

Meeting minutes

Phase 2b Planning Forum – Highways Subgroup Minutes #1 – September 2022

Meeting date	Thursday, 15 September 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	13:30 pm – 15:30 pm

Presenters
Chair: Head of Highways and Drainage Engineering HS2 Ltd
Highways: Head of Highways and Drainage Engineering HS2 Ltd, Senior Traffic Manager HS2 Ltd
Coordinator and meeting minutes: Technical Engagement Advisor HS2 Ltd
Attendees
Organisation
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Carlisle City Council
HS2 Ltd
Manchester City Council
National Highways

1 Agenda item – Welcome and Introduction

- 1.1 The Head of Highways and Drainage Engineering as Chair, HS2 Ltd asked all attendees to introduce themselves and went through the agenda and housekeeping.

2 Agenda item – Action Log

- 2.1 Technical Engagement Advisor, HS2 Ltd went through the status of all actions from the previous 2B Highways Subgroup meeting.

3 Agenda item – Project Update

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

4 Agenda item – Introduction into Lorry Routes

- 4.1 Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd provided an overview on the local traffic management plans and how they fit into the lorry route approval process.

Questions and discussion

The Chair, HS2 Ltd asked if the first draft of the Local Traffic Management Plan (LTMP) will be ready before or after Royal Assent.

The Chair, HS2 Ltd queried when the Phase 2B Highways Subgroup will be consulted on the updated Route-wide Traffic Management Plan (RTMP).

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd advised that a date to consult on the updated RTMP will need to be added to the programme.

Cheshire East Council queried how the construction route boundary works when it comes to neighbouring authorities approving certain route boundaries.

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd stated that HS2 Ltd will engage with all authorities affected by route boundary works, and those authorities who are involved in the pre-application are able to make any concerns they may have, known to HS2 Ltd during engagement.

Action 1: Add a date to the future programme of topics to consult the Phase 2B Highways Subgroup on the updated RTMP

Action 2: Set a date for when traffic liaison groups (TLGs) will be required for Phase 2B

5 Agenda item – Future Programme of Topics

- 5.1 Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd went through the future programme of topics for the temporary highways works. The Chair, HS2 Ltd also advised that they will look at creating a future programme of topics for the permanent as well as temporary highway works.

Questions and discussion

The Chair, HS2 Ltd asked if the first drafts of the Local Traffic Management Plans (LTMPs) will be ready before or after Royal Assent.

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd advised that the first drafts will be ready after Royal Assent, unless required sooner for works to be carried out under the normal legislative regime for highway works.

The Chair, HS2 Ltd noted that a separate session on the topic of public rights of way had been arranged via the Phase 2a Highways Subgroup that had proved useful, and it was agreed to do the same for Phase 2b.

Action 3: update the Future Programme of Topics plan with permanent highway works items and a session on public rights of way (PRoW)

6 Agenda item – Future Meeting and AOB

- 6.1 The Chair, HS2 Ltd advised that they are happy/keen to adopt a hybrid meeting format for the next meeting. Cheshire East Council offered a meeting room in Crewe for the meeting following the December Subgroup.

Action 4: organise an in-person meeting in Manchester for early December