

# HS2

## Phase 2b (Western Leg) Planning Forum

10 November 2021

# Welcome and Introductions



# Agenda

Item		Lead	Time
	Welcome and introductions	Forum Chair	10:30
1	Review of minutes and actions from previous meeting	HS2 Ltd	10:40
2	Purpose of current meeting	HS2 Ltd	10:50
3	2b EMRs	HS2 Ltd	11:00
4	Community engagement	HS2 Ltd	11:20
	Break		11:45
5	Changes to highway powers	HS2 Ltd	12:00
6	Planning authority feedback and matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from pre-meets with Chair</li></ul>	HS2 & Planning authorities	12:20
7	Arrangements for next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</li><li>• Venue</li></ul>	All	12:40
8	AOB	All	12:50
	<b>End</b>		<b>13:00</b>

# Review of minutes and actions from previous meeting



Action	Action Owner	Status
<p><b>ITEM 1:</b> HS2 Ltd to confirm the status of the Forum slides in relation to FOI</p>	HS2 Ltd	<p>If an LPA receives a FOI for information given to them via 2b Planning Forum, there is no requirement to request permission from HS2 before the information is provided. There is an informal agreement on P1 and P2a that the LPA will inform HS2 of any such requests.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 6:</b> HS2 Ltd spoke to the paper that had been circulated. Member from Wigan asked whether they could share the simple hybrid Bill explanatory paper – Simon said that the paper would be posted on HS2 Ltd’s website and it would be better if members could direct people there instead. Simon agreed to circulate the URL for the paper when it had been posted.</p>	HS2 Ltd	<p>Circulated URL to members on 12 October. <a href="https://www.hs2.org.uk/documents/an-introduction-to-the-phase-2b-western-leg-hybrid-bill-process/">https://www.hs2.org.uk/documents/an-introduction-to-the-phase-2b-western-leg-hybrid-bill-process/</a></p>
<p><b>ITEM 6:</b> HS2 Ltd explained the lead local authority process and that it was something that members would need to consider amongst themselves.</p>	All Members	Members to progress.
<p><b>ITEM 8:</b> Chair to invite LPAs to pre-meetings to allow the opportunity to identify issues for discussion at future meetings.</p>	Chair	Feedback to be reported at the meeting.

# Purpose of Current meeting



# Phase 2b EMRs



# 2b EMRs

## Recap

- 2b Forum June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Project's commitments relating to the environment during design, construction and operation
- Will be published at Bill deposit. Opportunity to engage during Parliamentary process
- Changes kept to a minimum to ensure consistency across the project

## Updates to Phase 2b EMRs

- Mostly unchanged from Phase 1 and 2a versions
  - Updates to ensure correct referencing and numbering.
  - Updated legislation references and inclusion of relevant Scottish agencies and government departments
  - Planning Memorandum:
    - Clarify relationship of ES/EMRs and the planning regime
    - Clearer wording for Schedule 17 applications in respect of validation and phasing
    - Updates to pre-application and engagement process
    - Scottish Government and agencies added to membership of the Planning Forum
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# Community Engagement



# HS2

## Respecting People, Respecting places

Community Engagement Strategy Refresh

November 2021

# The background



Our existing [CE Strategy was published](#) in Autumn 2017, and includes the 10 Community Commitments that form our Residents Charter.

We monitor our Engagement performance and publish [Six Monthly Progress Reports](#) that set out how we have informed, involved, consulted and responded to communities along the line of route.

The 6th public progress report was published in Summer 21 and covered a 9 month period – July 20 to March 21. This will be the last public report for the current strategy and current commitments.

# Why we refreshed

## Main works have started

Construction impacts are now real

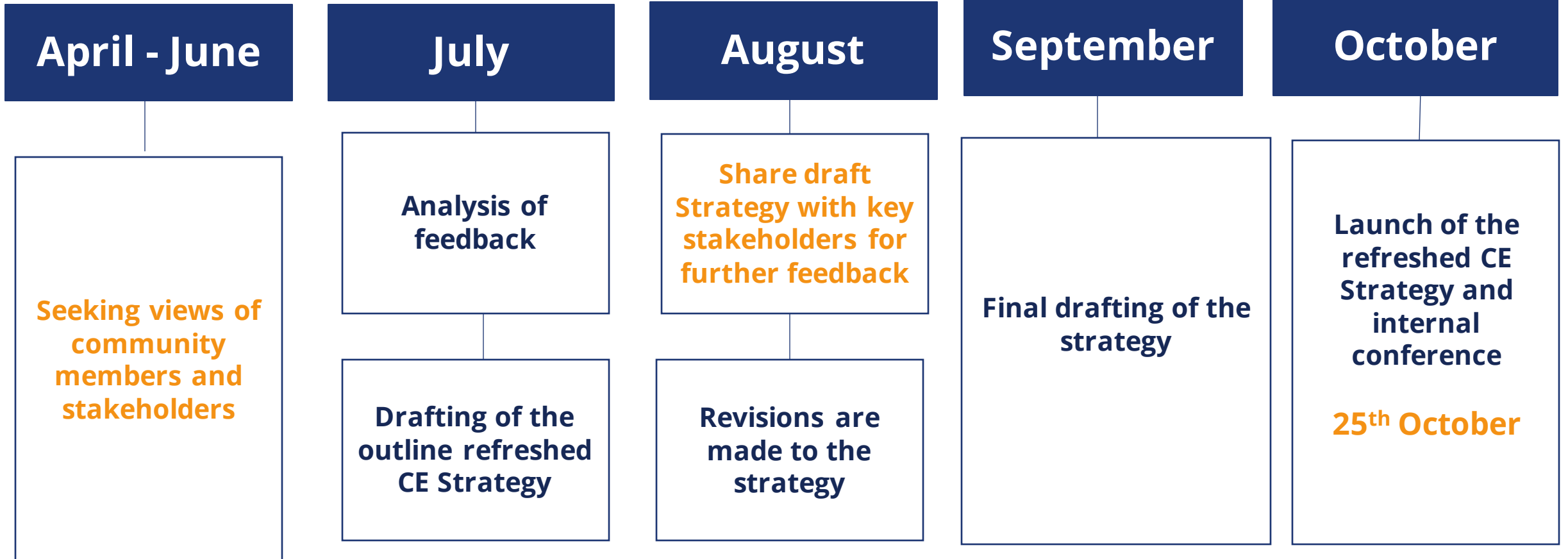
## A new Operating Model

Contractor led engagement on the ground

## Measuring impact

We need to ensure we are responsive to our communities as the programme develops and demonstrate our progress

# What we did



# Communities & stakeholders told us ...

1.

**Be more succinct.** We need a shorter strategy, with more focus and clarity on our high level aims, and what communities can expect us to deliver. Less words. More clear deliverables.

2.

**Use respectful language.** We need to use plainer language, with realistic and respectful narrative, demonstrating we are mindful of the real impact we are having on people's lives and environment

3.

**Firm up and measure all of the community commitments.** Each commitment needs to set out more clearly what communities can expect us to deliver, with each commitment measurable, with progress reported through annual public progress reports or scorecards.

4.

**Set clearer expectations.** We need to be clearer on what can be influenced and what can't at each stage of the project (Two stages i) Development & design ii) Construction)

# Key changes in 2021 refresh

1.

## Succinct

- Significant reduction in length
- 40 pages to less than ten

2.

## Respectful language

- Movement from 'Being a Good Neighbour'.
- Change to 'Respecting People, Respecting Places.'

3.

## Firmed up promises

- We have kept 10 community commitments
- But these are firmed up, with clear deliverables, so communities can understand what this means for them

4.

## Managing expectations

- Underlines that consultation has ended for P1 and 2a – we now have permission to build both these phases
- Public Consultation now only applies to P2b.

# Respecting people Respecting places



HS2 staff member meeting with members of the public at the HS2 Roadshow event in Birmingham, September 2021

## Who we are

HS2 Ltd was set up by the Government to design and build HS2, Britain's new high-speed railway.

## We are building HS2 in three different phases known as Phase One, Phase 2a and Phase 2b.



**Phase One** links the West Midlands and London and is being built first. Phase 2a extends the line to Crewe. Phase 2b completes the line to Manchester and Leeds. The Government has asked us to bring forward a hybrid Bill for the western leg to Manchester.

This document was printed in October 2021 before the publication of the Regulated Rail Bill.

## Respecting people, Respecting places

### This summary explains what we mean by respecting people and places as we build HS2.

We know that planning and building the railway disrupts the lives of local people. We will always try to do the right thing and reduce disruption as much as we can.

- We will tell you what we are going to do and where.
- Let you know if things change, and if we get something wrong, we will listen to you and do our best to make it right.

### How we will engage with you



We will keep you updated on issues that affect your area.



We will involve you in opportunities as we plan and build HS2.

## Responding Consulting

We will listen to you and help with your questions and concerns.

We will formally consult with you while we seek permission to build Phase 2b. We now have permission to build Phase One and Phase 2a.

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## Informing

### We will keep you updated on issues that affect your area.

#### Our commitments

- We will tell you about HS2, works in your area.
- We have local community websites and newsletters with regular information and updates about our work in your area.
- We have local community teams who know your area. They will hold local events and run projects to keep you informed.



#### Fulfilling our commitments

- Our locally based community teams will provide regular opportunities for you to talk to us both face-to-face and online.
- A live interactive map will show all HS2 activity in your local area and along the line of route.
- Dedicated local community websites will share information about your local area online.
- Local information can be provided in print, different languages and accessible formats.
- A local area plan will explain how we will engage and keep you updated in your area.
- We will promote awareness of all our property schemes for people whose homes or businesses are affected by HS2.



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## Involving

### We will involve you in opportunities as we plan and build HS2.

#### Our commitments

- We will involve you in opportunities to benefit and learn as we build HS2 including jobs, skills, education, employment and funding.
- We will ask you about the design of specific parts of the railway.



#### Fulfilling our commitments

- We will run interactive archaeology and ecology programmes.
- We will deliver education programmes for schools and young people affected by HS2, and regularly share information on jobs and employment.
- We will join existing community forums so that you can talk to us at local groups and events.
- We will meet with your local authorities and representative members along the route.
- We will support local areas through investment in community projects.
- We will invite you to workshops and discussions to ask you about the design of key features of the railway, such as stations, vent shafts, viaducts and hoardings.
- We will ask your views on how we communicate and engage, and the best ways of keeping you involved in information about HS2.



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## HS2



## Respecting people, Respecting places



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Updated October 2021

## Responding

### We will listen to you and help with your questions and concerns.



#### Our commitments

- Our dedicated HS2 Helpdesk is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, to help with any questions or concerns you have about HS2 or our work.
- If things go wrong, we have a complaints process and a dedicated complaints team.
- An Independent Construction Commissioner monitors how we manage and deal with complaints.

#### Fulfilling our commitments

- Our dedicated HS2 Helpdesk is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including bank holidays. We can answer many of your queries straight away.
- The HS2 Helpdesk works with teams across HS2 and all our construction sites to put things right as quickly as possible.
- The HS2 Helpdesk are based in the UK and know the full route of the new railway to better understand how we can help you.
- We provide an independent advocacy service which can help represent residents who need additional support when engaging with HS2.
- You can contact us by freephone, email, web contact form, minicom, or freepost [www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/)
- We have a complaints process and a dedicated complaints team who investigate your concerns to published targets and timescales: [www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/](http://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/)
- The Independent Construction Commissioner monitors how we manage construction complaints and mediates in disputes about construction that we can't resolve [complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk](mailto:complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk)

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## Consulting Phase 2b

### Formal consultation is a legal process that takes place while we are seeking permission to build the railway. Consultation helps inform government policy. We now have permission to build Phase One (between the West Midlands and London) and Phase 2a (between the West Midlands and Crewe).

#### Fulfilling our commitments

- We will hold formal consultations for the Government, while we seek permission to build Phase 2b of HS2. We will do this by:
  - publishing the consultation and making it clear what we are consulting on;
  - letting you know when a consultation is launched;
  - explaining what it means to you;
  - providing you with a way to respond; and
  - publishing the response.
- We formally consult on:
  - the 2b route;
  - changes to the design of the 2b route known as design refinement;
  - the working draft Environmental Statement and our equalities impact assessment, which makes sure the plans for 2b are fair for everyone;
  - our property schemes for homes and businesses directly affected by HS2.

#### Our commitments

- We will hold formal consultations with you while we seek permission to build Phase 2b of HS2.
- We now have permission to build Phase One and Phase 2a. This means we will only formally consult on this part of HS2 when we need permission to do things that fall outside the terms of the legislation agreed by Parliament.



HS2 Ltd Community Engagement Strategy



# Respecting people, respecting places



The strategy was launched on Monday at an internal event

- The conference, **aimed at HS2 staff and our JVs**, was an opportunity for us to reinforce our commitment to delivering the railway respectfully, and what this means for our teams and the supply chain.
- The conference was an **all day, in person event, opened by Mark Thurston and the HS2 Minister**, with contributions from the CCS CEO, our JVs and Project Client Directors.
- We also heard about the **community experience in Camden**, and shared **best practice in interactive workshops**.



**Break**  
(15 Minutes)



# Changes to highway powers



# Planning authority feedback and matters

- Feedback from pre-meet with Chair



Item	Response	Action
Request for HS2 to provide detail around land acquisition and disposal, particularly in respect of unused land or land temporarily required for construction.	Property policy is outside the remit of the Planning Forum. Phase 2b Information Papers setting out the policy will be published at Bill deposit. Bilateral discussions can take place during the Parliamentary process as required.	N/A
Query about when in the process LPAs would be involved in detailed design discussions.	This can be added as future agenda item for discussion next year. We will run through how the Schedule 17 process has worked on previous phases of the project and discuss provisions for Phase 2b.	Add to Forum agenda Spring 2022
Further detail requested on the approach to funding the work LPAs' undertake as a result of HS2.	The HS2 policy on funding local authority costs on Phase 2a is set out in Phase 2a Information Paper C12 (Link below). A 2b version will be published at Bill deposit. This can be covered in a future Forum meeting after Bill deposit.  <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/960657/C12_Local_Authority_Funding_and_New_Burdens_v1.1.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/960657/C12_Local_Authority_Funding_and_New_Burdens_v1.1.pdf</a>	Add to Forum agenda 2022
Request to discuss how the Phase 1 LPAs dealt with Schedule 17 application and what lessons have been/can be learnt	This will be added as a future Forum agenda item next year and representatives from relevant Phase 1 and 2a LPAs will be invited.	Add to Forum agenda Spring/Summer 2022

# Arrangements for next meeting:

- 12th January 2022
- Venue



# AOB/Questions?



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