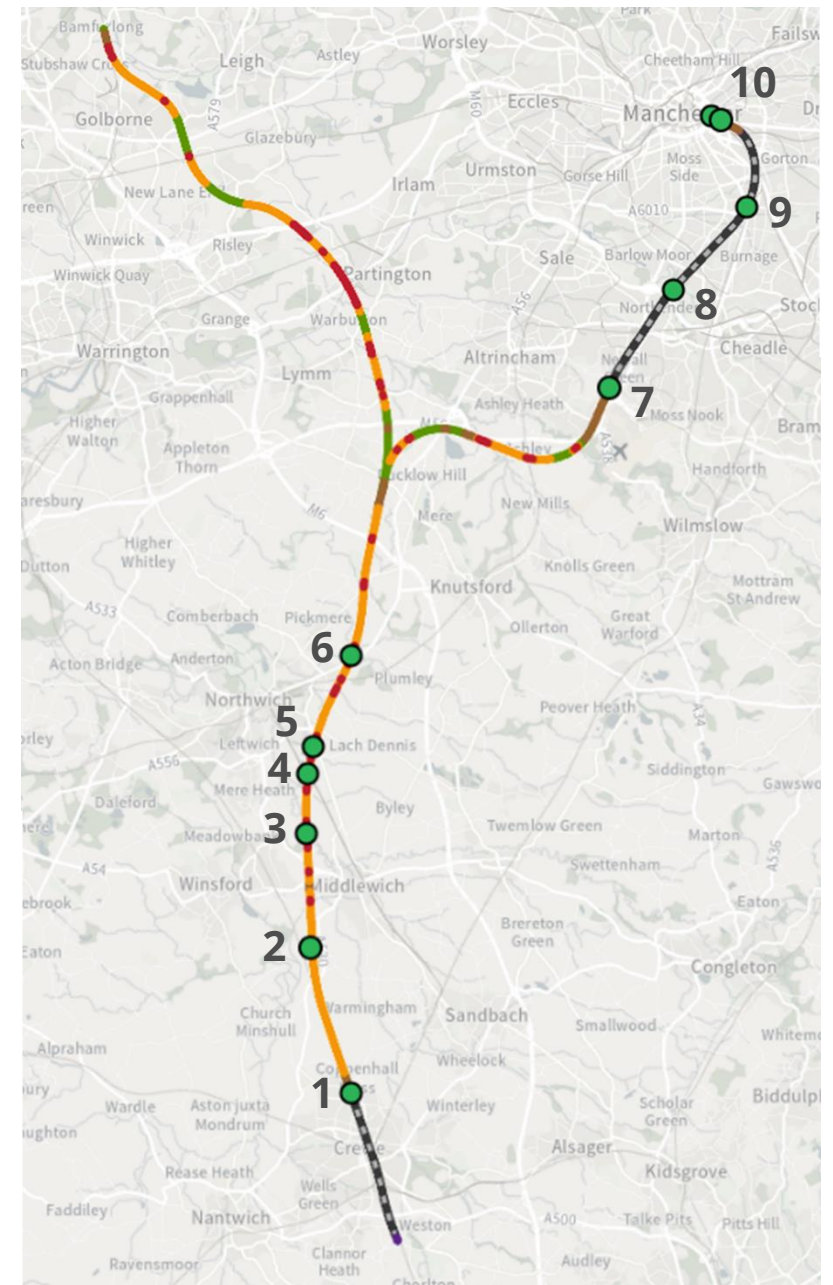
## A month long engagement period;

- Residents received a leaflet informing of the engagement events.
- Dedicated webpage on the main HS2 website with access to the virtual display boards and information on the other engagement activity.
- Two in person events in the local area providing opportunity to face to face information sharing and display boards.
- An on line webinar.
- An on line questionnaire to capture feedback.
- In person briefing with local Councillors



# Ph2b proposed KDEs

	KDE Overview List	Length (m)
1	Crewe Tunnel North Porous Portal	150
2	Crewe Rolling Stock Depot	-
3	River Dane Viaduct	1129
4	Trent and Mersey Canal Viaduct	283
5	Gad Brook Viaduct	980
6	Smoker Brook Viaduct	806
7	Manchester Tunnel South Porous Portal	50
8	Palatine Road Vent Shaft	-
9	Birchfield Road Vent Shaft	-
10	Piccadilly Approach Viaduct & Piccadilly Station Viaduct	Viaduct 420 Station 456



# Community Engagement



# Hybrid Bill deposit and engagement

- Hybrid Bill for Phase 2b Western leg deposited January 24 2022.
- A consultation ran until 31 March 2022.
- Webinars across the Phase 2b route to update about the Hybrid Bill deposit and next steps Feb/March
- Advertising tools used include: social media ads, newspaper ads, a leaflet, MP, CEO and Leader letters, website updates, and stakeholder emails.
- Second reading took place on 20 June with cross party support with 205 votes in favour with 6 against.
- The closing date for petitioning the Bill is 4 August at 5pm.



# AP1 deposit and engagement

- Additional Provision 1 was deposited on 6 July. Changes include the extension to the Crewe tunnel, junction modifications and the removal of the Golborne Link from the Crewe – Manchester Bill.
- A consultation on the AP will now run until 1 September.
- Between June 20 and July 16 there have been 8 community events across the route from Crewe to Manchester, as well as an event Manchester Piccadilly station.
- Three webinars in July for AP1.
- The petitioning period for AP1 is now open 5pm on 9 August.





# Route Wide Ground Investigation Approximate Timeline

Event	Approximate Date
Issue GI Licenses to Landowners and Tenants	Q2 2022
Appoint Delivery Partner	Q4 2022
Pre-Commencement Meetings	Q4 2022- Q1 2023
Commence GI Fieldwork	Q1 2023
Completion of Route Wide GI	2025



# Subgroup update



# Previous Subgroup meetings

Subgroup	Date (last quarter)	Meeting topic
EHO (Operational noise meeting)	04.07.22	1. IP E13: Control of construction noise and vibration
EHO (Operational noise meeting)	28.06.22	1. IP E11: Control of noise from the operation of stationary systems and E12: Operational noise and vibration monitoring framework
EHO (Operational noise meeting)	26.05.22	1. IP E10: Control of ground noise and vibration from the operation of temporary and permanent railways
Highways	26.05.22	1. Highways Information Papers
EHO	24.05.22	1. Intro to the EMRs and CoCP
Heritage	18.05.22	1. Intro to the EMRs, Heritage Memorandum and CoCP

# Upcoming Subgroup meetings

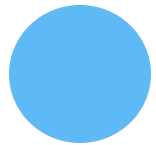
Subgroup	Upcoming meeting date	Meeting topic
Heritage	21.07.22	1. TBC (in-depth discussion on Schedule 18)
EHO	September TBC	1. TBC
Highways	September TBC	1. TBC
Flooding and Drainage	September TBC	1. TBC



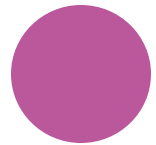
# 2022 Subgroup activity

2022												
Planning Forum Subgroup	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
EHO		8th	9th		24th				TBC			
EHO Operational Noise Working Group				28th	30th	28th	4th					
Heritage		10th	2nd		18th		21st		TBC			
Highways		22nd			26th				TBC		TBC	
Flooding and Drainage		17th							TBC			

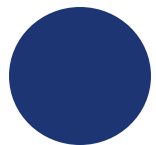
## Subgroup common themes



Seeking clarity on works post Royal assent



Sharing examples of what has happened on Phase 1 and 2a



Seeking further clarity on associated Bill documentation



# Planning authority feedback and matters

- Feedback from pre-meet with Chair



# Overview of content for future meetings



# Provisional Forward Plan

	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	2023
1.	Planning Regime	General Principles of the EMRs	Environmental Memorandum	Meeting dates to be agreed
2.	Planning Memorandum	Environmental Memorandum	Process for becoming a Qualifying Authority	Planning Regime review
3.	General Principles of the EMRs	Schedule 17 – lessons learnt.	Statutory Undertakers and reinstated PDRs	Planning Forum Notes
4.	Key Design Elements (KDEs)	Detailed Design – LPA involvement	Planning Regime and EMRs	Draft Statutory Guidance
5	Sub Groups Update	Undertakings and assurances	Sub Groups Update	
6		Sub Groups update		
7		KDE feedback		



# Arrangements for next meeting:

- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022



# AOB/Questions?



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