

Meeting Note

Chiltern AONB Review Group Meeting # 27

Meeting date Wednesday 14th December 2022
Meeting location Teams Meeting
Meeting time 10:00am-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 EKFB	HS2 Main Works Civil Contractors Align
Buckinghamshire Council BC		(SA) – HS2 Ltd Sec
HS2 Ltd HS2		NJ) – Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB)
Chiltern Conservation Board CCB		(LB) - Natural England NE

Signed
Chair Tom Hinds
Date 21/12/2022

Attendees:

(TH) – DfT Chair	(MT) – CCB	(JC)– Buckinghamshire Council (BC)
(CE) – HS2	(SM) EKFB	(LD) Sustrans

1 Introductions

1.1 All those present introduced themselves. Discussions took place around limited attendance, due to the late scheduling of the meeting, and some changes were made to the agenda and format on this occasion.

1.2 It was noted that the meeting was not quorate and that any formal decisions would therefore be postponed or made by correspondence following the meeting.

1.3 CE left meeting to contact LD and bring forward the Misbourne Greenway agenda item

2 Review of Minutes & Action Tracker

2.1 The minutes and action tracker review will take place at next meeting when quorate.

2.2 It was noted that following discussion at the previous meeting in October, Review Group Members had approved the following points by correspondence, and the Chair had communicated them to the relevant parties:

- Fund option 1 of the Wendover towpath request: i.e. up to £380k (not the full £720k requested).
- Support the proposed reallocations of existing funding on the Ridgeway and Landscape & Biodiversity projects (maintaining existing budget for contingency purposes), and,
- Support, in principle, the Misbourne Greenway project, subject to agreement of funding details (discussed below).

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 discussed the benefits of the video update

Action: CE to send out EKFB slides and video

Post meeting note: Slides attached however the video cannot be embedded. The footage shown was from November but is not available online yet. The September footage is available here [220907_EKFB_NCA \(vimeo.com\)](https://vimeo.com/220907_EKFB_NCA) which should be accessible to the Review Group members, however we ask that these are not publicised wider.

4 Misbourne Greenway proposal

4.1 LD gave briefing on the request for further funding for an extension of the Misbourne Greenway (see separate enclosure for further details). He responded to various queries relating to cost risks, expressing high confidence in the cost estimate and that the contingency allocation would be sufficient.

4.2 Programme and Design. LD gave an update on the programme and the design, explaining that necessary consents and designs were all but ready.

4.3 LD explained that they had secured £247k in match funding and requested an additional £330k from the review group for a 1km extension of the route. He confirmed that a positive decision by end January would enable the works to proceed.

4.4 LD offered a site visit to the panel.

4.4.1 LD Site Visit offer:

In terms of a possible site visit, Sustrans would like to invite members of the panel to see the route. Sections of it are almost complete while some are in construction. Panel members could also see the 1km unfunded section.

Suggest a site visit lasting approx. 2 hours, between Wendover and Great Missenden. Confirm logistics closer to the time, but it would likely require panel members to drive to site and then walk for a couple of kilometres as a group.

Possible dates:

Wednesday 11 January AM

Monday 16 January AM or PM

Tuesday 17 January AM or PM

Wednesday 18 January AM or PM

Action: CE to send out funding Proposal and request that Panel Members are asked to forward their views on the proposal by 16th January 2023 (one response per organisation). The responses will be pulled together by the Sec and shared before making any decisions.

If site visit is required, confirm by email by 4 January and CE will coordinate dates.

5 AOB

5.1 JC confirmed she would not be in post from Jan 2023. BC colleagues will confirm who would be attending in future. The Chair thanked her for her long-standing contributions to the Group's work.

6 Next meeting

6.1 The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 29th March 2023 from 1000-1300 hours.

Enclosures:

1. Minutes.
2. Tracker.
3. EKFB Update.
4. Misbourne Greenway.