INDEPENDENT PLANNING FORUM FOR HS2

Title:	Independent Planning Forum for HS2 – Phase One		
Date & Time	North Meeting Wednesday 22 nd October 2.00 – 4.00 pm Warwick Hilton, Warwick		
Chair		Independent Chair	
Promoter Attendees:		Countryside Areas Planning Manager, HS2 London Planning Manager, HS2 DfT	
Local Authority Attendees:		Northamptonshire County Council Birmingham City Council Staffordshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Warwickshire County Council Buckinghamshire County Council Buckinghamshire County Council Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Cherwell District Council Warwick District Council	
Apologies			

Item		Action Owner
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 (October 2014) The table was gone through and the following additional points raised:	
	South Meeting, July, Item 2.2 – HS2 Ltd explained that the LEMP that had been prepared as an example of an urban area LEMP had been produced for Euston station at the request of Camden Council. However, HS2 Ltd's default position is that LEMPs will be prepared on a local authority-wide basis. Discussions are continuing with Camden Council on this matter.	
	North Meeting, Sept, Item 2.2 – HS2 Ltd explained that the draft Birmingham Council LEMP still has not been sent out. A draft has been prepared and the Council will receive it. HS2 Ltd will keep in touch with Birmingham City Council directly on this matter.	HS2 Ltd

3	Draft CoCP - LPAs feedback on sections 4, 5.1, 5.3, 5.5-5.11, 5.13 - 5.15	
	The Chair reported that about half the authorities had completed the comments template circulated by Camden Council officers. It was agreed that the LPAs' comments would be consolidated following the South meeting of the Forum. HS2 Ltd stated that it would consider the consolidated comments once they have been received. Bucks CC officers summarised the main issues in the comments that will be	
	 sent to HS2 Ltd. These related to: enforcement of the CoCP; a number of issues on LEMPS including the role of the community, the role of local businesses, local communications, complaints processes, emergency planning and the small claims process; site housekeeping and reinstatement; and site reinstatement. 	
4	General Principles of the draft Environmental Minimum Requirements	
	LPAs, while not commenting on details, noted HS2 Ltd's firm responses to their comments on the draft General Principles.	
	CDC speaking for the LPAs, expressed some despondency over how little reassurance the LPAs consider is offered by the responses, given their concerns about the role of the NU and the enforcement process. HS2 Ltd stated that it would provide more detail on these matters and consider amended wording but that it considered the basic structure of the EMRs to be set. They would also investigate how the Forum might benefit more from the LPAs' experience on Crossrail and/or HS1.	
	Action: HS2 Ltd to provide more detail at the December Planning Forum on the principles of the EMRs and in particular: (1) Enforcement, and (2) Whether any legal explanation could be provided on the phrase 'reasonable endeavours'.	HS2 Ltd
5	Feedback from LPAs on Planning Forum webpages	
	 The LPAs had the following comments and queries on the draft webpages: confirmation sought that sub-groups' minutes and issues trackers and the Forum's Forward Plan etc will be on the website; want links to the most up-to-date versions of the CoCP and other route-wide documents; and it was suggested that to distinguish it from the rest of the HS2 website a different colour scheme could be used below the banner. 	
	Action: HS2 Ltd will respond to the comments.	HS2 Ltd

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6	HS2 Updates	
6.1	Subgroups	
6.1.1	Environmental Health Subgroup: Next meeting is on 5 th November 2014.	
	Highways Subgroup: HS2 Ltd summarised key items discussed at the Subgroup meeting on 17 th September. Next meeting 6 th November 2014.	
6.1.2	Heritage Subgroup: HS2 Ltd summarised key items discussed at the Subgroup on 30 th September. HS2 Ltd explained that the undertaking that was discussed at the Subgroup was a draft of one that would commit the NU to entering into the heritage agreements.	
	Action: That agreed minutes of the sub-groups would be circulated to members of the Planning Forum when published	HS2 Ltd
6.2	Parliamentary Process	
	DfT outlined the Select Committee's progress through October, and future recess periods for Parliament as follows:	
	 18th December – 5th January 12th February – 23rd February 	
	 42 petitions were received on AP1. Consultation on the AP1 Environmental Statement closes on 14th November. 	
6.3	HS2 Update	
	GI works GI works meetings have taken place with highways officers at LBs of Brent and Ealing, and dates are in diaries for LB Camden and Birmingham City Council.	
	Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm if the CoCP applies to works pre-Royal Assent. Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm if the EMRs will apply to statutory undertakers' work post Royal Assent.	HS2 Ltd HS2 Ltd
	Funding HS2 Ltd and the DfT confirmed that the Promoter will provide funding for environmental health and highways officers to process consents associated with HS2. Arrangements are likely to be put in place by service level agreements, and the detailed arrangements are yet to be discussed with the LPAs. It was explained that the Promoter would not be funding the	

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enforcement of the CoCP as this is a nominated undertaker activity.	
LPAs remained of the view that funding should cover time spent by enforcement of EMRs.	LPAs on
Supply Chain Conferences HS2 Ltd stated that supply chain conferences had been held recentle London and Manchester.	y in
Forward Plan and Document Route Map Action: HS2 Ltd to update the Forward Plan and Document Route M circulate with meeting papers.	1ap, and HS2 Ltd
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Action: HS2 Ltd to confirm December meeting dates and room book with LPA pre-meet from 12pm.	kings, HS2 Ltd