HS2

Phase 2b (Western Leg) Planning Forum

12 January 2022

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda

| Item | | Lead | Time |
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| | Welcome and introductions | Forum Chair | 10:00 |
| 1 | Review of minutes and actions from previous meeting | HS2 Ltd | 10:10 |
| 2 | Purpose of current meeting | HS2 Ltd | 10:20 |
| 3 | Integrated Rail Plan | DfT | 10:30 |
| 4 | Scheme Changes during Bill passage | HS2 Ltd - SK | 11:15 |
| | Break | | 11:35 |
| 5 | Community Engagement - Details of Bill Deposit | HS2 Ltd - AP | 11:45 |
| 6 | Planning authority feedback and matters • Feedback from pre-meets with Chair | HS2 & Planning authorities | 12:15 |
| 7 | Arrangements for next meeting: • 9 th March 2022. • Venue | All | 12:30 |
| 8 | AOB | All | 12:40 |
| | End | | 13:00 |

Review of minutes and actions from previous meeting

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| ITEM 3: A question was asked whether the changes to the Planning Memorandum are available now? HS2 Ltd said that the draft Memorandum will be available at Bill Deposit. However, the EMRs will be in draft until Royal Assent and can be discussed after the point of Bill deposit. | HS2 Ltd | It was agreed after deposit that a short summary tables of changes would be communicated to Forum Members at the March 2022 meeting assuming that is after Bill deposit. |
| ITEM 4: It was asked in the meeting chat if HS2 Ltd could circulate the link to the 'Respecting People and Respecting Places Community engagement strategy'. HS2 Ltd agreed to circulate link. | HS2 Ltd | This was circulated in the meeting chat. For ease of reference it is copied below: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-ltds-community-engagement-strategy |
| ITEM 6: HS2 Ltd will circulate the links to the property policies for 2a and 2b after the forum meeting. | HS2 Ltd | This was circulated by an email on 24/12/2021. |
| How authorities will be involved in the detailed design process – HS2 Ltd explained that this process is several years away, starting after Royal Assent. However, an item on how this has worked on earlier phases can be put on the agenda for a meeting in spring 2022. | HS2 Ltd | This item will be put on the agenda for the March 2022 forum. |

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| Lessons learnt from Phase One Schedule 17 applications – it was suggested that authorities from earlier phases could attend 2b Forum to share their experiences. | HS2 Ltd | This will be added to the Forum agenda in spring/summer 2022. |
| Local Authority Funding – members asked about the funding that will be available to them associated with their work on HS2 post Royal Assent. HS2 Ltd explained that for activities after Royal Assent the policy will be set out in an Information Paper published at Bill deposit. | HS2 Ltd | If having reviewed this Information Paper members wish to discuss the matter it will be added to the Forum agenda in 2022. |
| ITEM 6: A forum member questioned whether time sheeting could be adjusted to cut down time spent on SLAs as they had heard this has been an issue on Phase 1. HS2 Ltd said that time sheeting is important for controlling the spend of HS2 Ltd and a critical part of the audit process. | (HS2 Ltd) | HS2 will provide an update at the January 2022 meeting. |
| ITEM 6: Will come back to the forum with a proposed a pre-meet with enough time prior to the next forum (12 th January). | Chair | |

Purpose of Current meeting

Integrated Rail Plan

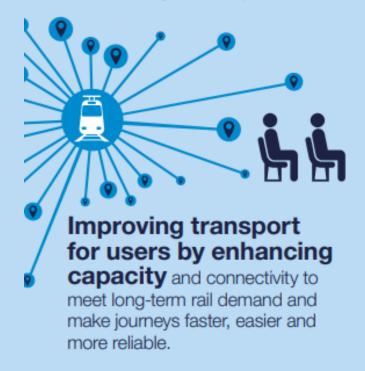
Integrated Rail Plan (IRP)

Background

- ▶ The IRP was commissioned following the conclusion of the <u>Oakervee Review</u> of HS2, published in February 2020.
- The **Oakervee Review** concluded that HS2 Phase 2b needed to be part of an Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands, which also considered Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub and other major Network Rail schemes such as Transpennine Route Upgrade.
- ▶ The IRP Terms of Reference set out that the plan should be based on the National Infrastructure Commission's Rail Needs Assessment (December 2020) in order to address the following questions:
 - How best to integrate HS2 Phase 2b and wider transport plans in the North and Midlands
 - How best to reduce cost
 - The recommended approach to sponsorship and delivery
 - How best to deliver rail connectivity with Scotland
- ▶ The NIC also recommended prioritising East-West links and suggested that greater levels of investment be considered.
- ▶ Development has been through close working between Government, Network Rail and HS2 Ltd.

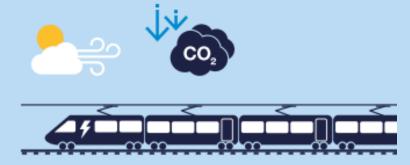
The IRP has been guided by **four strategic objectives**:

Strategic Objectives





Growing and levelling up the economy by creating opportunities for skills, employment, agglomeration and regeneration.



Reducing environmental impact by supporting decarbonisation of the rail network, and accelerating modal shift for passengers and goods.



Ensuring value for the taxpayer through efficient delivery of rail infrastructure, learning lessons from past projects to ensure that schemes are delivered effectively.

IRP Headlines

The biggest ever single government investment in Britain's rail network, redressing decades of underspend and supporting levelling up



A £96 billion package to overhaul and modernise rail connections across the North and Midlands

Delivers journey times which are the same as, similar to, or faster than original plans



Provides certainty on the future of a wide range of rail schemes

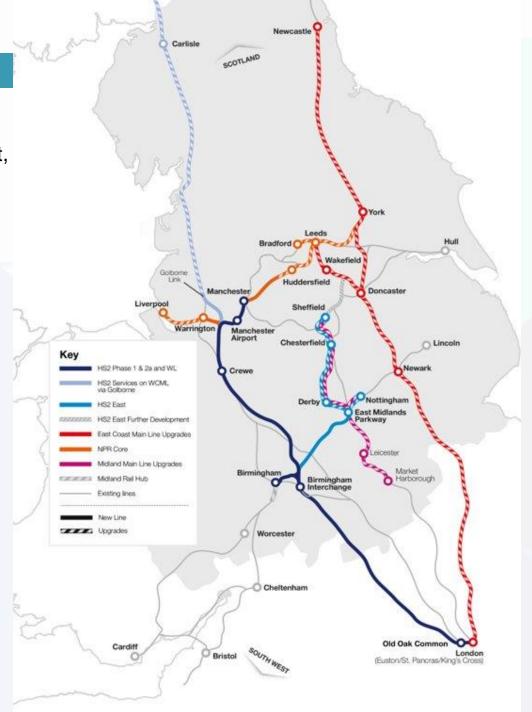


DfT will now manage future **development and delivery of Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR). TfN will continue** to play an important role as **joint programme 'sponsor'.**

The Core Network

The IRP delivers:

- Three new high-speed lines which will transform connections to, from and between the East and West Midlands, the North West, Yorkshire, the North East, Scotland and North Wales.
- ▶ Electrification, modernisation and upgrades on two existing main lines: the Midlands Main Line (from London to Sheffield) and Transpennine Main Line (from Liverpool to York).
- ▶ Upgrades to the East Coast Main Line (from London to Edinburgh), delivering higher line speeds and track improvements.
- Improvements to local services.
- ▶ **Development funding** to confirm the best way of getting trains from the East Midlands to Leeds.



IRP Benefits

Benefits of the IRP:

- ▶ Train services to the places people want to go, serving towns as well as the big cities
- ▶ Greater environmental benefits, allowing more journeys to be made easily without a car
- ▶ Increased capacity on the rail network, at a price the country can afford
- ▶ Benefits up to 10 years sooner than under previous plans
- ▶ Takes an 'adaptive approach' to investment, allowing programmes to evolve in light of future demand and cost information



IRP Delivery

Delivery Models:

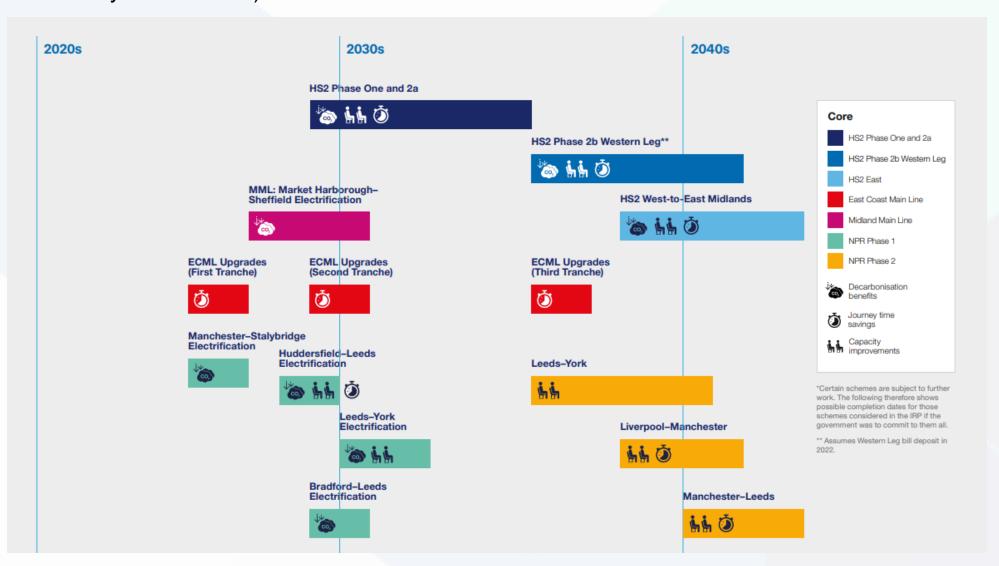
- In March 2018, the then Government introduced the Rail Networks Enhancement Pipeline (RNEP) to create a rolling programme of investment and allow schemes to proceed through investment gateways as they are ready.
- ▶ The IRP seeks to build on this approach, with individual schemes proceeding subject to future approval at key gateways to ensure ongoing control of costs and value for money.

Supply Chain:

- ▶ The Government aims to provide as much certainty as possible to the supply chain through the IRP, allowing investment in skills and planning for the future.
- ▶ Through the certainty produced by the IRP pipeline, the supply chain and skills capacity across the North and Midlands should develop as an additional benefit to long-term investment.
- ▶ This will create more high-quality jobs in regions and boost the competence of the region's small to medium-sized enterprises.
- ▶ The rail supply chain has an estimated workforce of over 35,000 in the North and Midlands over a third of the Great Britain total it will need to recruit additional workers, not least to deliver the projects set out in this plan.
- ▶ By taking an integrated approach to phasing, the Government will aim to smooth the demands on the supply chain to aid the planning of skills and development.

IRP Investment for the Core Pipeline

The below graphic outlines the benefit delivery timescales (estimated range of Delivery into Service) for schemes in the IRP:



Changes to Bill Powers

Scheme changes

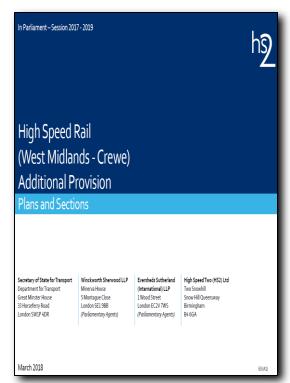
The Bill is a **flexible instrument** and many scheme changes will be able to be accommodated within the limits and powers sought.

The Government may offer **commitments** to stakeholders and petitioners to provide comfort that agreed scheme changes will be progressed within Bill powers, or that the powers will not be exercised in a particular way.

An **Additional Provision** (AP) is needed where **additional Bill powers** are required to deliver the scheme change.

If the scheme change can be accommodated within Bill powers, but it creates a **new or different significant environmental effect**, then it is covered in an **Supplementary Environmental Statement** (SES).

SESs are often published alongside the Environmental Statements accompanying APs. SES changes cannot be petitioned against, as they do not seek to amend the Bill.





There are few scheme changes that **cannot** be incorporated by means of an AP, but the **principle of the Bill and scheme will have been established at Second Reading** in the House of Commons and changes which go against that principle cannot be promoted. In practice this rules out significant route alignment changes and wholly alternative schemes, but the arguments for other scheme changes are heard at the discretion of the Select Committee.

Break (15 Minutes)

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Deposit communications and engagement

Bill deposit

The government has committed to depositing the HS2 Crewe – Manchester hybrid Bill in early 2022

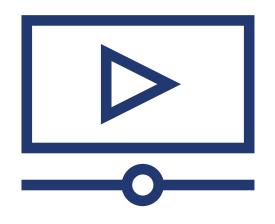
Upon deposit:

- Bill documentation will be made available to the public.
- A consultation will be triggered on the Environmental Statement & Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)

HS2 will work closely with DfT to notify our stakeholders including:

- MPs & MSPs
- Council Leaders, Chief Executives
- Statutory & Local Authorities
- Directly effected individuals and organisations
- Communities along the proposed route

Post-Bill deposit activities



- Webinars
- Videos



- Website
- Interactive maps



Remote meetings

Planning authority feedback and matters

Feedback from pre-meet with Chair

Arrangements for next meeting:

• 9th March 2022

AOB/Questions?

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Phase 2 Route Wide Ground Investigation

Route wide GI

Gl Contract Award late 2022 Proposed GI Compound secured early summer 2022

Compound site selection – ongoing

Discussions with Local Authorities

– imminent

Route Wide GI Compound

- 3 4 acre site
- Use required up to 5 years
- Existing site preferred
- Advice sought from Local Authorities Who is the best person to contact?

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