

Meeting minutes

Phase 2b Planning Forum – Environmental Health Subgroup Minutes – September 2022

Meeting date	Tuesday, 27 September 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	13:00 pm – 14:30 pm

Presenters
Chair: Head of Environmental Sciences HS2
Coordinator: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Air Quality: Air Quality Manager HS2
Sound Noise and Vibration: Noise Assessment Specialist HS2, Noise and Vibration Manager HS2
Meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester
Manchester City Council
Trafford Council

1 Agenda item – Welcome and Introduction

- 1.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, 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 Advisor, 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 Advisor, HS2 explained when the ToR was re-circulated and advised that the ToR has been signed off, as no comments were received.

4 Agenda item – HS2 Phase 2B Update

- 4.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 gave an update on the Phase 2B Crewe – Manchester Bill

5 Agenda item – Carbon Update

- 5.1 Head of Environmental Sciences, HS2 provided a high-level Carbon update and presented some examples of what HS2 are doing on Phase 1.

Questions and Discussion:

Manchester City Council queried how quickly HS2 will implement LPG generators into construction, and if all contractos will be required to use lower emission genrators

Head of Environmental Sciences advised that there is a slide on the analysis of the carbon reduction plan that answers the question about LPG generators. Air Quality Manager, HS2 also explained that this will also be discussed in the air quality update

Manchester City Council queried how gate checks work in practice for construction equipment

Head of Environmnetal Sciences explained, for construction equipment each piece of equipment has to be registered with HS2 before it goes on-site

6 Agenda item – Air Quality Update

- 6.1 Air Quality Manager, HS2 gave an update on the innovations and workstreams that HS2 are looking at and provided attendees with useful links (HS2 Corporate Plan, HS2 and Air Quality Webpage and the Monthly Monitoring reports).

7 Agenda item – Sound, Noise and Vibration Update

- 7.1 Noise Assessment Specialist, HS2 gave a high-level update on the guidance note on Section 61 procedure for Local Authorities.

Question

Manchester City Council suggested for HS2 in the future to take attendees through any Phase one concerns and explain why changes were made to the Section 61 Procedure for Local Authorities document

Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 explained how the process hasn't changed, however, how there is always room for improvement, and that is where the updates to the Section 61 Procedure document has come from, as well as providing attendees with an example of a highlighted change and why that change was made

Manchester City Council asked when HS2 will be seeking engagement from the Environmental Health Officers (EHO's) for the noise assessment or noise reports

Noise and Vibration Manager, HS2 advised that in terms of the process, HS2 ask their contractors to engage with EHO's prior to the submission of any application

8 Agenda item – Next Steps and AOB

- 8.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 asked attendees if they would prefer another meeting to take place before or after year-end. As no set date was agreed, HS2 advised they would look to see when is best to hold another meeting and issue invites in due course.

Action 1: HS2 to organise a meeting before or after the New Year.