

Meeting minutes

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

Meeting date	Wednesday, 07 December 2022
Meeting location	Microsoft Teams
Meeting time	13:00 pm – 15:00 pm

Presenters
Chair: Head of Highways and Drainage Engineering HS2 Ltd
Highways: Senior Traffic Manager HS2 Ltd, Head of Highways and Drainage Engineering HS2 Ltd
Project Update: HSR Policy Lead Department for Transport
Coordinator: Technical Engagement Manager HS2 Ltd
Attendees
Organisation
ARUP
Cheshire East Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Department for Transport
Manchester City Council
Trafford Council
Transport for Greater Manchester

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.

Action 1: Circulate the presentation slides

2 Agenda item – Action Log

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

3 Agenda item – Project Update

- 3.1 HSR Policy Lead, Department for Transport gave an update on the Phase 2B Crewe – Manchester Bill.

4 Agenda item – Temporary Traffic Management – Introduction

- 4.1 Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd provided an introduction to temporary traffic management, focusing on the street works traffic management section of highways works and the process of managing those.

Questions and discussion

Manchester City Council asked for HS2 to share more detail on HS2 Street Manager with Local Authorities sooner

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 advised that the forward planning element of Street Manager is a key use of the system and the detail discussions regarding Street Manager will be picked up in the traffic liaison group meetings

Cheshire West and Chester Council queried if the GIS layer will be available for Local Authorities

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 advised that the GIS layer is not currently available to access, however, HS2 do share information within meetings. HS2 also mentioned that the data HS2 used to feed into the GIS is the data Local Authorities already hold

Cheshire East Council echoed the concerns of Manchester City Council around visibility on forward plans

5 Agenda item – Permanent Highway Works – Introduction

- 5.1 The Chair, HS2 Ltd provided an introduction to permanent highway works.

Questions and discussion

Manchester City Council queried if HS2 updated the Technical Standards Roads document with LTN 1/20

The Chair, HS2 showed the revision section of the Technical Standards document, confirming that HS2 has updated the document

Cheshire East advised how it would be useful for Local Authorities to understand where the standards are kept and how they get access to them

The Chair, HS2 advised that a library of relevant Technical documents will be uploaded to the 2B Highways SharePoint

Manchester City Council queried if the Highways Technical Standards document picks up hostile vehicle mitigation

The Chair, HS2 advised that there are a set of separate security documents which covers hostile vehicle mitigation

Trafford Council queried the drainage hierarchy and wanted to know if Local Authorities would need to take any third-party water

The Chair, HS2 advised that HS2 would want to avoid that if they can however, if it is unavoidable, HS2 would speak with the Local Authorities

Manchester City Council asked if HS2 would work with Local Authorities on sustainable drainage

The Chair, HS2 advised that when it comes to scheme design, HS2 are happy to agree to working with Local Authorities where appropriate

Action 2: HS2 to upload a library of relevant Technical documents to the P2B SharePoint

6 Agenda item – Future Programme of Topics

- 6.1 Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 Ltd went through the future programme of topics for the highways works.

Questions and discussion

Head of Highways, HS2 queried if the consents and approvals process could be discussed early on in the programme of topics

Senior Traffic Manager, HS2 advised the consents and approvals conversation will happen at the next Highways Subgroup meeting and showed where it sat in the future programme of topics table. The Chair, HS2 added that as it would be an in-depth topic, the consents and approvals discussion would have to happen over more than one meeting

Manchester City Council queried how the future programme of topics ties into the ground investigations works which start next year, and if Local Authorities need to know about ground investigation works as early as possible

The Chair, HS2 advised that until HS2 Phase 2B reach the point of Royal-Assent, everything will be covered under the normal highways regime.

7 Agenda item – Future Meeting and AOB

- 7.1 The Chair, HS2 Ltd advised that next meeting is to take place in March 2023, and that the subgroup forum are happy to continue to adopt the hybrid meeting format for the next meeting. Technical Engagement Manager, HS2 advised that meeting minutes will be issued and made available to the public on the .Gov website, and that no comment sheets for the Highways subgroup have been shared to date. The Chair, HS2 asked if anyone had any questions, and brought the meeting to a close.