

# Meeting minutes

## Chiltern AONB Review Group Meeting # 24

**Meeting date** Wednesday, 28 April 2021

**Meeting location** Teams Meeting

**Meeting time** 14:00-16.00

Members (those who make the quorum of the forum)	Attendees (presenters/additional attendees)	Apologies
Review Group Chair RGC	HS2 Main Works Civil Contractors Align	Jackie Copcutt (BC)
Buckinghamshire Council BC	HS2 Main Works Civil Contractors EKFB	
HS2 Ltd HS2	HS2 Enabling Works Contractors Fusion	
Chiltern Conservation Board CCB		
Natural England NE		

### Signed

**Chair** Tom Hinds

**Date**

## 1 Introductions

- 1.1 Members and attendees introduced themselves. Liz Bingham explained that Matt Taylor has replaced Chris Hogarth as Natural England's Phase 1 Project Manager.

## 2 Review of Minutes & Action Tracker

- 2.1 Minutes for 3 December 2020 meeting were approved and the action tracker updated. Actions relating to visualisations were combined into one new action, and it was clarified what visualisations were requested.

## 3 HS2 Programme

### 3.1 EKFB main works update

EKFB (SM) provided a construction programme update. This included details on timings of Schedule 17 planning applications, and update of works in South Heath, Grimms Ditch, Small Dean and Nash Lee

**Action: HS2 to circulate EKFB presentation with the draft minutes.**

**Action: Simon Matthews to check a question raised relating to the cutting at the ditch.**

## 4. Align main works update:

- 4.1 Align shared details on the vent shaft designs (height of the fins) and their construction including key CSP dates, planned engagement and the TBM launch in May 2021. The vent shaft designs, and the fins in particular, were subject to a number of queries from the group.

**Action: HS2 to circulate Align update with the draft minutes.**

**Action: Align to share visualisation of Vent Shaft Design without fins.**

## 5 Future additional projects:

- 5.1 NJ provided a projects update, and will share the plans with the group.

**Action: HS2 to circulate the plans once in receipt.**

- 5.2 The group received a presentation from the Wendover Arm Trust discussing the need for funding to improve a towpath in Wendover, which is used regularly by local walkers and children on their commute to school. The group discussed the feasibility of funding the towpath, and questions were raised over the long term maintenance of it, should funding be approved.

**Action: The Wendover Arm Trust will talk to the CRT engineer regarding questions raised relating to the towpath maintenance and advise.**

## **6 Financials**

- 6.1** Admin and Projects Budget. There was an update provided in relation to BC Landscape & Biodiversity Connectivity Project and Ridgeway Connections Project.
  
- 6.2** The group was asked to approve a request to extend the funding spend for the Ridgeway Connections project due to the impacts of Covid. The group had no objections and approved an extension on the time permitted to spend their allocation.

**Action: HS2 to check if BC admin costs need to be returned back to HS2.**

## **7 AOB**

- 7.1** The group proposed that minutes of the meeting should be circulated via email for advance approval.

**Action: HS2 to approval draft minutes via correspondence.**

## **Next meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 1400-1700