

Minutes and Actions

The Euston Partnership Board



Meeting Details

Date 13/04/2023
Time 10:00 – 11:30
Location Microsoft Teams
Secretariat [REDACTED]

Reference EPB31

Attendees

Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill (Chair)
 Paul McKeown
 Jill Adam
 Elaine Holt
 Chris Rayner
 Bek Seeley
 Neil Martin
 Shamit Gaiger
 Lucinda Turner
 Patrick Cawley
 Dave Penney

NR

TEP

DfT

HS2

HS2

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WCP

GLA

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NR

Delegates

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Apologies

Laurence Whitbourn HS2

Jules Pipe GLA

Georgia Gould LBC

Jenny Rowlands LBC

Alan Over DfT

David Rowe TfL

Presenters

[REDACTED]

Next meeting details:

11/05/2023 by correspondence

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members of the Board, noting apologies from Laurence Whitbourn, Jules Pipe, Georgia Gould, Jenny Rowlands, Alan Over and David Rowe. Delegations were noted as above. [REDACTED] was introduced to the Board as delegate for David Rowe.

2. Review of Minutes & Actions

Paper Reference: EPB31.01

Minutes have been circulated in the usual way and were agreed as correct.

Paul McKeown (PMK) took the Board through the open actions, noting the following update:

Action 3.01 (08/12/2022): Meeting of Senior team to discuss [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to be scheduled for Mid-January. Proposal to close agreed.

Action 3.01 (07/02/2023): PC to schedule briefing with WCP team. Email issued. Action with WCP team to respond to NR. Action closed.

See section 6. Action Table.

3. Euston HS2 Ministerial announcement

Jill Adam (JA) gave an update to the Board, giving details of the recent Ministerial statement on transport funding. This included rephasing delivery of parts of the HS2 programme to address inflationary and non-inflationary cost pressures. Construction of Phase 1 will continue between Old Oak Common and Birmingham Curzon Street to protect the opening services remaining on target for 2029 to 2033. We will not, however, proceed to full construction of the HS2 Euston Station in the next two years both to defer expenditure, and to provide the time to redress the continuing affordability issues with the current design that are set out in the recent report by the NAO. We will aim to deliver the station alongside the high-speed infrastructure to Manchester. We recognise that rephasing of Euston will have impacts on the supply chain and the local community, and we have asked HS2 Ltd to ensure impacts are managed as far as is practicable and affordable.

As set out in the recent National Audit Office report on Euston published on 27th March, the latest cost estimate for the HS2 station is £4.8bn, which is £2.2bn over budget. The work to date on designing HS2 Euston has not achieved an affordable design. We cannot afford to proceed with current plans.

Public Accounts Committee members visited the site on 28th March and questioned us on how the HS2 cost estimate is broken down and the strength of programme governance and integration between Network Rail and HS2. There will be a PAC hearing on Euston on 24th April.

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In relation to RECS, DfT are considering next steps in light of the recent reviews of the OBC and in the context of next steps on the HS2 Station.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Chair thanked JA and discussed several points. Noting the SoS visit to Euston last week and intention to attend a EPB meeting at a later date. It was also noted the Minister will meet with the LB of Camden team, yet to be scheduled.

The Chair noted the importance of defining and agreeing what train service will be required before defining what platforms will be required, and working to resolve [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was noted that while there are real constraints on available funding, a level of resources will still be required to focus and resolve these items over the two years.

[REDACTED] outlined the works that continue on site; interim taxi rank completing next month, traction substation work continues at pace and Maris Fidelis Construction and Skills Centre and accommodation block continues. [REDACTED] noted the design team have demobilised, other than a small number of individuals working on the feasibility options. HS2 will be focussing on traffic management, removal of road closures and decreasing activity on site over next 2-3 months. Chris Rayner noted the team are determining funding required, with review on 18th April and submission to DfT shortly after.

Lucinda Turner requested that the team collectively identify the top 3-4 priority areas of focus that need to continue to secure resources to progress and resolve. She flagged the need to determine which resources within Partner organisations will roll off or continue to support these workstreams. Supported by Board members.

Action 3.01: Capture key priorities across Partners and agree consolidated list.

Elaine Holt highlighted using resources carefully over next two years with the requirement to closely control spend.

LBC noted support of continuing the [REDACTED] discussions to reach principles, and importance of community engagement with what is happening in local area for both businesses and residents,

communication being key to these groups. Paul McKeown acknowledged and confirmed that jointly Communications will be worked upon.

Neil Martin noted importance of timeframe and resolution of [REDACTED]

Dave Penney noted for RECS requirement to determine what if any work will continue and impact of this.

4. Management Information & Leadership Report

Paper Reference: EPB31.02

PMK introduced the item and took members through a number of progress items detailed within the TEP and Campus Activity update, in particular the update on the [REDACTED]

NR update given by Pat Cawley (PC) with particular reference to the OBC review by the IPA, with NR and DfT working through initial feedback. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Chair highlighted the point on parking of overground trains identified on TfL update. PC gave an overview of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] noted for LB of Camden that the team [REDACTED].

5. Meanwhile Use

Paper Reference: EPB31.03

[REDACTED] joined the Board to give an update on Meanwhile Use plans, taking members through the presentation slides. [REDACTED] noted the recent site visit with key Partners including the Lendlease Meanwhile Use team. [REDACTED] noted in particular community interest and funding. With support of the Lendlease team, alongside the newly formed Meanwhile Use Steering Group a strategy will be developed to meet requirements. [REDACTED] outlined next steps and noted the key requirements and brief will be outlined at the next working group meeting.

[REDACTED] noted existing community groups (CRP and ECRG) will be approached alongside bespoke engagement events in 6-7 weeks. Next ECRG planned for 24th April where an update will be given to outline plans and seek input.

KH outlined the intention to return in June to EPB with further proposals. CR spoke of [REDACTED]

Action 5.01: [REDACTED]

The chair thanked [REDACTED] and opened the floor for questions. Bek Seeley discussed the issue of site preparation requirements and infrastructure costs for preparatory work, alongside allowing flexibility within agreements.

LT supported activation of areas and provision of access back to local communities. LT noted offer of support from Mayor's Design Advocates to support [REDACTED] confirmed they will be engaged.

Danny Beales noted LBC support for the workstream, highlighting the community concern for derelict sites and exacerbation of anti-social behaviours. DB further noted Drummond Street traders concern for potential loss of trade, and early engagement with the operators that existing in the area for current schemes: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] confirmed dialogue with these groups is underway.

6. EPB Forward Look

The Chair noted the requirement to re-plan the forward look for future EPB meetings in light of the amended programme.

Action 6.01: Review and reflect amends to forward look based on revised programme.

7. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.
