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Dear Dr Conboy,

**FOI-20-3969**

Thank you for your information request which was received on 29 December 2020. I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations') because the information you have requested concerns work affecting the environment according to the definition in Regulation 2. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act ('FOI') 2000 ('the Act') exempts environmental information from the Act but requires us to consider it under the EIR.

## **RESPONSE**

Please note we address each of your questions in turn for ease of reference.

### **1. Can you confirm that all construction traffic from sites between Amersham and Stoke Mandeville is now to be routed via the A413-A355 route?**

HS2 Ltd can confirm Eiffage Kier Ferroviaire BAM (EKFB), one of HS2 Ltd's main works contractors, plans to access all main works sites in the North Chilterns Area from the M40 Junction 2.

### **2. Who took the decision to abandon the alternative routes from these sites (as described in the Environmental Statement), when and why?**

The decision was made based on route suitability, travel distance for Large Goods Vehicles, the location of railheads, route capacity and environmental minimum requirement constraints and The Buckinghamshire Schools undertakings and assurances (U&A). This decision was made shortly after EKFB commenced its Transport Assessments.

### 3. What assessment was made of the resulting impact on the A413-A355 route?

#### Please supply copies of any relevant reports.

Environmental Minimum Requirement (EMR) Checks have been completed on all routes HS2 contractors plan to use. These must be approved by HS2 Ltd in the Local Traffic Management Plans in order to be accepted as compliant. The Schedule 17 Lorry Routes cannot be applied for unless a route has been approved as EMR Compliant. The accountability for the EMR Compliance sits between HS2 Ltd and the Secretary of State for Transport.

HS2 Ltd can confirm we have identified a report relevant to your request. However, we are withholding this under Regulation 12(4)(d) information considered material which is still in the course of completion, unfinished documents or incomplete data.

Please see **Annex A** attached for a full explanation of the legislation applied.

Please note, the information requested will be made publicly available with the Schedule 17 application.

### 4. What community engagement activities have been undertaken along the A413-A355 route, to inform communities of this decision and the implications for future construction traffic impacts?

There has been a continuous programme of public engagement by both Align and EKFB to inform communities of the upcoming HS2 Ltd works. This has included information on prescribed lorry routes and predicted numbers.

In the past 6 months HS2 Ltd has undertaken the following community engagement activities:

Community Group	Dates	Events
Coleshill Parish Council	10 Dec 2020	Construction Update
Amersham Action Group / Town Council	15 Dec 2020 20 Oct 2020 7 Sep 2020 7 July 2020	Construction Updates
Amersham Hospital	1 Sep 2020 3 Aug 2020 6 Jul 2020 18 Jun 2020	Construction updates Coordination of road closure Coordination of delivery of hospital equipment (MRI)
Amersham Community	30 Nov 2020 4 Nov 2020 20 Oct 2020 8-10 Sep 2020 22 Aug – 27 Sep 2020	Vent Shaft Public Webinar with Q&A Community board meeting (traffic focused meeting) Constructions updates Vent shaft construction design engagement public survey (inc traffic impacts)
Chiltern Society	3 Sep 2020	Construction update
Little Missenden School	9 Dec 2020	Traffic impacts and mitigation meeting

	20 Nov 2020	
Little Missenden and Hyde Heath Community	4 – 19 Nov 2020 26 Oct – 27 Nov 2020	Vent Shaft design engagement event Vent shaft public survey (inc traffic impacts)
Hyde Heath School	15 Jan 2021	Traffic impacts and mitigation meeting
Little Missenden Parish Council	11 Jan 2021 20 Oct 2020 22 Sep 2020	Construction update and discussion on traffic impacts and A413 roundabout
Great Missenden / South Heath Parish Council	14 Jan 2021 20 Oct 2020 22 Sep 2020	Construction update including traffic discussions
Buckinghamshire Community Board Meeting including community reps from all parishes, village societies, Members and town councils between Wendover and Amersham	Monthly	Primary focus of discussion is Align, Fusion and EKFB traffic impacts
Wendover HS2	07-Aug-20	Intro meeting and wendover update - Ellesborough Road residents
Great Missenden Parish Council / The Lee	19-Aug-20	Scheduled update meeting from Bucks Council
Great and Little Kimble PC	20-Aug-20	Introductory meeting
Great and Little Hampden PC	20-Aug-20	Introductory meeting
Ellesborough Parish Council	24-Aug-20	Introductory meeting
Chiltern Way Academy	27-Aug-20	Update meeting with Brian Smith
Great and Little Kimble	03-Sep-20	Follow up meeting
Wendover Parish Council	03-Sep-20	Meeting with Simon M - Overview on noise, bentonite etc.
Wendover HS2 Group	10-Sep-20	Invited to join their next meeting for a quick update and to meet more of their group
Chilterns HS2 Society	15-Sep-20	Intro meeting with Fusion and Nat Grid update as they close out - programme updates needed next meeting and footpath closures need looking at
Great Missenden / The Lee	22-Sep-20	Update meeting
Wendover Community Board discussion	30-Sep-20	Meeting with Michelle Parker from Buckinghamshire Council to discuss Wendover Community Board
Chiltern Way Academy	01-Oct-20	Onsite meeting with BS & the CWA staff to walk the ground etc with Fusion
Wendover PC	01-Oct-20	Meeting with Environment team to discuss permissions for the spring flow monitoring
Wendover PC	07-Oct-20	Onsite meeting - Update on issues on going
Great Missenden	20-Oct-20	Update Meeting

Wendover Society	23-Oct-20	Borehole monitoring with the environmental team - Postponed because of issues with PPE & Protestors were on site at Wellwick Farm
Wendover Society	05-Nov-20	Update meeting re HS2 round table meeting progress
Wendover PC	12-Nov-20	Update meeting with Simon Matthews to address MP Letter
The Lee Parish Council	17-Nov-20	Update meeting with Fusion
Wendover HS2	17-Nov-20	Joint Meeting with HS2 re Noise
St Mary's Church, Wendover	18-Nov-20	U&A meeting re mitigation assurances to the Church (HS2 attending)
Wendover Area Community Board	24-Nov-20	Update to the community board
Great Missenden / The Lee	25-Nov-20	Update meeting
Wendover HS2	27-Nov-20	Joint Meeting with HS2 re Noise
Elected Member Briefing - North Chilterns	02-Dec-20	Introductory meeting to Elected Members
The Lee Parish Council	15-Dec-20	Update meeting with Fusion
Great Missenden PC	16-Dec-20	Meeting with selected members re compound
The Missenden's Meeting	11-Jan-21	Missendens and surrounding parishes – HS2 A413/LTMP discussions – EKFB Works update and progression for the security gatehouse
The Lee Parish Council	12-Jan-21	Update meeting with Fusion & Align – Update about upcoming works

## Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-20-3969** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

## Sent on behalf of Carl Bird

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Manager  
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### **Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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