Title:	Independent Planning Forum for HS2	
Date & Time	South Meeting Wednesday 10 th September 2.00 – 4.00 pm Friends Meeting House, NW1	
Chair		Independent Chair
Promoter Attendees:		Town Planning Manager, HS2 London Planning Manager, HS2 DfT
Local Authority Attendees:		Chiltern District Council (CDC) London Borough of Camden (LBC) Westminster City Council (WCC) Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Chiltern District Council (CDC) Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
Apologies		

Item		Action
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1.	Introductions	
	Introductions were made.	
2.	Review of notes & actions from last meeting	
2.1	The notes were agreed as an accurate record.	
2.2	Outstanding actions (September 2014)	
	The table was gone through and the following additional points raised:	
	Meeting 12 – Item 4 – Water is scheduled for a draft CoCP discussion in December.	
	Meeting 13 – Item 2.1 – Bucks County Council and Chiltern District Council, following their recent community meetings, questioned how the community would be engaged in LEMPs without Community Forums. Action: HS2 Ltd suggested an update to the information paper on the CoCP to address this concern.	HS2 Ltd
	Camden Council queried whether they would have two LEMPs as the exemplar produced was for Euston only. Action: HS2 Ltd to clarify whether one of two LEMPs for Camden Council.	HS2 Ltd
	Meeting 13 – item 5 –LPAs agreed that once invitations are circulated by HS2 Ltd to attend a workshop on a HS2 Community Fund they would forward them to the relevant local authority officers to attend. HS2 Ltd	

	anticipated the workshop would be at end of October, and would be a single meeting in London. LPAs agreed with this approach. Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate invites following government announcement. Action: LPAs to forward invites to relevant officers.	HS2 Ltd LPAs
3	LEMPs – Clarification points HS2 Ltd presented slides to clarify what the LEMPs do and do not do, and outlined the roles of unitary/district/county councils in the Sch. 16 approvals process. Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate slides with meeting papers.	HS2 Ltd
	LPAs questioned: • If the LEMPs would reference other controls? Action: HS2 Ltd to clarify.	HS2 Ltd
	 If the Bill distinguishes between county and district authorities for highways approvals? HS2 Ltd referred LPAs to Sch. 16 para 6 (3). Whether TfL are involved in the highway routes approval process. 	
	HS2 Ltd referred LPAs to Sch 16 para 6(4) which states that approval is not required on the strategic road network.	
	 What does special or trunk roads mean in the context of the Bill? HS2 Ltd confirmed that this was legal drafting. Action: Westminster City Council to consider its meaning in the context of their highways controls. 	wcc
	 Whether TfL are invited to Planning Forum. HS2 Ltd confirmed that the GLA are invited to Planning Forum but do not have a role in the Sch. 16 process. TfL had previously been invited to the Highways Subgroup. 	
	Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm if TfL are invited to the re-formed Highways Subgroup.	HS2 Ltd
	HS2 Ltd clarified that LPAs would receive a draft LEMP in advance of their appearance at Select Committee. Action: HS2 Ltd to ensure that draft LEMPs are provided in adequate time for LPAs to disseminate prior to discussions with HS2 Ltd.	HS2 Ltd
	LPAs want to ensure that Traffic Management Plans cover air quality and other related issues and questioned when Traffic Management Plans would be prepared, as local communities were concerned about lorry routes.	
	HS2 Ltd clarified that Traffic Management Plans would be prepared in advance of construction, and that lorry routes were subject to the approval of the highways authority, where lorry movements from a construction site exceed 24 per day.	

4	Common planning authority petitioning points on Schedule 16	
	HS2 Ltd presented common points raised by LPAs in their petitions on the planning regime (Schedule 16). Action: HS2 Ltd to circulate slides presented.	HS2 Ltd
	<u>Timeframes</u> LPAs questioned that under TCPA even though the principle of development has been established, the detailed design approvals would be dealt with as major applications. HS2 Ltd clarified that this was not the case under Part 11 of the GPDO, on which the hybrid Bill planning regime is based.	
	Camden Council were concerned about community engagement within the timeframes to determine the requests for approval. Action: HS2 Ltd to research Crossrail timeframes to determine requests for approval under their Schedule 7.	HS2 Ltd
	LPAs questioned under what circumstances an extension of time would be agreed? Action: Camden Council to research timeframes to determination on Kings Cross and circumstances where these were extended.	Camden Council
	Conditions LPAs concerned that if they refused a request for approval due to not agreeing conditions, and this was appealed, the Planning Inspectorate would presume in favour of the nominated undertaker. HS2 Ltd clarified that there was no presumption in favour of the nominated undertaker under Schedule 16, and this is what the Planning Inspectorate would be bound by in making their decision.	
	LPAs asked why the provision to agree conditions for plans and specifications approvals is included in Schedule 16, when it was not included in the Crossrail Act. HS2 Ltd clarified that it was a response to lessons learnt in implementing Schedule 7 of the Crossrail Act.	
5	Feedback from planning authorities on Draft CoCP	
	There was a general discussion on issues with the Draft CoCP and how the LPAs could collate their routewide points.	
	LPAs have identified their individual issues on the Draft CoCP, as submitted with their responses to the parliamentary consultation on the ES. The LPAs agreed that they should have a longer pre-meet before the October Planning Forum to agree route wide petitioning points for feedback to HS2 Ltd/DfT.	
	Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm meeting room booking to provide for extended pre-meet at October Planning Forum.	HS2 Ltd

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	Action: HS2 Ltd to update forward programme to discuss LPAs' comments on sections of the Draft CoCP at the next few Planning Forums.	HS2 Ltd
	Post meeting note:	
	As Camden Council has offered to lead the collation of comments on the Draft CoCP, will be will circulate a template for others to put their comments into, so the route wide issues on sections 4&5 can be	
	agreed in advance of the October Planning Forum.	
	Action: Camden Council to circulate template to LPAs for comments on the Draft CoCP to be entered into.	LBC
6	HS2 Updates	
6.1	Subgroups	
6.1.1	Environmental Health Subgroup: HS2 Ltd provided a summary of discussions at the 5 th September 2014 subgroup.	
	Highways Subgroup: 17 th September 2014 is the next subgroup meeting.	
	Heritage Subgroup: 30 th September 2014 is the next subgroup meeting.	
6.2	Parliamentary Process	
	HS2 Ltd outlined the parliamentary process through September, and outlined the dates for petitioning on AP1 as follows:	
	 AP1 petitioning period – 19th September to 17th October AP1 Environmental Statement consultation – 19th September to 14th November 	
6.3	HS2 Update	
	HS2 Ltd confirmed that priority areas for Ground Investigation works have now been identified and are: Euston, Northolt Tunnel and Bromford Tunnel. Meetings would be arranged with the relevant planning authorities to discuss the proposed works in relation to environmental health, highways, planning in their specific areas.	
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	HS2 presented the updated Planning Forum section of the HS2 website. Work to update the pages will continue to ensure relevant information is available for Planning Forum members.	

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	Action: HS2 Ltd to continue to update the website and feedback to October Planning Forum.	HS2 Ltd
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