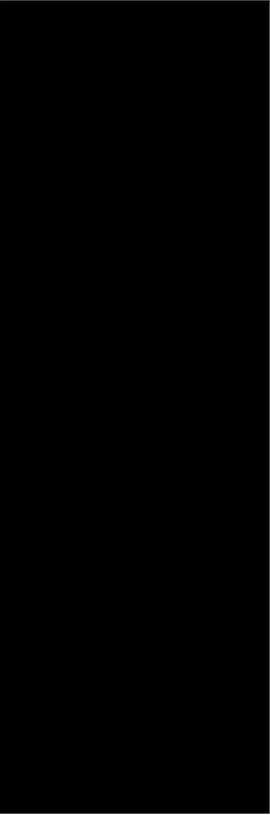
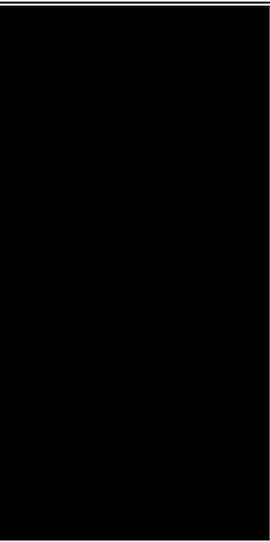


## INDEPENDENT PHASE ONE PLANNING FORUM FOR HS2

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| <b>Title:</b>                        | <b>Independent Phase One Planning Forum for HS2 - #80</b>                           |  |
| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b>              | Thursday 15 May 2025<br>Microsoft Teams meeting<br>13:30 – 15:00                    |  |
| <b>Chair:</b>                        |    | Independent Chair  |
| <b>Promoter Attendees:</b>           |   | HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Strategic Partnerships Senior Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Head of Town Planning)<br>HS2 Ltd (Strategic Partnerships Senior Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Urban Designer)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Lead Ph 1)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Senior Town Planning Manager)<br>HS2 Ltd (Team Administrator)<br>HS2 Ltd (Town Planning Manager)<br>Align<br>Align<br>BBV<br>BBV<br>BBV<br>BBV<br>BBV<br>EKFB<br>MDJV<br>SCS<br>SCS                      |
| <b>Planning Authority Attendees:</b> |  | Birmingham City Council (BCC)<br>Buckinghamshire Council (BC)<br>London Borough of Camden (LBC)<br>London Borough of Camden (LBC)<br>London Borough of Camden (LBC)<br>North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC)<br>Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC)<br>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)<br>Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)<br>Staffordshire County Council (SCC)<br>Three Rivers District Council (TRDC)<br>Warwick District Council (WDC)<br>Warwickshire County Council (WCC)<br>West Northamptonshire Council (WNC)<br>West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) |

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| <b>Other Attendees:</b> | [REDACTED] | DfT |
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| Item         |   |   | Action Owner |   |   |             |   |   |              |   |   |            |  |  |            |   |                    |             |   |  |             |   |                    |            |  |                    |  |
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| 1.           | <b>Introductions</b> – were made.   |   |              |   |   |             |   |   |              |   |   |            |  |  |            |   |                    |             |   |  |             |   |                    |            |  |                    |  |
| 2.           | <p><b>Review of the minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions.</b></p> <p>Minutes from the March 2025 Planning Forum were agreed.</p> <p>Outstanding actions were reviewed:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jan 22 (5)</td> <td>Prolonged Disturbance Scheme review being undertaken with Feedback to be provided by DfT.</td> <td>Update given at the last meeting.<br/><b>Action closed</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 24 (13)</td> <td>SLAs – update to be given on simplified claims process.</td> <td>Update at agenda item 5<br/><b>Action open</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 24 (12)</td> <td>Unconsented works - Chair has received details from three planning authorities and HS2 Ltd will arrange bilateral meetings with each authority.</td> <td>Jan 25 - The outstanding highway issues had been discussed at the Highways Subgroup and a way forward agreed. Action can now be closed.<br/><b>Action closed</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 24 (6)</td> <td>Agreed PFN19 (Principles for Determination) to be uploaded to gov.uk</td> <td>PFN to be uploaded once visuals have been updated.<br/><b>Action closed</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 25 (5)</td> <td>Bringing into Use - revised PFN 7 to be posted to gov.uk.</td> <td><b>Action open</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 25 (10)</td> <td>Forward plan - dates for the second half the year have been suggested and will be shared at the next meeting.</td> <td>Discussed at last meeting.<br/><b>Action closed</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 25 (10)</td> <td>PG to explore July Planning Forum being a hybrid meeting held on site at Curzon Street.</td> <td><b>Action open</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar 25 (5)</td> <td>Site Restoration PFN review - Following workshop revised draft</td> <td><b>Action open</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |   | Jan 22 (5)   | Prolonged Disturbance Scheme review being undertaken with Feedback to be provided by DfT. | Update given at the last meeting.<br><b>Action closed</b> | May 24 (13) | SLAs – update to be given on simplified claims process. | Update at agenda item 5<br><b>Action open</b> | July 24 (12) | Unconsented works - Chair has received details from three planning authorities and HS2 Ltd will arrange bilateral meetings with each authority. | Jan 25 - The outstanding highway issues had been discussed at the Highways Subgroup and a way forward agreed. Action can now be closed.<br><b>Action closed</b> | Nov 24 (6) | Agreed PFN19 (Principles for Determination) to be uploaded to gov.uk | PFN to be uploaded once visuals have been updated.<br><b>Action closed</b> | Jan 25 (5) | Bringing into Use - revised PFN 7 to be posted to gov.uk. | <b>Action open</b> | Jan 25 (10) | Forward plan - dates for the second half the year have been suggested and will be shared at the next meeting. | Discussed at last meeting.<br><b>Action closed</b> | Jan 25 (10) | PG to explore July Planning Forum being a hybrid meeting held on site at Curzon Street. | <b>Action open</b> | Mar 25 (5) | Site Restoration PFN review - Following workshop revised draft | <b>Action open</b> |  |
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|           |   | PFN to be circulated to the Forum in advance of the next meeting.  |                    |  |
|           | Mar 25 (8)  | TA to approach National Audit Office for further information based on matters reported on behalf of the Planning Forum and seek better HS2 Exec representation at Forum. | <b>Action open</b> |  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Project Update</b>   |  |                    |  |
|           | PG gave a project update including an overview on progress by asset and work type, as well as providing an overview on specific assets.   |  |                    |  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Planning Consents Performance &amp; Appeals and Judicial Reviews Update</b>  |  |                    |  |
|           | SA (HS2) presented the planning consents performance and appeals update.  |  |                    |  |
|           | <u>Performance on determinations within last six months</u>   |  |                    |  |
|           | Performance for the recent period showed a slight improvement against the previous reported period, with fewer applications taking over 8/16 weeks to determine. The reasons for some applications still taking a significant time to determine were consistent with those highlighted at previous Forums. Overall, a reduction of applications being submitted was also noted with the MWCCs having completed much of the design, resulting in a reduction in Plans & Specifications (P&S) submissions.  |  |                    |  |
|           | <u>Applications awaiting decision</u>   |  |                    |  |
|           | Still numerous applications in determination for a long time, due to a range of reasons outlined at previous Forums. The number of applications awaiting determination is broadly the same as the last reporting period, but is reducing from earlier in the project. This position reflects a fewer number of P&S submissions, noting that the north area still has a number to submit. In the coming months, numbers are expected to increase with Bringing into Use (BIU) and Site Restoration (SR) submissions, as well as submissions where changes are needed to P&S approvals. |  |                    |  |
|           | <u>Application performance</u>  |  |                    |  |
|           | February submissions exceeded target forecast, with submissions in March and April below forecast.  |  |                    |  |
|           | <u>Appeals</u>  |  |                    |  |

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|    | <p>There were currently no live appeals awaiting determination.</p> <p>There are judicial reviews for both the Bromford Tunnel East Portal and the Bromford Tunnel East Portal Headhouse. The hearing for the Bromford Tunnel East Portal was held 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February. Given the similarities, the headhouse judicial review has been stayed until the first hearing.</p> <p>Details of all appeals and JR decisions are available on the Planning Forum gov.uk website and the appeals digest will be updated to reflect any decisions:<br/> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-planning-forum-planning-appeal-decisions">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-planning-forum-planning-appeal-decisions</a></p>  |            |
| 5. | <p><b>Service Level Agreement (SLA) update</b></p> <p>SA and KB presented an update on SLAs following a previous update in September 2023. The update focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of the process and procedures</li> <li>• SLA team</li> <li>• Training on timesheets</li> <li>• Resolving backlogs</li> <li>• Providing further support</li> </ul> <p>Relevant HS2 SLA contacts were provided for planning authorities</p> <p>PA raised concerns with time taken to receive payments. SAj noted feedback and requested to discuss at proposed quarterly review meetings.</p> <p>TA asked planning authorities if quarterly meetings were happening. Some authorities confirmed meetings were not happening quarterly.</p> <p>KB assured that quarterly meetings would resume in full as the review completes.</p> |            |
| 6. | <p><b>Site Restoration Schemes – Planning Forum Note 11 review update</b></p> <p>SA presented history of the PFN 11 review including a workshop held earlier this year.</p> <p>Two minor comments received following latest consultation of final draft which were explained, with minor changes proposed by HS2 to address comments received.</p> <p>The revised PFN was agreed on the basis that there were no responses after TA asked for comments. <b>Action:</b> The revised PFN 11 to be posted to gov.uk.</p>  | <b>HS2</b> |

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| 7   | <p><b>Bringing into Use Principles for Determination – Proposed Planning Forum Note</b></p> <p>SA presented a brief update on the position of the project regarding Schedule 17 bringing into use (BiU) and its criticality. This included the two BiU consent types and the recent update to PFN 7 which was agreed in January 2025.</p> <p>SA explained that it may be helpful to have a Forum note which assists in how to determine BiU applications given complexity and two approval types. It could include a visual process map set out in specific steps or stages. The potential PFN would not cover format and content of BiU applications, which is already covered in PFN 7.</p> <p>The proposed PFN would follow a similar form to that of the agreed PFN 18 – Principles for Determining Requests for Approval Under Paragraphs 2 and 3.</p> <p>HS2 to circulate draft PFN for consultation.</p> <p>Request was made for planning authority volunteers to take part in workshop</p> | HS2 |
| 8.  | <p><b>Local Authority Feedback</b></p> <p>No matters raised</p>  |     |
| 9.  | <p><b>Helpdesk Update – 12 month update</b></p> <p>VB presented a Helpdesk Update for the period of April 2024 – March 2025, as set out in the slides.</p>   |     |
| 10. | <p><b>Forward Plan/ AOB</b></p> <p>A placeholders has been sent for the scheduled July Planning Forum date (17<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p>Further dates proposed and placeholders to be sent:</p> <p>18 September<br/>20 November</p> <p>Update given regarding the site visit to Derby to see the train mock-up</p>  |     |
|     | <p><b>End</b></p>  |     |