

Meeting minutes

Chiltern AONB Review Group Meeting # 25

Meeting date Thursday 20th October 2022
Meeting location Teams Meeting
Meeting time 0950:00am-13:00pm

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

Signed
Chair Tom Hinds
Date

Attendees:

(TH) – DfT Chair	(LD) – Buckinghamshire Council	(JC)– Buckinghamshire Council (BC)
(SA) – HS2 Ltd Sec	(LB) – Natural England	(MT) – CCB
(NJ) – Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)	(JW) – Align	(DG) HS2 Ltd
(PE) – Canal River Trust	(SW) – Oxfordshire County Council	(CF) – Natural England
- CCB		

1 Introductions

1.1 All those present introduced themselves.

2 Review of Minutes & Action Tracker

2.1 Minutes for 21ST November 2022 are attached (Enclosure 1) for agreement by Panel Members by 14th November 2022.

Action: Panel Members.

2.2 The tracker was updated as of 20th October and is attached for agreement by Panel Member by 14th November 2022 (Enclosure 2).

Action: Panel Members.

2.3 Minutes and papers are to be issued to Panel Members two weeks in advance of meetings to allow time for members to review papers.

Action: Sec

2.4 Attendance. SA is to brief those unable to attend the meeting.

Action: Sec

3 EKFB Update

3.1 Programme Update. SA gave an update on key EKFB issues around programme and design. Update attached at Enclosure 3.

3.2 Discussion. Panel Members requested a set of slides to give them a more informed update on the EKFB programme and design as per the ALIGN update.

Action: SA to send out EKFB slides to Panel Members by 14th November 2022.

4 ALIGN Update

4.1 Programme and Design. JW gave an update on the programme and the design. Update attached at Enclosure 4.

4.2 Discussion. Several panel members asked for more information around stock management and designs for areas.

Action: ALIGN are asked to brief at the next meeting on more detail around stock management and designs.

5 Wendover Canal Update

5.1 PE briefed the panel on two issues. Firstly, on they £291k funded works which had to be reprofiled to c.920metres reducing the works by 700 metres, due to inflationary pressures.

Secondly, on a request for additional funding of £750K to deliver c.850m of footpath. PE briefing is attached at Enclosure 5.

- 5.2 Discussion. Panel members discussed and asked questions about risk and the additional funding sought.

Action: Panel Members are asked to forward their views on the £750K proposal by 14th November 2022 (one response per organisation). The responses will be pulled together by the Sec and shared before making any decisions.

6 Update on Committed Additional Projects

- 6.1 Ridgway Project. SW gave an update on the Ridgway Projects, Enclosure 6 refers. SW asked for reprofiling of funding, scope, and extension of timeframe for delivering projects.

Action. Panel Members are asked to review the request and forward their views on the proposals by the 14th November 2022 (one response per organisation). The responses will be pulled together and shared before any decisions are made.

- 6.2 Landscape & Biodiversity Connectivity Project. NJ briefed (Enclosure 7) and requested an adjustment of scope and reprofiling of spending (£550K);
- The proposal was to include more professional advice and less capital expenditure (see separate paper);
 - No additional funding requested (beyond existing £550k), but timeframe to be extended to (insert dates).

Action. Panel Members are asked to review the request and forward their views on the proposals by the 14th November 2022 (one response per organisation). The responses will be pulled together by the Sec and shared before any decisions are made.

- 6.3 **Misbourne Greenway.** LD gave a briefing (Enclosure 8) on a new proposal for funding which was for £50K-£400K for 1 km stretch of the cycling walking route. This would be a continuation of a 3km section that is already funded. BC are looking at an expression of interest before working up a formal submission.

Action. Panel Members are asked to review the request and forward their views on the proposals by the 14th November 2022 (one response per organisation). The responses will be pulled together and shared before any decisions are made.

7 AOB

- 7.1 MB's last meeting but she will ensure that things are in place for a smooth handover and share new contact's details as soon as is feasible.

8 Next meeting

8.1 The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th December from 1000-1300 hours.

Enclosures:

1. Minutes.
2. Tracker.
3. EKFB Update.
4. Align Update.
5. Wendover Canal Update.
6. Ridgway Update.
7. Land and Bio-Diversity Update.
8. Misbourne Greenway.