

Meeting Date:	12 February 2014
Meeting Location:	One KX, London
Meeting Title:	Phase One Planning Forum (South)
Zone/Area References:	N/A
GIS/Land Registry Reference:	N/A
HS2 Ltd Contact Person:	
Stakeholder:	Local Authority
Topic Keywords:	Planning Forum, Local Authority

Chair	Independent Chair
Promoter Attendees:	Town Planning Manager, HS2 Ltd Country Planning Manager, HS2 Ltd London Metropolitan Planning Manager, HS2 Ltd Planning Liaison, HS2 Ltd Bill Manager, DfT
Local Authority Attendees:	LB Brent LB Camden LB Westminster LB Westminster LB Islington Hertfordshire County Council Hertfordshire County Council Hertfordshire County Council Three Rivers District Council
Apologies	Buckinghamshire County Council Aylesbury Vale District Council
	Northamptonshire County Council
	South Northants District Council
	South Northants District Council
	Birmingham City Council
	Birmingham City Council
	LB Ealing LB Hammersmith & Fulham
	Wycombe District Council
	Hertfordshire County Council

Item		Action Owner
1.	Introductions	
	Introductions were made.	
2.	Review of notes & actions of the last meeting	
2.1	The notes were agreed as an accurate record.	
2.2	Issue 15: The Chair enquired as to the next step in relation to fee regulations. Action: HS2 Ltd agreed to provide timeframe on the resolution of this issue to the March Planning Forum.	HS2 Ltd
	Further engagement with local authorities is planned.	5.7
2.3	Item 8: The Department for Transport's representative on the Planning Forum is due to change at the next meeting. DfT will confirm details.	DfT
3.	HS2 EMRS – overview of Draft EMRs	
	HS2 Ltd gave an overview presentation on the draft Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs). A Forum member asked who the promoter was bound to and how? HS2 Ltd responded that the Secretary of State reports to Parliament, the nominated undertaker will be contractually bound to the SoS through a development agreement, and the EMRs would then be contractual	

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	obligations for contractors to comply with. This would provide a clear chain of accountability.	
	A member of the Forum asked who decided if another Environmental Impact	
	Assessment (EIA) is required if there is a change to the design/scheme. HS2 Ltd responded that the nominated undertaker does the work to establish if an	
	EIA is required. If the local authority doesn't think this is correct they can raise	
	the matter with DfT.	
3.1	General Principles Consolidated comments raised by Forum members are attached.	
	Action - HS2 Ltd to respond	HS2 Ltd
3.2	Environmental Memorandum.	1102 Ltu
0.2	Action – Chair to forward LAs' comments submitted by (Aylesbury	Chair
	Vale) to HS2 Ltd. Any further comments to be sent directly to HS2 Ltd.	0.1.0
	Action – HS2 Ltd to tabulate comments.	HS2 Ltd
	HS2 Ltd noted that the next meeting of the National Environmental Forum is	
	scheduled for the 27th February. It was agreed that Forum comments on the	
	EMRs should be shared with this Forum.	
3.3	Planning Memorandum -	
	Item deferred to next meeting. HS2 Ltd to re-circulate Planning Memorandum comments inviting comments from Forum members ahead of the March Forum	HS2 Ltd
	meetings.	HOZ LIU
	meetings.	
	A query was raised regarding process for amending the Hybrid Bill. DfT	
	responded that this could usually be run in parallel with the parliamentary	
	processing of the Bill itself. It would require an additional provision and usually	
	the production of an additional environmental statement	
4.	Revised Memorandum of Understanding	
	HS2 Ltd updated the Forum that a letter had been sent out at the end of 2013	
	advising that the MoU had run its course and a revised version produced. This would allow Forum members to cover costs for attendance at planning forum	
	meetings, sub-groups and related work. HS2 Ltd encouraged local authorities	
	to sign the letter. So far 4-5 authorities out of 27 have signed. The letter would	
	have gone to chief executives by post.	
	Action – generic MoU letter to be sent to Forum members by HS2 Ltd.	HS2 Ltd
5.	HS2 Update	
5.1	Environmental Statement Consultation	
	ES Consultation extended until 27 February following meetings with the	
F 2	parliamentary Bill examiners.	
5.2	DfT update on Hybrid Bill An assessor appointed by Parliament will summarise responses in a report to	
	Parliament this is likely to take about 6 weeks to complete. An estimated	
	10,000 responses have been received so far. A minimum of two weeks after	
	provision of the summary report before Second Reading. Therefore Second	
	Reading is expected around Easter, and Select Committee will be nominated	
	on the day/day after. Petitioning period is likely to be around 3-4 weeks. The	
	petition analysis period is likely to be a minimum of 4 weeks. During that period	
	there will be a discussion with Select Committee about the order they hear	
	petitions. Based on previous bills about two weeks in advance of a petitioner appearing in front of committee, the Promoters will write to them responding to	
	their petition. All dates are set by Parliament, but note that the following recess	
	dates: 10 April 2014 - 28 April (Easter), and 1 - 6 May 2014.	
5.3	Highways sub-group update	
	Sub-group will remain but no meetings planned as yet. Further meetings to be	
	set up as and when necessary.	
	Acoustics sub-group – a member of the HS2 Planning team will attend those	
	meetings in future for continuity. An attendee from the sub-group will attend the	
	planning forum meeting tomorrow to update and in future to provide stronger	l

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	link. Discussions at last meeting around methodologies in the ES – some differences in approach between local authorities and HS2 Ltd. Heritage sub-group – most recent meeting highlighted need for greater circulation of information between Planning Forum members and sub-group. Discussion held about whether HS2 Ltd can do more to facilitate understanding of HS2 issues and ease of finding information via websites.	
5.4	Excavated materials meeting This meeting is scheduled for 21 March 2014. It will include the Environment Agency, a question and answer session on HS2 Ltd approach to excavated materials focussing on design of railway, management of surplus materials and implications for local authorities. All members of the Forum have been invited to attend.	
5.5	Statutory Guidance update HS2 Ltd will present an outline of what will be contained in the guidance at the March Forum meetings and seek comments. Further details will be available at the April meeting for detailed discussion.	HS2 Ltd
5.6	Class approval – HS2 Ltd will share a draft at the June meeting.	HS2 Ltd
	Planning Forum schedule – March 12 th (N) & 13 th (S) April 9 th & 10 th May 7 th & 8 th June 4 th & 5 th Action - meeting placeholders to be issued by HS2 Ltd.	HS2 Ltd
6.	Any other business None raised	