

# Meeting minutes

## Phase 2b Planning Forum – Environmental Health Subgroup – Operational Noise Working Group Minutes #1 – July 2022

<b>Meeting date</b>	Monday, 04 July 2022
<b>Meeting location</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting time</b>	11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Presenters
<b>Coordinators:</b> Technical Engagement Manager HS2, Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
<b>Sound Noise and Vibration:</b> Noise Assessment Specialist HS2, Head of Noise Assessment HS2
<b>Meeting minutes:</b> Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Trafford Council
Manchester City Council

## 1 Agenda item – Welcome and Introduction

- 1.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 ran through the agenda and gave an introduction to the EHO exceptional operational noise working group meeting.

**Action 1: circulate the presentation slides post-meeting**

## **2 Agenda item – Overview of the Operational Noise Working Group**

- 2.1 Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 explained the purpose of the meeting and gave an overview of the HS2 Noise Policy Overview as well as advising what Information Paper will be covered in the session.

## **3 Agenda item – Presentation on HS2 Information Paper E13: Control of construction noise and vibration.**

- 3.1 Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 gave an overview and set out what is contained within Information Paper E13: Control of construction noise and vibration.

### **Questions and Discussion:**

**Cheshire West and Chester Council queried what the perceived value was for HS2 having sufficient level of detail in regard to the Lowest Observed Adverse Level Effect (LOAELs) for construction noise**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 explained that HS2's commitment is to reduce noise levels, so the level of detail enables stakeholders to see HS2's prediction against the commitment.**

**Manchester City Council pointed out that it had been stated in the Information Papers that once detailed construction plans are established, HS2 will reassess these, and queried whether HS2 will share that information with Local Authorities**

**Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 confirmed that HS2 would share that information when the assessment is undertaken**

**Manchester City Council queried how difficult HS2 has found it to put mitigations in place before the effects have been observed**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 advised that there is a commitment from HS2 through Undertakings and Assurances (U & A) to install mitigation prior to the triggering activity**

**Trafford Council asked if construction traffic is included as part of Information Paper E13**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 explained that construction traffic is not included as part of Information Paper E13, as traffic would be deemed an indirect impact of the scheme on noise and vibration assessments.**

**Manchester City Council queried if residents/businesses need to provide HS2 documents to prove that they are lawfully occupying their homes/business as part of the application process for HS2's noise mitigation scheme**

**Noise and Vibration Manager explained that HS2 has never contacted a resident to ask if they are lawfully occupying their homes**

**Manchester City Council queried what HS2 would do if a resident claimed cash compensation mentioned in Information Paper E13 and then sold their home to a new resident**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 explained how HS2 do not offer the compensation in a lumpsum amount, and instead would pay residents on a monthly basis**

**Cheshire West and Cheshire Council queried if there was a threshold timeline for the prolonged disruption compensation scheme and when that would become relevant**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 advised that the scheme is based on predicted effects and come into effect if it is expected that the contractors will exceed the temporary housing thresholds**

**Trafford Council queried if piling work is considered as part of this guidance**

**HS2 to explained how any sort of construction related activity is covered by Information Paper E13 policy**

**Manchester City Council asked if, when HS2 gets quotes for new glazing from residents, if HS2 always pick the cheapest option of contractor**

**Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 confirmed in essence that is correct and HS2 will only pay the lowest quote, Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 added that HS2 doesn't cover the cost of replacing windows, and only pays for secondary glazing**

## **4 Agenda item – Future meetings and feedback**

- 4.1 Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 advised that no further noise working group meetings are set to take place at current and explained how attendees are able to leave feedback on Information Paper E13.