

**INDEPENDENT PHASE 2a PLANNING FORUM FOR HS2
 PLANNING FORUM NOTE 2
 DRAWINGS FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS APPROVALS**

1. This note sets out the drawings that will be submitted to planning authorities for approval of plans and specifications under paragraphs 2, 3 and 21 of Schedule 17 to the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Act 2021, established by Clause 20. The drawings will together present three-dimensional information as to the nature, form and content of all specific works.
2. The drawings will provide the basis for all plans and specifications submissions to planning authorities.
3. Generally, apart from location or general site layout plans which are likely to be at A3 size, drawings will be standardised at A1, where hard copies are required.
4. The scales of drawings to be included in submissions will be selected appropriately and will vary according to the nature of the works for which consents is being sought. The table below indicates the likely scale of drawings for different submission types.
5. Plans will include scale bars and north points (where applicable).
6. Perspective drawings and photomontages will be provided for information where appropriate.

Table 1: Plans and specifications drawings

Plans and Specifications - Work	Drawing	Suggested Scale*
Generic	Location Plan (for information)	1:1,250 – 1:10,000
Structures (including bridges and sight, noise and dust screens)	General Arrangements [†] / Plan	1:50 – 1:1,000
	Elevations	1:25 – 1:250
	Cross Sections	1:100 – 1:250
	Bridge Parapets Elevations and Details	1:5 – 1:50
Stations	Plan and Profile	1:1,000
	Elevations	1:25 – 1:250
	Cross Sections [‡]	1:100
	Floor plans / Internal layout	1:50 – 1:100
Earthworks	General Arrangements / Plan and Profile [§]	1:1,250 – 1:2,500
Materials and finishes	Description of material and finishes to be used annotated on elevations.	1:5 – 1:50 (and samples where appropriate)

7. The changes to this Planning Forum Note agreed at the Planning Forum meeting on *(insert date)* 2023 do not apply retrospectively to any requests for approval that have already been submitted or are in the later stages of pre-submission engagement.

Planning Forum Note agreed as final at Phase 2a Planning Forum on 12th July 2023

* Suggested Scale - The suggested scales of plans are provided as guidance only. The exact scales of plans will be appropriate to the specific circumstance.

[†] At least one general arrangement plan will be at a scale that locates the proposals in the local context, e.g. in relation to local roads or buildings.

[‡] At least one section will be at a scale that locates the proposals in the local context, e.g. in relation to local roads or buildings.

[§] Earthwork plans will include spot heights above Ordnance Datum. Where requested by the authority in pre-application discussions earthwork plans will show contours.