

Central Chilterns Forum – Meeting 1 11Jul2012, Gt Missenden

1st Draft 12Jul2012
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Introductions

For HS2 - Martin Wells, Simon White (Environment) Simon ?? (Engineer)
Charlotte B, Iona ?? (stakeholder assistant)

The forum adopted the community agenda (by show of hands)

No review of the Wendover minutes - not relevant since this is a new forum

Central Chilterns context – presented by Steve Rodrick

Overall Mitigation requirement – by Michael Jepson

- (We are Opposed to HS2 ...)
- AoNB requires mitigation to highest international standards, to protect the environment
- The best solution would be a bored tunnel throughout
- £250-300m was cut from AoNB budget after the consultation (January route change) - this should be reinstated

Accepted by MW - will form an Appendix to the meeting notes (>> HS2)
(Is this consistent with Terms of Reference ?? (Charlotte)

Question from HS2 (Simon ??) Why are January proposals worse (see below..)

Terms of Reference

(see draft document) - Secretary of State wants these Forums to work .. proposed ToFR are for all forum meetings

MW Forum membership is not an issue, all can join
(*not clear if this applies to all forums, or just this one – jec*)
Problems – imposes obligations on HS2 - e.g. ?? in 24hrs

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5 Scheme Dev

As before (Wendover)
HS2 to Circulate details (Key points) of Bilaterals
>> HS2 to secure agreement of participants
Community representatives to report back to the main forum

Tunnel - could be considered if no additional cost involved (*HS2 response to question*)

Govt Tourism policy Mar 2011

Environmental white paper – recognises that recreation use has a value -

This should be consider as part of project costs

Land ownership is being researched

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Information (MW) -It is often suggested that information is not released or not known by HS2 , but information is still being collected - see timeline.

Currently looking at

- broad scope of design
- form of Environmental Assessment

Parliament can alter design at Hybrid Bill stage

Forums are not designers, engineers, surveyors. HS2 want issues to complement design work & help select options. Access to consultants in due course.

Need to consider Implications of changes.

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The meeting requested written presentations be made available before future meetings, which could then comment on them (to save time)

>> **HS2 action** – circulate reports pre-meeting

Dialog Our experts could conduct bilateral meetings with HS2 engineers

Engineering report - survey near complete .. looking at highway realignment planning,& interaction with services (utilities, power lines etc) (Simon)

Environment report - Draft EIA scope consultation, 140 responses. Now considering final version of plan. Some field work - noise baseline (need access) Rights of Way surveys. Q(Steve R) Will results feed in to national database for evaluation ?? (Y or N) [A Government commitment – will it be carried out ?]

Noise baseline – measuring average & max noise levels , to assess subsequent changes (using draft methodology)

Collected according to accepted standards (*Not sure whose ..*)

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6 Community forums - what changes can they make ?

S? (Env)

- Road realignment (Quainton)
- Road widths
- Landscaping, Bunds

.. but HS2 will stick to January scheme.. Land take implications if any significant variations.

We will " Progress scheme as announced in January " (MW)

Mitigation document read, will be presented, after consultation with other forums
->> Simon Hook

7 Issue identification

(Simons design issues) Considered response requested

Rights of Way

(*Replace this with link to document*)

(Shirley Judges) - AoNB etc - Cameron letter

- Recreation for outsiders - Chequers - Env white paper, crucial
- Walks, cycle routes, chiltern cycle way > sustainable tourism ..
- economic benefit (£71/head)
- £800K for Chilterns access hubs (Amersham, Chesham, Gt Missenden) from DfT
- ‘Silent & Invisible’ HS2 - applies to walkers etc, & during construction
- Must maintain RoW , at all times..

Send supporting paperwork & draft paper to HS2 >> **SJ**

Issues register ? Do we want to maintain a list of concerns, for future discussions ? If so, how..

Simon Hook has a list of questions for HS2.. will send to Charlotte (>> SH)

No Forum webpage yet ! >> HS2 (CB) will progress this ;

Sharing of Email addresses – agreed

Draft documents by Email .. final versions, online

(Steve R) Env Impact Assessment methodology / scope Report - when will this be released ??

(HS2 - we don't know – this was considered unacceptable)

8 Identification of questions for HS2

(*replace this with paper by Marilyn Fletcher*)

AoNB, RofWay, Viewpoints.. e.g. Escarpment - gravely impacted. So no noise attenuation (Cf A413 , Shardellos)

Visible & Audible impact – trains faster, noisier than HS1

What mitigation is possible? Assessment of sites

HS2 are identifying these (viewpoints) -

Options - Landscaping , planting (what).. 'Do what we can '

Roads issues

(*Lost this bit*)

AoB

Length of meeting (too short ?) & Venues (too small), Coffee ??

>> HS2 (CB) to change venue

‘Everyone else only gets two hours’ (**MW**); some flexibility conceded

Draft notes –requested in two weeks

Caroline Gowing (?) to chair September meeting